



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 03 AUG 2023
--APPROVED--

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1830_HRS

INVOCATION: Brad McDermott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Evin Planto

ROLL CALL:

X Evin Planto, Commander

X Adjutant, Nick Saifan

X Brian Fleming Jr., 1st Vice

X Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice

X Cindy Baker, 3rd Vice

X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm

X Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate

E E Hal McNaughton, Finance Officer

X Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms

X Cory Vigil, Service Officer

X Brad McDermott, Chaplain

X Johnny Argarda, Historian

E Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.

X Mike Berdine, M.a.L.

X Nick Giordano, M.a.L.

X David Zamudio, M.a.L.

X Mike Schubert, M.a.L.

X Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

Excused:

Kevin Van Otterloo, Hal McNaughton

QUORUM? YES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS: Jess Lawson, Doug Nye, Chase Wickersham, Rick Sundel

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

AUX – Debbie Schubert

- General Membership meeting coming up
- Camp Pendleton support
- SOFI Tickets raffle – Tailgate Wagon
- Starting collection for troop shipping in September
- Looking forward to exciting year

SAL Squadron 291 – Tim Sullivan, Commander

- Trip in 2024 to Vietnam followed by Normandy 2025
- Park will be setup for 9/11
- September 11th next event
- Met membership goal for 2023

ALYC – Stephen Alfanso – Commodore

- Membership strong – 917
- Cruises around the harbor
- Youth sailing back up for this year

- Coastal cleanup day in September
- Harbor Cruises going well
- Duffy certification discussed

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

- Updates on events (43 YTD) and membership 27 active
- National Convention competition coming up
- Streaming link available
- 2 events pending for Aug in Orange County

Minutes Approval

- 6 July minutes reviewed. Motioned to approve July 6th minutes as amended to be approved. M/S.

Correspondence - None

Committee Reports

- House Committee – Meeting called to order at 1805 hours

Marina –

- Dockmaster Maintenance id deferred.
- Work with the city is not entirely complete.
- 13 boat owners to be appreciated and recognized for being patient during work on the dock.
- 16 dry site boat owners also removed their items off the dock during repair.
- Motion approved for \$5,000 for skipper Tim’s lunch event approved. Not to Exceed \$5,000 on 17 September

General Discussion - Kitchen and Restaurant Operations

Discussions on:

- Beo’s
- Security for events
- Contract for cleaning services – Personal service support
- Increase pricing across the board 10%
- We card everyone under 30 years old sign to be put up again
- Servers ask for membership card or sponsors of guest to be identified
- Event Manager Dennis Fitzpatrick regarding Operations update including last week’s events and revenue.
- Discussion on vendor drinking
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Projects

- Audio Sound system and sound acoustic equipment
- Seawall
- Hydraulic door return for hall and bar double door

- Thermostat repair
- A plan for filters A/C

Marketing and Promotions Chase Wickersham

- 100 Anniversary event, work with City
- Seabreeze magazine
- VBN issue of not supporting any longer
- Newport Chamber event at Post 22 February
- Expense motion for Mike Shubert approved not to exceed \$5,000
- Find someone for magazine design

Staffing

JB Service Contract is in order

Financial Review Finance Officer Hal McNaughton (not Present, excused)

- No Report

Facility Items/Updates

None

Committee Member Reports

- Jr. Past Commander Jon Reynolds
Temp Restraining order
Whiskey Steak and Cigar dinner, wants the BEO done with Dennis
- Past Commander Doug Nye
Trailer in Parking lot costs of \$300,000
- Dockmaster Bob Wine
Nothing
- Member at Large Wayne Zippy
Not Present
- Legionnaire Chase Wickersham
Nothing

Open Discussion (around the table)

Service dog requirements and clarifications

House Committee Adjourned at 7 2008 hours

- Lease Committee- Evin Planto
Jon Janecek face to face meeting to be setup.
- Entertainment Committee- Ray Ricard

Swing dance event coming up.
- Bylaws Committee – Jon Reynolds
 - Presentation provided
 - Process presented
 - Discussion on how to read changes to two GMMs

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- Discussed people sneaking into post.

