



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018**

SILENCE CELL PHONES

CALL TO ORDER: 1800 HRS

INVOCATION: CHAPLAIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: COMMANDER

ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Nye, Commander | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, Judge Advocate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Putzig, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Schubert, 1 st Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Meye, Finance Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Yarrington, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Borren, 2 nd Vice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skipper Tim Bercovitz, Sgt-at-Arms | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Whitlinger, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Schneeberger, 3 rd Vice | <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Garcia, Service Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jess Lawson, Jr. Past Comm | <input type="checkbox"/> William Bennett, Chaplain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob White, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Anderson, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carman Williams, Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L. |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rees Lloyd, Legal Advisor |

EXCUSED: Jesse Garcia, William Bennett, Wayne Zippi

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Guests: 1. Rick Sundell 2. Don House 3. Jon Reynolds 4. John Lindgren 5. Dan Ferrari 6. Mike Berdine

COMMANDER: Reminder that this meeting is conducted in accordance with Post 291 Bylaws & Roberts Rules of Order.

Legion Family & Donations

- a) SAL – Jeff Gottfredson, 1st Vice Commander
Requested the Post approve Rene Alvarez as Parliamentarian for the Squadron. The vote was held over until next month to allow Mr. Alvarez the opportunity to speak to the E-Board prior to the vote. Discussed fund raising and pledges by the SONS' membership. Announced the Christmas Boat Parade event was very successful.
- b) Auxiliary – Debbie Schubert, President – the Commander spoke for the Auxiliary.
Improvements to the Troop Shipping program are being worked on with the Marines' staff. The next Troop Shipment is in June 2018.
- c) ALYC – Doug Green, Commodore
During December 2017 the Yacht Club Board changed over. Doug Green is the new Commodore. They reported that membership is down slightly. Discussed the Dive Club's insurance, and that waivers would be signed by all participants in Dive Club events. The E-Board approved the use of a waiver subject to E-Board review of the waiver. Announced that the Commodore's Ball will be held on January 20, 2018. Discussed the Mid-winter Regatta Races will be held on February 17-18. Races will be held off the Newport Beach Pier.

COMMANDER:

- a) All Board members received a copy of the **December 7th** Executive Board Meeting Minutes, distributed by email:
 - The Commander asked for a motion to “**waive the reading of the December 7th Executive Board Meeting Minutes?**”
 - The Commander asked for a motion to “**approve the December 7th Executive Board Meeting Minutes?**”
 - Both motions were approved.
- b) All Board members received copies of the House Committee Minutes for **December 6th, 20th, and 27th** in the packets handed out for review.
 - The Commander asked for a motion to “**waive the reading of the House Committee Minutes in the E-Board packets.**”
 - The motion was approved.

ADJUTANT REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

There is nothing to report this month.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Next to speak were the two guests from the Election Committee. Before they spoke a motion was made to appoint Dan Ferrari, Jon Reynolds, and John Lindgren to the 2018 Election Committee. The motion was approved.

Dan Ferrari spoke for the Election Committee. They made three recommendations: two recommendations were made to revise the Election Committee Guidelines, and one recommendation was made to revise the 2018 Campaign Rules for Nominated Candidates.

The first recommended revision to the Election Committee Guidelines was an effort to speed up the process by changing the Poll Hours from 3PM to 7PM to 3 PM to 6PM. This would shorten the Poll Hours by one hour. The first reason behind this change would be to start counting the ballots earlier, and if it were a contested election it would provide more time to validate the results of the election. The second reason for this revision was that last year there was at least one-hour of wasted time during the Poll Hours.

The second recommended revision to the Election Committee Guidelines was to add a tenth guideline.

“The Election Committee may appoint other members in good standing that are not running for office to check membership cards, verify eligibility, hand out ballots and assist in counting and recording, of ballots. It shall remain the sole responsibility of the three appointed members of the Election Committee to certify the results.”

Two motions were made to address these two recommended changes to the Election Committee Guidelines. The first motion was: “To revise the Poll Hours from 3PM to 7PM to 3PM to 6PM.” After the discussion of the motion, the motion was revised to “Leave the Post Poll Hours from 3PM to 7PM.” This motion was approved, and the Poll Hours will remain from 3PM to 7PM.

The second motion was: “To add a tenth guideline to the Election Committee Guidelines that reads: The Election Committee may appoint other members in good standing that are not running for office to check membership cards, verify eligibility, hand out ballots and assist in counting and recording, of ballots. It shall remain the sole responsibility of the three appointed members of the Election Committee to certify the results.” This motion was approved.

The Election Committee also made one recommendation to revise the 2018 Campaign Rules for Nominated Candidates to allow campaign speeches. The third motion was that, "Each candidate will be allowed 3 minutes on the night of final nominations (April 11th) to speak to the membership regarding their qualifications and platform." This motion was approved.

COMMANDER

- Announced that the Christmas Boat Parade event and the New Year's Eve Party were very successful.
- Discussed the repairs that are being made to the Post facilities.
- Announced that maintenance in the main hall will start next week.
- Discussed the upcoming painting of the Hut.
- Mentioned the Post 291 Honor Guard Team participated in the opening ceremonies for the newly approved Veteran's Cemetery in Irvine, and that they received a \$1,000 donation for their participation.
- Mentioned that we have received two thank you letters for our donations from the Posts that were damaged in last year's hurricanes.
- Discussed the VBN event that will be held at the Post on January 18th, and that approximately 200 people are expected to attend.
- Discussed the Team Dark Horse event held at Mariner's Church in Irvine for Marines from Camp Pendleton, and that we made a \$5,000 donation.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Speaking about membership.

Mike Schubert announced that we are at 80% renewals, and that 20 new members are joining this month.

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Speaking about upcoming events and bands.

Anne Borren announced that bands have been scheduled for the entire year.

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Speaking on Americanism, youth and children, Boys State, and the Oratorical Contest.

Sandy Schneeberger reported that we are working to get more people involved in the Oratorical Contest that is being held on January 15th. Stated there is a need for volunteers. Boys State candidates expressed a desire to volunteer with the Oratorical Contest. Discussed the Post's Boys State event, and the increase in cost per individual this coming year.

FINANCE OFFICER – Speaking on Post operations.

Paul Meye discussed the Post's finances through January 4, 2018, and that a 2018 Financial Statement Summary is not available at this time. He also discussed our CDs.

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Speaking on the Post's Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.

Robert Wright spoke during the Closed Session.

SERVICE OFFICER – Speaking on the Post 291 veteran's assistance programs.

Jesse Garcia was absent, and nothing was reported.

CHAPLAIN – Speaking on the spiritual welfare of Post members.

William Bennett was absent, and nothing was reported.

HISTORIAN – Speaking on the pictorial history of the Post.

Carmen Williams requested that anyone with pictures of the New Year's Eve Party submit them to the Post for posting on the website.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Sandy Schneeberger and Jess Lawson spoke about the Sea Cadets, and the Boy's State Foundation. A motion was made and approved to donate \$500 to the Boy's State Foundation.

CLOSED SESSION

- Robert Wright spoke about several issues.

ADJOURNED: 2126