



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 07 SEPT 2023
--APPROVED--

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1830_HRS

INVOCATION: Kevin Van Otterloo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: First Vice Commander Brian Fleming

ROLL CALL:

E Evin Planto, Commander

X Adjutant, Nick Saifan

X Brian Fleming Jr., 1st Vice

E Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice

E Cindy Baker, 3rd Vice

X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm

E Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate

X Hal McNaughton, Finance Excused

X Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms

X Cory Vigil, Service Officer

X Brad McDermott, Chaplain

X Johnny Arganda, Historian

X Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.

X Mike Berdine, M.a.L.

X Nick Giordano, M.a.L.

E David Zamudio, M.a.L.

X Mike Schubert, M.a.L.

E Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

QUORUM? YES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & GUEST COMMENTS:

- Doug Nye – Past Commander
- Jess Lawson – Past Commander
- Bob Wine – Post Dock Master
- Rick Sundell – Member in Good Standing

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

AUX – Debbie Schubert, President & Kim Philhart

- General Membership meeting coming up
- Camp Pendleton support
- SOFI Tickets raffle – Tailgate Wagon
- Starting collection for troop shipping in September
- On the record complains: Disrespectful interruptions during their past meeting from event entrance from main door, no shoes in the post and Legion Board members not enforcing the rules, their membership doesn't mean much.

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
- Banner replaced
- Tickets for baot parade on sale
- Working on better concierge

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 (48 YTD) and membership 23 active
- National Convention Color Guard Competition Champions
- 6 events pending for Sept in Orange County

Minutes Approval

- Aug minutes reviewed. Motioned to approve minutes when amended to be approved. Motion passed

Correspondence - None

Committee Reports

- House Committee for 16, 23 of Aug and 6 September
- Dockmaster Maintenance id deferred.
- Work with the city for the sea wall is not entirely complete, ongoing
- 16 dry site boat owners also removed their items off the dock during repair.
- Dock Full
- Security for events
- Contract for cleaning services – Personal service support
- Event Manager Dennis Fitzpatrick regarding Operations update including last week's events and revenue.
- Coastal Plumbing Grease trap
- Repairs in the hall
- Audio Sound system and sound acoustic contracts open
- A plan for filters A/C and extended warrantee
- 100 Anniversary event, work with City
- Seabreeze magazine
- Newport Chamber event at Post 22 February
- Find someone for magazine design Plan in progress
- JB Service Contract
- Trailer in Parking lot costs of \$300,000

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- No Report, not present

ADJUTANT – Nick Saifan

- No Report

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- Reviewed membership numbers
- Current membership is 4,216.
- 2,025 members have renewed for 2024 @ 48.5% of goal.
- 2024 membership goal is 4,175. Need 2150 more members.
- 2191 members from 2023 have not renewed.

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard

- No Report, not present

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Boys and girls state program awards dinner
- Baseball award to Brad
- Boy Scouts - The citizen of the nation merit badge clinic will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds

- No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton

- Updated finances

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- Interviewing for documentary

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman

- No Report

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott

- Chapel service held very successful
- Needs assistance for veteran based organizations
- Skipper Tim celebration of life

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

- Provided financials for VSO
- Provided update on VEAF
- Update on fundraising drives
- \$48K in VEAF
- LYFT is being used more
- Seeing veterans going back to work
- Aug VEAF served 16 veterans and spent \$15K
- Any expenditure over \$1K goes to committee

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni No Report, not present

- Report presented on her behalf by Hal McNaughton

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Kevin Van Otterloo - No Report
- Mike Schubert –
 - Working on drone training for post (drone soccer).
 - Drone Soccer explained
- Wayne Zippi – No Report, not present
- Mike Berdine – No Report
- David Zamudio – No Report, not present
- Nick Giordano – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Maui Donations discussed and tabled by Third Vice, Cindy Baker
- Motions by Mike Berdine
 1. Confirmation of the Authority of the negotiating team
 2. Terms of the negotiating team
 3. Naming of the negotiating team
 - All 3 motions passed unanimously.

