



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 06 JULY 2023
--APPROVED--**

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1830_HRS

INVOCATION: Hal McNaughton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Evin Planto

ROLL CALL:

X Evin Planto, Commander
Adjutant, Vacant

X Brian Fleming Jr., 1st Vice

E Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice

X Cindy Baker, 3rd Vice

X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm

X Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate

X E Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer

E Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms

E Cory Vigil, Service Officer

E Brad McDermott, Chaplain

X Johnny Argarda, Historian

X Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.

X Mike Berdine, M.a.L.

A Nick Giordano, M.a.L.

E David Zamudio, M.a.L.

X Mike Schubert, M.a.L.

E Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

Excused:

Ray Ricard, Mike Mialman, Cory Vigil, Brad McDermott, David Zamudio, Wayne Zippi

QUORUM? YES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS: None

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

AUX – Debbie Schubert

- Attended Convention
- At 102% of membership goal
- Good time at 4th of July (6 volunteers)
- Starting collection for troop shipping in September
- Looking forward to exciting year

SAL Squadron 291 – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Attended Convention
- Updating Bylaws
- September 11th next event
- Met membership goal

ALYC – Stephen Alfanso – Commodore

- Membership 917
- Dive trip to Catalina
- Opening Day a big success

- Stand up paddle board training
- Board member deployed and working on a replacement
- Harbor Cruises going well
- Duffy certification discussed

Post 291 Honor Guard/Color Guard - 1st Vice Commander Fleming

- Updates on events (39 YTD) and membership 25 active
- Completed Department competition to go to National
- 2 events pending for July

Minutes Approval

- June minutes reviewed. Motioned to approve June 14th minutes as amended to be approved. M/S.

Correspondence - None

Committee Reports

- House Committee –

\$76K receipts last week.

Motion to give identified servers funds to cover tips not received.

Back log of banquets will be added to HC meeting report

Looking to pull gate information from gate systems to see who is coming to post

JC was given a raise

Looking to give morning shift city parking passes to help with post parking

Employees still can park in the post lot

Acoustics project underway

AV system speakers were wrong color and will be reordered (discussion)

Audit update requested

Calendar meeting to be scheduled

Gate lock cut off and will be replaced with a chain (replace by Mike Berdine)

Wooden wobbly barstools to be replaced (should all of them be the same?)

Bar to start using hand held Toast after training received

Fireside repainted and View Room to be painted next

Outside yellow and blue items to be repainted

Discussion on new bumpers for ALYC boat slips

Getting bids for marine bathroom building replacement

Discussion on City offering a Tolling Agreement. Moving forward to consult with our attorney.

- Lease Committee- Evin Planto

Jon Janecek unable to attend due to family conflict.

- Finance Committee – Hal McNaughton

Meeting to review costs to address YTD losses.

RDA dragging their feet. Should have it in a few weeks

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- Cory is dealing with a family issue and will be back soon.
- Gave minutes update and all will be back on track soon.
- 4th of July went very well. 550 breakfasts, 450 lunches, hamburgers once food ran out.
- 4th of July AAR scheduled for second Saturday.
- Post hiring more security

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- New membership year starting 1 July
- Reviewed membership numbers (4121) and relationship to quota (98% - 2% short of goal).
- 239 2024 members (5.7% of goal)
- Kevin Van Otterloo brought up 3 year membership.
- Retention of membership should be a focus.
- New membership is 5 less than last year.

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard Excused

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Update on Boys and Girls State Program. (Orientation Dinner and Travel)
- Awards dinner on Aug 14. Planning underway.
- Updated medals to reflect Girls State.
- Discussed Emily's article
- 14 Boys and 10 Girls attend
- Discussion on attendees elected positions and girl and boy participation percentages
- Will need \$800 for our team to go to Area playoffs

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton

- Post is down \$158K YTD
- 1000 member renewal will bring the post \$150K
- Reviewed financials for 4th of July
- Coming into high season so profits will increase

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- Putting together distro list for veteran docuseries.
- Hope to start in docuseries on 16 September in Fireside Room.
- Looking for photo volunteers.
- Let him know about photo requirements for events.

- Questions about 4th of July videographers (Luis from the city).

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman - Excused

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott – Excused

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil – Excused

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni

- Discussed aggravated threat to post and steps taken
- Working on TRO (in process)
- Gathering data on threat
- Serving TRO may be problematic since he does not have a current address
- Discussion on suspension of member due to safety concerns and requirement of immediate action

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Kevin Van Otterloo – Put out the final recommendations for the OD Book and gave it to the Sgt-at-Arms. Jon Reynolds made recommendation of those suspended from the post be added to the book.
- Mike Schubert –
 - Resolution passed at Department Convention to support drone education. Trainers promoting drone soccer. Discussion of drone soccer conducted.
 - Working on drone training for post.
- Wayne Zippi - Excused
- Mike Berdine –
 - Discussion on 4th of July
 - Johnny like boat parade (on Flying Fish).
- David Zamudio – Excused
- Nick Giordano – Absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Work on Parking Lot Policy morphed to access policy. Drafted by Tim Sullivan and Brian Fleming. Implementation should help membership to understand the access rules.
- Committee member list needs to be sent out by Commander.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion that the post and parking lot policy with amendments of post 1000 and first responders be adopted into post 291 policies.
- Motion to request NTE \$1000 for AL Baseball for playoffs. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.
- Motion that Post 291 make a donation to AL Baseball for \$2500. Much discussion. Motion fails.
- Discussion on how to end late night events. Needs to be addressed at Staff Meeting.
- Discussion on Commander pulling OD based on misleading motion the month before.
- Motion that since the bylaws do not require the Commander and Jr Past Commander to perform and are not to be scheduled for OD. OD duty is voluntary and is a tradition. The Commander and Jr Past Commander are not to be scheduled to perform OD but maybe included if the request. Second and much discussion about having a

motion to rescind (Motion to have SGT-of-ARMS be instructed to have all elected and appointed officers on the OD Schedule. Discussion brought to the boards attention that that is the current practice except for the Commander. M/S/C: The motion to approve was carried.)

- Motion to rescind the motion to have the Sgt at Arms have all elected and appointed officers placed on the OD roster. Discussion. M/S/C: 3 go 4 against. The motion failed.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Membership memo from 1st Vice was to be send out but was not. Available on request and will be sent out eventually. Discusses what to do when a potential member wants to join while at the post and how to do it.
- Suggested all E Board members go through AL Bootcamp and College. Supported by Commander.
- Discussion about suspension of a threat to post taken immediately versus waiting for an E Board meeting.

Closed Session

Benediction by Hal McNaughton

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2151_ hours.