

## **American Legion Post 60**

Minutes of the General Meeting April 13, 2011

Commander Knoblock called the meeting to order at 1905 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 twelve additional members present.

The minutes from the General meeting of March 9, 2011 had been previously distributed to the membership. The motion was made by Mike Waite and seconded by Mike Keithly to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

### **Finance Report**

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

### **Post Service Officer Report**

Rob Garrison reported recipient of last year's American Legion Post 60 educational scholarship is doing well and maintaining a great grade point average.

Rob also reported the Boys State applications have been sent in and he needs the money.

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

John Pearson reported he has no bartenders scheduled for May yet. The hall will be cleaned on Thursday night and he needs a working party on Friday morning to set it up for the district meeting on Saturday. Jack Knoblock requested two volunteers to assist with waxing the floor beginning 10:00 A M on Friday.

John said there were no events coming up in May other than Cinco de Mayo on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Valley County Service Officer**

Mike Keithly reported that the VA has put \$873,500.00 into Valley County in the past year. If you think folks you talk to have a claim, let Mike know. Make sure you document your history.

Mike has been working with the county Commissioner and Archie Banbury on the rural bus transportation for vets.

Mike thanked the members of the post and the Auxiliary for all their work on the kitchen upgrade project. He congratulated all on a job well done.

Both Mike and Archie Banbury commented on the upcoming election and cautioned members regarding no electioneering in the vicinity of the legion hall.

### **Adjutant Report**

Terry O'Keeffe reported there are currently 162 members in the post of which 156 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

### Cinco de Mayo

There is a help sign-up sheet circulating. Be sure to follow up on donations. Mike Waite and John Ernsberger are tracking the donations and need two volunteers to assist them. There were none immediately forthcoming, and they will be appointed by Jack Knoblock.

### District Meeting

As a reminder the start-up time for the meeting is 9:00 A M. We need a member to sit at the front desk with a member from the Auxiliary to assist with sign-up, giving out name tags and collecting money. Rod Miller volunteered to take that position.

### Lowes/Home Depot Policy

During March general meeting of the American Legion Post 60, a member related he had recently been denied what he thought was warranted discount of 10% on the price of his purchases at the Home Depots and Lowes stores in the Boise area. Our 1<sup>st</sup> vice Commander Mike Keithly checked with the stores to see what proof of military service veterans are required to show in order to get their 10% veterans discount on purchases.

- 1) Photo ID in one of the following forms:
  - a) Retired military ID card
  - b) Active duty military ID card
  - c) Reserve or National Guard Military ID card
  - d) Veteran Administration ID (normally only veterans with an approved service-connected disability claim are issued the VA photo ID)
- 2) All other veterans who don't have one of the above photo IDs need to present their DD214 to the cashier in order to get the discount.
- 3) Non-photo IDs/membership cards in the VFW, American Legion, DAV and others are not accepted as proof of veteran's status. Too many wannabe vets took advantage of the stores.

### Kitchen Update

Joe Posluszny reported that the new hood was in and was installed in 2 ½ days. The kitchen is pretty much put together. He has outstanding bills for electrical materials and propane. The coffee bar is still in progress. The fire suppression system that was previously estimated to cost \$2000 came in at \$1200. Mike Keithly thanked Joe for all of his hard work and effort.

## New Business

### Friday Nights/Special Events Volunteer Sign-up

There was a joint presentation by Jack Knoblock and Jan West to both the Auxiliary and Legion membership prior to their regular meetings. We need more help if we are going to continue with the Friday night socials and other special events that we put on. A new sign-up board was acquired and installed. If there is no interest in volunteering, our ability to have our Friday night socials or any other special events will be minimized. Anyone can volunteer for any job.

Lana Marie Bear reported the Auxiliary Rummage Sale is next month and she has challenged the men to clean out their closets and donate those items to the sale.

There being no further business, Commander Knoblock adjourned the meeting at 2000 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Terry O'Keeffe  
Adjutant