ADJUTANT – Nick Saifan

- Provided his background
- Who does he cheer for at Army Navy Game?

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- Reviewed membership numbers (4177)
- Current member ship for 2024 (1681)
- 40% of membership have renewed.
- Goal est. for 2024 need 2521 more members
- 2500 2023 members have not renewed

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard

- Discussion on Guests and non member entry

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Boys and Girls State Awards dinner on Aug 14. Planning underway.
- American Legion Baseball update. Missed state by one place.
- Had awards dinner – hot dogs and apple pie
- Hope to grow the program and keep our team together
- Fundraising planned for next year
- Inviting Boys and Girls State delegates to GMM September

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton Excused

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- 14th documenting AL Baseball
- Putting out box for docuseries name
- Nominees by 31 Aug to participate

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman

- Provided OD update on who serves when
- Need updated email list
- Discussed OD hours
- Ray brought up winter time change
- Discussion on how to notify on OD conflicts
- Reviewed officers who have limited times to serve
- Discussion about event personnel using the parking lot (boat races)
- Discussion about saving tables

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott

- First chapel service held (positive response)
- Most stayed for breakfast
- Skipper Tim celebration on Sept 17 at noon

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

- Provided financials for VSO
- Provided update on VEOF
- Update on fundraising drives
- Received \$10K
- \$20K in service officer account
- \$46K in VEOF
- LYFT is being used more
- Seeing veterans going back to work
- July VEOF served 14 veterans and spent \$10K
- Any expenditure over \$1K goes to committee

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni No Report

- Commander provided update on Judicial Committee
- Hal is acting chair and reached out for a meeting with the JC.
- Due to Covid the meeting has been delayed
- JC is waiting on input from witnesses
- Concerns were shared about the process

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Kevin Van Otterloo – Excused

- Mike Schubert –
 - Working on drone training for post (drone soccer).
 - Drone Soccer explained
- Wayne Zippi – No Report
- Mike Berdine –
 - Discussion on successful 4th of July AAR
 - Improvement seen from last year
 - Permit process discussed (three permits required)
- David Zamudio – No Report
- Nick Giordano – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- OD Book for review

NEW BUSINESS

- 4 approved Motions were voted on and approved, 4 motions are attached.
- 1 Motion was approved to appoint Mr. Ray Ricard as the COR on the Acoustics contract

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Discussion about Army Birthday
- Coffee talk

Benediction by Brad McDermott

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2151_ hours.

ATTACHMENT #1

1st Motion - Approved

0900 Thu 3 Aug 23

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Thursday 3 August 2023 E-Board Meeting Motion

— Disapproval of Proposed Tolling Agreement (with cited Effective Date of 17 July 2023)

I move that:

The proposed Tolling Agreement between the City of Newport Beach and Newport Harbor Post No. 291 of The American Legion, with “Effective Date” of July 17, 2023, be disapproved.

ATTACHMENT #2

2nd Motion - Approved

0900 Thu 3 Aug 23 — "!" #

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Thursday 3 August 2023 E-Board Meeting Motion

— Post Officer Full Access to Toast Data

I move that:

Any and all Post 291 Officers who request it shall be provided full access to Post 291 Toast (Point of Sale

— PoS) data.

ATTASHMENT #3

3rd Motion - Approved

0900 Thu 3 Aug 23 — "!" #

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Thursday 3 August 2023 E-Board Meeting Motion

— Post Officer Audio Visual Training and Access

I move that:

Any and all Post 291 Officers who request it shall be provided all available training for and full access to the Post 291 Audio Visual System.

ATTACHEMNT #4

4th Motion – Approved

0900 Thu 3 Aug 23 — "!" #

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Thursday 3 August 2023 E-Board Meeting Motion

— Executive Board Review and Approval of Sea Breeze Prior to Publication

I move that:

The Post 291 Sea Breeze newsletter shall be reviewed and approved by the Post 291 Executive Board prior to its publication, printing, and distribution.