

AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291 **EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES** MARCH 2, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1806 hrs.

Invocation: Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms **Pledge of Allegiance:** Doug Nye, Commander

Roll Call:

Doug Nye, Commander Gene Anderson, Adjutant Robert Wright, Jdg Adv Jesse Garcia, Svc Officer Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms Don Putzig, M.a.L. Al Yarrington, M.a.L

Mike Schubert, M.a.L Robert Wright, M.a.L

Paul Meye, Finance Patti Carson, Historian Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L

Ken George, 1st Vice Comdr Roger Henry 2nd Vice Comdr S.Schneeberger 3rd Vice Comd William Bennett, Chaplain SJess Lawson, Jr. Past Comdr Ken Widdall, M.a.L.

Excused: Jesse Garcia, Al Yarrington, & William Bennett

G<u>uests</u>

1. Rob White

Commander

Discussed the success of the Boys State interviews (23 interviews) that occurred at the Post over the previous weekend.

Legion Family

- 1. SAL, Rich Moren, Finance Officer: Their checks to the Post, in the future, will sent in on a regular basis. At the March 2017 SONS General Meeting the first round of nominations for elected positions was held.
- 2. Auxiliary, Cat Katz, President: Announced that the Sweethearts Ball went great. Monday March 13th is the Poppy Stuffing event. Thursday, April 13th (6:00 PM) they are holding the Legion Family Appreciation Night in the hall.
- 3. ALYC, Mike Berdine, Commodore: Due to weather concerns several upcoming March events have been canceled. Discussed the planning for the upcoming Newport to Ensenada prerace party. Discussed the status of the Dive Club insurance. They are finishing up their renewal cycle; there have been 848 renewals. Looking to get to the 1,000 number.

Minutes

- **M/S/C** to waive the reading of the February 2nd, 2017, Executive Board Meeting Minutes. •
- M/S/C to approve the February 2nd, 2017, Executive Board Meeting Minutes. •
- M/S/C to waive the reading of the February 1st, 15th, and 22nd House Committee Meeting Minutes. All 3 motions were approved.

Adjutant Report & Correspondence:

Nothing to report.

Commander

The Commander announced that he has nominated the following people to serve as this year's Election Committee: John Lindgren (Chairman), Dan Ferrari, and Jon Reynolds. These members are past Post officers, not running in the current election, and are members in good standing.

M/S/C to approve this year's Election Committee: John Lindgren (Chairman), Dan Ferrari, and Jon Reynolds. The motion • was approved.

Jess Lawson discussed the Post's Employee Handbook as it regards employee classifications, and the number of hours full-time and part-time employees are eligible to work.

• **M/S/C** to approve changing the number of hours for full-time employees from 32 hours to 36 hours, and the number of hours for part-time employees from 31 hours to 35 hours on page 8 of the Post's Employee Handbook. The motion was approved.

Robert Wright read Post 291's Flag Amendment Project to the Executive Committee. A discussion followed.

• **M/S/C** to accept Post 291's Flag Amendment Project to the Executive Committee as currently written. The motion was approved.

Robert Wright read and explained the proposed changes to *A Petition to Amend Newport Harbor Post 291 of the American Legion Bylaws Article 14 Judicial Procedures*. A handout of the proposed changes to Article 14 Judicial Procedures and a handout of the existing text of Article 14 Judicial Procedures were provided to the E-Board members.

• **M/S/C** to accept the proposed changes to A Petition to Amend Newport Harbor Post 291 of the American Legion Bylaws Article 14 Judicial Procedures as amended. The motion was approved.

The Commander announced that Ken George is running for District 29 Commander, and he recommended that the E-Board support him for this position.

• M/S/C that the E-Board support Ken George for District 29 Commander. The motion was approved.

The Commander discussed membership issues throughout the American Legion.

Officers' Reports

1st Vice Commander Ken George spoke on membership. Current Post 291 membership is at 3,305 – 94.27%. Our February 24, 2017 and we are way over goal. We need 219 more people to make this year's goal. To make 110%, which we have done the past several years we need 601 more members. There are 15 new members for induction at the March 2017 General Meeting.

Discussed what occurred at the Legislative Committee in Washington D.C. He talked with our lobbyists about the issues they want to push with the current Congress. He spoke on several of these issues.

2nd Vice Commander Roger Henry – Announced that the OD schedule is out and distributed. Bands are signed through the end of April – the beginning of May. The St. Patrick's Day event is coming up on Friday the 17th. This month we have Salute to the Marines on March 10th. The Salute to the Navy is on April 7th. The Swift Boat is here on April 7th, 8th, and 9th as part of the "Welcome Home Vietnam Vets Weekend;" the party is on April 8th. A DJ has been signed for that Vietnam party. Easter is April 16th. The schedule is not posted yet; there are flyers posted throughout the Post.

3rd Vice Commander Sandy Schneeberger – Sandy Schneeberger was excused because she is conducting interviews for Boys State in the Hall.

Financial Report

Finance Officer Paul Meye: The numbers are for February 2017.

Post 291 Business P&L By Class					YTD AS OF 3/1/2017				
YTD 2017	ADMIN	BAR	REST	BANQUET	TOT REST/BAN	HALL	CUSTOD	MARINA	TOTAL
TOT INC	\$125	\$72,458	\$67,245	\$65,945	\$133,190	\$22,600		\$49,536	\$277,909
COGS		\$57,097	\$84,737	\$52,565	\$137,302				\$194,399
GROSS PROFIT	\$125	\$15,361	\$(17,491)	\$13,380	(\$4,111)	\$22,600		\$49,536	\$83,510
EXPENSES	\$19,773	\$24,706	\$20,502	\$2,834	\$23,336	\$13,429	\$18,525	\$32,765	\$132,534
NET ORD INC	(\$19,648)	(\$9,345)	(\$37,993)	\$10,546	(\$48,539)	\$9,171	(\$18,525)	\$16,771	(\$49,023)
OTHER INC	\$11,315								\$11,315
NET INCOME	(\$8,333)	(\$9,345)	(\$37,993)	\$10,546	(\$27,447)	\$9,171	(\$18,525)	\$16,771	(\$37,708)
BANK BAL	\$792,350								
OPERATE ACCT	\$169,907								
MBRSHIP ACCT	\$349,169								
RESERVE ACCT	\$273,273								

Judge Advocate

Judge Advocate Robert Wight – See his discussions above under the Commander's section. Discussed the need to get signatures to support the submission of our *Request the Amendment Changes to the Newport Harbor Post No. 291 of the American Legion Bylaws*. They will be submitted to the Constitution/Bylaw Committee at the District.

Service Officer

Service Officer Jesse Garcia was excused due to travel. - No report this month.

<u>Chaplain</u>

Chaplain Bill Bennett (excused) – No report this month.

<u>Historian</u>

Historian Patti Carson – No report this month.

Other Business

No report this month.

Good of the Legion

Looking for younger members to understand the Post and step in when necessary. Need to get the remaining signatures to support the submission of our *Request the Amendment Changes to the Newport Harbor Post No. 291 of the American Legion Bylaws*.

Closed Session

No discussion this month.

Meeting adjourned at 2023 hrs

Respectfully submitted, Gene Anderson, Adjutant