



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1859 hours

The Colors were advanced.

Invocation: Third Vice Commander Jim Updike

Pledge of Allegiance: : Third Vice Commander Jim Updike

POW/MIA Ceremony: Eric Schroeder and Brian Fleming

Recited the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: lead by : Third Vice Commander Jim Updike

Roll Call:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jon Reynolds, Commander (exc'd) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Wine, Finance Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L. (exc'd) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Berdine, Adjutant | <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Frauenzimmer, Historian (exc'd) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Wright, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Brennen, 1 st Vice | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Grundmeyer, Sgt-at-Arms (exc'd) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Whittlinger, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Morales, 2 nd Vice | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken Wilson, Chaplain (exc'd) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Zippi, M.a.L. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Updike, 3 rd Vice | <input type="checkbox"/> Chase Wickersham, Ser. Off. (exc'd) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nick Giordano, M.a.L (exc'd) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Nye, Jr. Past Comm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burt McChesney, Judge Adv. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Schroeder, M.a.L. |

Honored Guests: Gene Anderson, Bob Brower, Edward Mulhorn

Comments – none

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests:

Auxiliary – Danna Johnson, Executive Committee Member – October 14 is the blood drive. The Kids Halloween Party is Oct. 26. Looking for donations to Operation PJ. The Holiday Boutique is scheduled for November 7. Troop shipping is planned for November 16, still looking for donations. A Sweethearts Ball envelope stuffing event is scheduled for November 18.

SAL – Art Jimenez, Second Vice Commander – The last fishing trip was October 3. The next fund raiser is the stand-up comedy evening November 14. Second Vice Jimenez also spoke about plans for this year’s Christmas Boat Parade.

American Legion Yacht Club – Bruce Batcheller, Commodore – Boat owners and non-owners are welcome to participate in ALYC activities. There are six cruises per year scheduled. The Cruise to Cabrillo Beach is coming up. The Commodore mentioned the Summer Sundowner race series. Encouraged people to join ALYC. Also mentioned new ALYC model yacht club. Raft-up is scheduled for November 9 to observe Veterans Day and participation in the Christmas Boat Parade.

Bar & Restaurant – Third Vice Commander Jim Updike – Jim spoke about the great restaurant and bar offerings at the Post recognizing management and staff members and then mentioned the routine daily bar and restaurant activities.

General Membership Meeting Minutes: Third Vice_Commander Updike requested the following motion be made by the membership:

M/S/C to waive the reading of the previous (September 11) General Membership Meeting Minutes.

The motion was approved.

Commander Reynolds requested the following motion be made by the membership:

M/S/C to approve the Minutes of the September General Meeting Minutes.

The motion was approved.

M/S/C to waive the reading of the previous Executive Board Meeting Minutes.

The motion was approved.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant Mike Berdine– Nothing to report.

1st Vice Commander Bob Brennen – Membership – Nothing to report.

2nd Vice Commander Anthony Morales – is in-charge of fund raising and entertainment for the Post. Noted that live entertainment is scheduled for most events.

3rd Vice Commander Jim Updike – No report.

Jr. Past Commander Doug Nye – No report.

Finance Officer Bob Wine – is in-charge of Post Operations.

Combined Business & Membership Income			
	Current Year @ Sep 30th	Prior Year @ Sep 30th	Change
Business Income (Loss)	(\$59,860)	(\$103,430)	\$43,570
Membership Income (Loss)	(182,838)	(144,379)	(\$38,459)
Total Before Facility Fees	(242,698)	(247,809)	\$5,111
Facility Fees	266,695	283,790	(\$17,095)
Net Income (Loss)	\$23,997	\$35,981	(\$11,984)

The Finance Officer reported previous Finance Officer Paul Meye is at home, recuperating from his recent illness and operation. Then Finance Officer Wine spoke about the above Combined Business and Membership Income chart noting improvements and slow payments from AL National and Department.

Service Officer Chase Wickersham (excused) – is in-charge of the Veteran’s Assistance Programs. Burt McChesney speaking for Service Officer Wickersham, noted how funds are awarded to needy veterans. He also spoke about spending to date is above the budgeted amount. He also spoke about the Veterans Emergency Fund will augment funds initially budgeted.

Reports from Legion Family Members & Other Guests: (out of sequence)

Honor Guard – Brian Fleming Jr., Commander – Spoke about competition at state and national level and the recent 1st place national award and services attended by the Honor

Judge Advocate Burt McChesney –Nothing to report.

Members at Large – Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Members

New members were introduced by Adjutant Mike Berdine. The new members were asked to stand when their names were called. Next, the new members were invited to the front of the Hall and the Commander reviewed meeting and cover rules.

M/S/C A motion was made and approved by the membership to accept the new applicants into Post 291. The Commander welcomed the new members into Post 291.

New Business

No new business.

Good of the Legion

It was noted that American Legion Baseball participation was discussed at the recent District 29 meeting.

Third Vice Commander Jim Updike said the closing prayer.

The Honor Guard retired the MIA/POW Flag.

The Honor Guard retired the Flag of our Country.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1945 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Berdine
Adjutant
Newport Harbor Post 291 of the American Legion
