

## **American Legion Post 60**

Minutes of the General Meeting March 9, 2011

Commander Knoblock called the meeting to order at 1920 hours. The following officers were present: Post Commander Jack Knoblock, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mike Keithly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander John Pearson, Financial Officer Wes Hardin, Post Service Officer Rob Garrison, Sgt. at Arms Ed Bulgin, Member at Large John Ernsberger, Member at Large Mike Waite, and Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe. There were sixteen additional members present.

Several new members were present at tonight's meeting. Ed Bulgin introduced Bruce Hurst. Jack Knoblock introduced newest member Tony Garner, and recent transferee Pat Cowles.

The minutes from the General meeting of February 9, 2011 had been previously distributed to the membership. The motion was made by Sgt. at Arms Ed Bulgin to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Rob Garrison. The motion passed.

### **Finance Report**

Financial Officer Wes Hardin presented the current financial report (see Attachment). The motion was made by Mike Keithly to approve the financial report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mike Waite. The motion passed.

### **Post Service Officer Report**

Rob Garrison reported the interviews for Boys State were completed and the boys to attend were selected. Matthew Bingman and Dyland Crevelt will be attending the Boys State program this year.

Rob also reported he will take the applications and information for the Post \$500.00 scholarship to the Cascade high school.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Report**

John Pearson reported the following upcoming events:

- Chili Cook-off March 12
- Wedding March 19
- District 9 Spring meeting April 16

### **Valley County Service Officer**

Mike Keithly reported there has been success with recent appeals for veterans' benefits in the area. He also reported that Jack, Rob, and he have been working on getting Valley County veterans in need, transportation to medical care via the Valley County bus service.

### **Adjutant Report**

Terry O'Keeffe reported there are currently 165 members in the post of which 154 have paid their dues. There are still some folks out there that need to be contacted to get their dues up to date.

### **Old Business**

Post commander Jack Knoblock informed the membership that this was the last meeting for nominations from the floor for this year's officers. The elections will be held at our April meeting. The motion was made by Dennis Marquet that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Mike Waite. The motion passed.

Mike Waite updated the membership on the guitar lessons. Mike indicated they need to set a limit on any more persons taking lessons as there are currently 18 attending. The program is exceeding expectations. It is a benefit to the vets and the community. Bill Leaf concurred with Mike's assessment of the program.

Joe Posluszny reported on the hood for the kitchen. The kitchen will be shut down starting March 26 for installation of the new hood and stove. It will reopen on April 16. The bid for the new hood was \$19540. Approximately \$1000 for fire suppression rework, \$1200 for gas plumbing, and \$500 for electrical will be needed. There is \$24753.26 remaining funds available for the project. Joe needs volunteers on March 26 at 10:00 AM to move equipment out of the kitchen.

## **New Business**

During dinner, prior to the general meeting Post Commander Jack Knoblock and 1st Vice Commander Mike Keithly gave a brief history and discussion regarding the Legion's title deed. Members were encouraged to attend the upcoming City Council meeting on March 14, 2011.

There was a reminder of the upcoming Chili cook-off coming up on March 12. Jim Mayfield will be the auctioneer for the dessert auction. The judges of the best chili will be Bob Flaten, Jason Speers, and Dick Koshuta. Rob Garrison will be the supervising judge.

Cinco d Mayo May 7<sup>th</sup> – Jack Knoblock indicated we need member input and commitment from our stake holders for the auction.

Post Chaplin Jack Creason thanked the post membership for allowing him to serve for the last decade. As the new Chaplin Emeritus he will be able to help the new Chaplin. Jack received a well deserved standing ovation and thank you for his service from the members present.

Member Jack Sides expressed his concerns over recent denial for 10% discount for veterans at Lowes and Home Depot in the Boise area. Mike Keithly is going to look into this concern.

There being no further business, Commander Knoblock adjourned the meeting at 2002 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Terry O'Keeffe  
Adjutant