*****All motions are attached at the end of the minutes for review. *****

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Access Policy / updated rules pending presentation approval.
- Coffee talk
- City Audit presentation by Jon Reynolds
- Marina Guest Dock policy discussion

CLOSED SESSION

- 1 incident report finalized.
- 1 incident report pending and discussed.
- 1 new incident report presented and motioned to be turned over to the Judicial Committee
- Motion of No confidence passed unanimously.

Benediction by Brad McDermott

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2120_ hours.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion

Thursday 7 September 2023

E-Board Meeting

Motion 1

— Post 291 Negotiating Team for City Lease, Audits, and Post 291 Construction Projects

I move that:

The following Post 291 Members in Good Standing shall be the Post 291 Negotiating Team, with full and exclusive authority to represent Post 291 and the Executive Board to engage with personnel from the City of Newport Beach, both Staff and City Council, on all matters related to the Post 291 Lease, Post 291 audits, and Post 291 construction projects. In addition, this Post 291 Negotiating Team shall have authority to consult with the Post 291 attorney on these matters.

- Post 291 Member in Good Standing and former Post 291 Finance Officer Bob Wine
- Post 291 Member in Good Standing and former Post 291 Commander Doug Nye
- Post 291 Member in Good Standing and former Post 291 Commander Jess Lawson
- Post 291 Member in Good Standing and former Post 291 Commander Jon Reynolds

None of the Post 291 Negotiating Team shall meet individually with personnel from the City on any matters related to the Post 291 Lease, Post 291 audits, and Post 291 construction projects.

Post 291 Member in Good Standing and former Post 291 Finance Officer Bob Wine shall serve as the Chair and principal spokesman of this Negotiating Team.

Any and all final Post 291 decisions or actions related to the Post 291 Lease, Post 291 audits, and Post 291 construction projects shall be approved by the Post 291 Executive Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion **Thursday 7 September 2023** E-Board Meeting
Motion 2

— **Terms of Reference for the Post 291 Negotiating Team**

I move that:

The following Terms of Reference for the Post 291 Negotiating Team be approved and adopted:

Terms of Reference — Post 291 Negotiating Team

Negotiating Team Members

- Post 291 Member in Good Standing and former Post 291 Finance Officer Bob Wine
- Post 291 Member in Good Standing and former Post 291 Commander Doug Nye
- Post 291 Member in Good Standing and former Post 291 Commander Jess Lawson
- Post 291 Member in Good Standing and former Post 291 Commander Jon Reynolds

- The purpose and objectives of the Post 291 Negotiating Team are to engage with Post 291's landlord, the City of Newport Beach, both Staff and City Council, on all matters related to the Post 291 Lease, Post 291 audits, and Post 291 construction projects; and this Post 291 Negotiating Team shall have full authority to represent Post 291 and its Executive Board.

- Deliverables
 1. Progress and status reports to the Executive Board at each Executive Board meeting.
 2. Agreements with the City that are acceptable to Post 291 on the resolution of the City's audit performed by Davis Farr LLC.
 3. Agreements with the City that are acceptable to Post 291 on further performance by Post 291 under its current Lease with the City.

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion 3

— Confirmation of the Authority of the Post 291 Negotiating Team with the City of Newport Beach

I move that:

The Post 291 Commander and the Chair of the Post 291 Negotiating Team shall inform the City of Newport Beach and its governing officials that all communications between the City and Post 291 related to the Post 291 Lease, Post 291 audits, and Post 291 construction projects shall be exclusively with the Post 291 Negotiating Team.

It is further moved that: The Post 291 Commander and the Chair of the Post 291 Negotiating Team shall inform and confirm with the Post 291 Executive Board members that this information has been communicated with appropriate City of Newport Beach officials no later than Friday 15 September 2023.