

American Legion Post 60

Minutes of the General Meeting May 11, 2011

Post Commander Knoblock called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. The following officers were present: Post Commander Jack Knoblock, 1st Vice Commander Mike Keithly, 2nd Vice Commander John Pearson, Post Service Officer Rob Garrison, Sgt. at Arms Ed Bulgin, Member at Large Mike Waite, and Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe. There were ten additional members present.

The minutes from the General meeting of April 13, 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

Post Commander Knoblock appointed Tim O'Leary as Financial Officer to fill the vacancy created by Wes Hardin moving from the area. Tim was not present for the meeting as he was in Boise tending to family health issues. Post Commander Knoblock presented the financial report previously prepared on April 26, 2011(See Attachment). There was a question by Christian Zimmermann regarding the percent of change between the same period in 2010 and 2011. The question was answered by Post Commander Knoblock explaining the large contributions for the kitchen expansion and the large outlays for the construction. The motion was made by Mike Waite and seconded by Rob Garrison to approve the financial report as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Post Service Officer Report

Rob Garrison reported he has received applications for the American Legion Post 60 educational scholarship from Ryan Nelson, Patricia Wolfkiel, and Cassidy Brown. The applications are being reviewed and a recipient will be selected soon. Bailey Weiskircher, William Fleul and Eve have been selected to receive Citizenship awards. They will be presented on May 24th by Rob and Post Commander Knoblock.

Rob received an invitation from Joey Kennedy inviting the members of post 60 to his high school graduation on May 28th at 2:00 PM. There will be a reception following at the Ashley Inn.

Rob reported a veteran, Ralph Raymond, was given \$100.00 to purchase a bus ticket to Boise and return to be seen by the VA.

2nd Vice Commander Report

John Pearson reported the county will be using the hall for the election on Tuesday May 17th. There will be a blood drive on the here on Wednesday the 18th, so we will need a set up crew to reset the hall between the two events.

Memorial Day is on the 30th and we will need the rifle detail, bugler, and associated support personnel for cemetery, American Legion Post and Kelly white water ceremonies.

Valley County Service Officer

Mike Keithly reported that the VA has put \$873,500.00 into Valley County in the 2010. Post Commander Knoblock asked how the amount was determined. Mike said it was based on non-service connected awards, pension funds, widow pension funds, and DIC funds. The compensation is delivered to veterans that live in Valley County, but is not necessarily spent in Valley County.

Mike reminded the membership of the need for them to have their DD214 recorded with the County Recorder

Mike reported that he has received more comments on the discounts available at Lowe's and Home Depot. It appears it depends on the person contacted at the time of check out.

Adjutant Report

Terry O'Keeffe reported there are currently 165 members in the post of which 159 have paid their dues. There are still some folks out there that need to be contacted to get their dues up to date. We have a new member Larry Steele

Old Business

Cinco de Mayo

Post Commander Knoblock reported that not all of the information is available yet on how we did on the Cinco de Mayo event last Saturday. There was tremendous support from the Valley County businesses and the local residents.

Donations exceeded last year's. Kelly Chamberlin did a great job. The profit on the event was estimated at \$4000.00

Mike Waite said that Joe Shoplock deserves special recognition for his services. Post Commander Knoblock appointed Mike Waite, Archie Banbury, and John Pearson to come up with a means to recognize Joe for his contributions.

Mike further reported that the flow of things went well. The only rub was when folks wanted to check out early.

Post Commander Knoblock gave a special thanks to Mike Waite and John Ernsberger for all their efforts in coordinating the donations and the auction.

Friday Nights/Special Events Volunteer Sign-up

We need folks to step forward to cook and help in the kitchen. Pizza nights are not going to work on a regular basis. We would like to get our regular Friday night socials going again by the 20th.

New Business

Election

The list of candidates as presented by the nominating committee was read by Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe.

1. Post Commander-Mike Keithly
2. 1st Vice Commander- John Pearson
3. 2nd Vice Commander- Gordon Conrad
4. Financial Officer-Tim O'Leary
5. Adjutant-Terry O'Keeffe

The nominations from the floor had been closed at the general meeting on March 9th.

A motion was made by Mike Waite and seconded by Rod Miller to accept the nominated candidates as listed and that they be elect by acclamation. After discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Charlie Richie's Service Information

Post Commander Knoblock said that the date of the services will be June 5th at 2:00 PM. Charlie's widow does not have any information on him. The fire department and search and rescue will want to be involved in the services.

Legion Hall Floor Refinishing

Bruce McCoy has volunteered to redo our floors. He will need four helpers on May 26th, at 10:00 AM. Mike Keithly, Rod Miller, Terry O'Keefe, and Phil Katsis said they would help.

Jan's Birthday Celebration

There will be a birthday celebration for Jan West at the Across the Tracks sports bar on Monday night at 6:30PM.

Continuous Service Awards

In accordance with the posts decision to present continuous service awards for 25 or more years, the following members qualified:

- Eugene Battles 31 years
- Jack Creason 57 years
- Fred Gleason 25 years
- H H Gray 26 years
- John Healy 27 years
- Terry Moore 42 years
- Frederick Stradinger 35 years
- Wayne Tomlinson 31 years
- B C Zimmermann 26 years

Jack Creason, Terry Moore, and Christian Zimmermann were presented their awards at the meeting. The remaining members will get their awards at another time.

Miscellaneous

Rod Miller requested special consideration for Dwain Rushby as an honorary member. Dwain does a lot of work for the legion. Post Commander Knoblock pointed out that we cannot have honorary members. Dwain is recognized for all of the work he has done for the legion. He is probably involved in more than 80% of the projects around the post. Dwain was present at the meeting and said he enjoys doing the work and being involved with the post, and he understands our membership limitations.

Following the discussion, Dwain received a standing ovation of appreciation for his help.

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

Respectfully submitted

Terry O'Keefe

Adjutant