

American Legion Post 60

Minutes of the General Meeting 14 September, 2011

Post Commander Mike Keithly called the meeting to order at 1906 hours. The following officers were present: Post Commander Keithly, 1st vice Commander John Pearson, 2nd vice Commander John Dickey, Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe, and post Service Officer Rob Garrison. There were an additional thirteen members present.

Post Commander Keithly welcomed new members present. Paul Meyers, new to the Sons of the American Legion was welcomed and spoke briefly of his family.

The minutes from the General meeting of 13 July, 2011 had been previously distributed to the membership. The motion was made by Jack Knoblock and seconded by Rob Garrison to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

Finance Report

The Finance Officer was not present. No financial report was submitted.

Adjutant Report

Terry O'Keeffe reported current membership was 169 members of which 104 had paid their 2012 dues for a percentage paid of 61.54%. The department goal for paid membership stands at 60.83%.

There are 12 members of Sons of the American Legion with 5 having paid their 2012 dues.

Rob Garrison reported he had not received his 2012 renewal notice. The Adjutant will look into the matter.

1st Vice Commander Report

John Pearson reported on the volunteer sign-up procedures. There are events sign up forms out in the lobby. That is where volunteers sign up to help in upcoming events. If there is not enough volunteers signed up for a particular event, John must then make phone calls from the membership list to fill in the blank areas and make the events functional. If we cannot get enough volunteers for an event, it will not take place.

Mike Waite reported that it is not really a membership list; it is the volunteer list, and includes the legion members, auxiliary members, sons, daughters and friends of the legion. Mike also reported that volunteer hour are being tracked and if you do volunteer, it is important to log your hours.

Post Commander Keithly pointed out the volunteer survey form, and reminded the membership that if they had not yet filled out that form they should do so.

2nd Vice Commander Report

John Dickey reported we have not had any problems with the building. Everything is going fine. John also that there is a blood drive going on the 21st, and they are not getting that many people volunteering to give blood. If you can give, please do.

Post Commander Keithly thanked John Dickey for his service as 2nd vice Commander. He has made Mike's life a whole lot easier.

Post Service Officer Report

Rob Garrison reported that there is not a lot to report. One of the things he did do was recruit those kids that went to Boys State. He was happy with them and he feels they gave a fair showing. There are some things that are coming up in

the near future. One of them is the National Oratorical contest. He is going to get with the state this year to get us the information on time. Last year they did not get us the information in time for us to compete. Another thing coming up, but is a ways off, is Veterans Day in November. We will be going up to the schools again. If anyone would like to participate in that program, keep it in mind. The other program we are working on right now is the bus service. The bus dispatcher is not getting enough calls. We don't know if it is a lack on need for the service or that people do not know it is available. We have another month to evaluate the need for service.

Valley County Service Officer

Mike reported he and Jacques worked with nine veterans in McCall recently. If you know of a Veteran that is in need of help, direct them to either Rob or Mike.

Old Business

Post Commander Keithly spoke of the 4 Summit and Air show Events. Mike reported these fundraisers generated a lot of funds that will be used primarily to purchase a new food service refrigeration system for our kitchen. This project was previously approved by the Executive Committee. Mike further pointed out that the events would not have been this successful without the great work and support to the legion members, the auxiliary, the son's squadron, and the friends of our legion post. Mike wished to thank all those that participated.

New Business

Jack Knoblock and Joe Posluszny spoke about the Casino night coming up on September 30. This is a joint fundraiser with the Chamber. They still need dealers. Joe said that the cooking was covered.

Jack said that they need support from the legion. Half of the \$20.00 entrance goes to the legion plus the 50/50 raffle.

Joe Posluszny reported on the purchase of a used double door refrigerator. This was a previously approved \$200 purchase, and is in place and working. Joe will be sending a thank you note to the providers of the refrigeration unit.

Dennis Marquet reported that those attending the Mountain Home Family Retreat enjoyed the luncheon and boat rides on Cascade Lake and presented a plaque in appreciation. Mike thanked Dennis for his participation and thanked the residents of the Pine Hills Ranch for their support. Mike requested Dennis contact the chaplain this next year to find if this event is mainly for the families of deploying servicemen. If so, we could become more involved. If this is strictly a religious retreat, maybe we should not be so involved.

Post Commander Keithly reported the results of our recent sponsorship for two vets to participate in a hunt with a local guide. The vets were successful in their hunt and Mike has received photos on a CD. Mike appointed Jack Knoblock and Mike Waite to see that some of the photos get in the next bulletin.

Post Commander Keithly reported the McCall middle school will be recognizing WWII Veterans in a special ceremony this Veterans Day on November 11th from 3 to 5 PM. The Shore Lodge in McCall is providing the big room topside. Rob Garrison will coordinate who we have in the post that served in WWII. Surviving spouses of WWII Veterans are also eligible. The adjutant will assist Rob in determining those persons to be recognized.

Post Commander Keithly and the 1st vice Commander and some from the Auxiliary will be attending the district meeting in Council this Saturday. Unfortunately Council has recently lost one of their native sons, Daniels, killed in Afghanistan. He came home yesterday. The district meeting will be cut short to attend the grave side services. All legionaries are welcome. Church services start around 12:30 PM with grave side ceremonies to follow. The 82nd Airborne will be participating in the ceremonies.

The Post Commander and the Adjutant are still working on the plaques for Past Commanders and deceased members. Jack Knoblock reported that the Auxiliary is also working on a similar program for their members.

Jack Knoblock spoke on the upcoming Cascade Fun Run the 24th of September. The legion has previously been a sponsor in this event. They have already put our name on the poster as one of the main sponsors. The motion was made by Mike Wait, seconded by Archie Banbury to sponsor the event and donate \$100.00. After discussion the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Post Commander Keithly reported to the membership on the 9/11 ceremony this last Sunday. He thanked all who participated. Mike thought this maybe a recurring event. Archie Banbury reported he has received good community feedback on the event.

Jack Knoblock reported the results of his search for a new webmaster for our post. He said he received a call from Chris Barnett, one of our active duty members. Chris called from Bagdad to volunteer to fill the position.

Post Commander Keithly reposted that the public welcome home for the 116th has been moved to October 29th. We will continue to follow that for further changes.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Terry O'Keeffe

Adjutant