



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

SILENCE CELL PHONES

CALL TO ORDER: 1803 HRS

INVOCATION: Ken Wilson

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 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"/> Robert Wright, M.a.L. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jess Lawson, Jr. Past Comm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Wilson, Chaplain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Anderson, Adjutant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carman Williams, Historian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L. |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rees Lloyd, Legal Advisor |

EXCUSED: Jess Lawson, Jesse Garcia

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

Guests: 1. Jon Reynolds

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

Legion Family & Donations

- a) SAL – Tim Sullivan, Commander – Announced that everything is going well. He mentioned that they were dark last month. He mentioned that their General Meeting held last night went well. He announced they formed a new donation committee.
- b) Auxiliary – Kendall Madsen, 1st Vice Commander – She mentioned that everything is going well. She stated that they currently have approximately 1,400 members. Announced that the Sweethearts Ball will be held on February 16th, and their Fashion Show will be held on February 23rd.
- c) Veterans 291 Yacht Club – Richard Reyna, Commodore – He announced that they have opened membership for the Veterans 291 Yacht Club. He identified the officers that have been appointed to-date. Announced that the feedback has been positive. They are working on getting out temporary membership cards to everyone. He is working on getting new Board members.

COMMANDER:

- a) All Board members received a copy of the **January 3rd Executive Board Meeting Minutes**, distributed by email:
 - The Commander asked for a motion to “**waive the reading of the January 3rd Executive Board Meeting Minutes?**”
 - The Commander asked for a motion to “**approve the January 3rd Executive Board Meeting Minutes?**”
 - Both motions were approved.

- b) All Board members received copies of the House Committee Minutes for **January 2nd, 16th, 23rd, and 30th** 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.

COMMANDER

The Commander requested the following motions:

- **M/S/C:** A motion was made and approved to donate \$2,500 to the Sea Cadets.
- **M/S/C:** A motion was made and approved to replace the carpeting in the bar for a NTE \$7,000.
- **M/S/C:** A motion was made and approved to replace the tile in the bar for a NTE \$8,000.
- **M/S/C:** A motion was made and approved to appoint John Lindgren (Chair), Dan Ferrari and Bob Carolan to the 2019 Election Committee, and Marco Montes as the Alternate.

The Commander stated that January was a good month at the Post. He mentioned that 450 people attended the Super Bowl event at the Post. He commented that City Council members, the Fire Chief, and City staff attended the Super Bowl event. He stated that the Super Bowl event at the Post was covered by numerous television stations and was reported in the local newspapers. The Commander closed by mentioning that bids are out to install air conditioning in the main hall and bar. He mentioned that mechanical and structural engineers are required since the City requires a “wet stamp” on their drawings.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Speaking about membership.

Mike Schubert announced that we that we are at 88% renewal, and that we should reach 100% within two months. He mentioned that we signed up 60 new members at the Super Bowl event, and that between 40 and 52 new applicants for membership will attend this month’s General Membership Meeting.

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

Anne Borren discussed the Area 5 meeting held in Brawly. She mentioned that the Super Bowl party went well. She stated that the next Casino Night event will be on February 23rd.

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

Sandy Schneeberger discussed the Area 5 meeting held in Brawly. She mentioned that Mike Weir from District 5 will be running for Department Commander. She announced that the Boys State Governor will speak at next week’s General Membership Meeting. She mentioned that the District 29 Oratorical Contest will be next week, and that there are 2 speakers. She stated that Boys State interviews will be held on March 3rd and 4th at the Post between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM. She anticipates approximately 40 interviews. Volunteers are needed.

FINANCE OFFICER – Speaking on Post operations.

Paul Meye discussed the Post’s finances through February 7, 2019. He discussed his meeting with a health insurance representative. The following motion was made:

- **M/S/C:** A motion was made and approved to accept the new employee health plan, and that we add the vision option to be paid for by the employees. New employees will pay 25% of the health care premium, and the Post will pay 75%. Existing employees that want to stay with the current plan the will pay the difference between the current plan and the price of the new plan. Only full-time employees receive health insurance benefits.

The Commander stated that wages went up on January 1st and that the cost of insurance has increased.

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

Robert Wright requested to speak during Closed Session.

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

Jesse Garcia, Service Officer, was absent and nothing was reported.

Skipper Tim Bercovitz spoke on CHOC Follies being held on March 28, 29 and 30.

- **M/S/C:** A motion was made and approved to donate \$1,000.00 to purchase tickets to CHOC Follies.

CHAPLAIN – Speaking on the spiritual welfare of Post members.

Ken Wilson reported that the Chaplain’s Corner on the Post’s webpage is up and running and that he will maintain it on a monthly basis. He also discussed showing a short video on the “Four Chaplains” at this month’s General Meeting. He mentioned that several Post members have passed away over the past several months.

HISTORIAN – Speaking on the pictorial history of the Post.

Carmen Williams had nothing to report this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jon Reynolds presented the Post’s Financial Dashboard.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Rees Lloyd spoke on the status of the Bladensburg Cross law suit. He spoke about the heroism of the Four Chaplains during WWII and mentioned that they are honored on February 3rd. He also discussed the Flag Amendment and that National didn’t do anything to support it.

WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION: 1824 hours.

Jamie Duarte, the attorney representing the Post in the lawsuit filed by the ALYC against the Post/E-Board, discussed the status of the lawsuit.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 2216 hours.

ADJOURNED: 2218 hours.