



George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700

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Commander Joseph N. Irons called the regular meeting of George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700 to order @ 1900hrs, Tuesday February 1, 2011. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute" and recited "The Pledge of Allegiance". Chaplain Bob Hunt gave the "Opening Prayer", followed by the members whom recited "The Preamble of the American Legion".

Roll Call: Commander Joseph N. Irons: present, 1st Vice Commander Ron Reece: excused absent, 2nd Vice Commander Robert F. Wood: present, 3rd Vice Commander Deb Roehm: present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: present, Historian Ray Beebe: present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: excused absent and Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present. Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Jim Davis 1990-1992, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2006-2001, and Rob Jenson 1997-2002. Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010. Past District Commanders present: Rob Jensen, 2003.

Reading of the Minutes: Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept minutes as written, 2nd by Phil Dillenbeck, all in favor, motion carried.

Membership/Treasurers Report: Bob Wood reported for Charlie Verno that the Post paid membership for 2011 as of February 1, 2011 was 409. Post has a bank balance of \$2,393.05. We are 29 members short of 438 for 93.3%. Commander Irons being vice commander at the county in charge of membership said that Post 1700 is the largest Post in membership in Broome County.

Motioned by Butch Nabinger to accept the report, 2nd by Debbie Roehm, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Bob Hunt had nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe had nothing to report. Barb Beebe said that on Flag Day do have a presentation with Ray Beebe and Jim Davis at Maine Memorial and Homer Brink for the last eight years.

Baseball: Ray Beebe reported that there are 16 teams divided into Division 1 and Division 2. Post 1700 will be in Division 1 and playing their first game on June 7th. There are problems of getting ball fields to play at because of school construction projects. Commander Irons asked if the Post is responsible for transportation costs for games out of the area such as Elmira or Oneonta. Ray said that information would be addressed in the next meeting on March 13th. Gary King brought up that there is baseball bank account that needs to be reopened with the correct signatures. Ray said that only the coach and the Post Commander should be on the account. Bell Jar does have a baseball account for insurance, registration fees and equipment.

Historian: Ray Beebe and Barb Beebe will be judging the historian books by all Posts for the State Convention in Binghamton this summer.

Boys State: Ed Cunningham was absent, nothing to report. Bob Wood went to the Mid-Winter meeting, reported concerns of boys leaving early before the final parade. Other problems would be addressed in the committee meeting. Also that Posts should get the word out to the schools about the Boys State Program. Barb Beebe suggested that Ed Cunningham should be replaced as committee chairman. She said that she and Jim Davis go to the schools and do all the work. Rob Jensen suggested having a presentation to the entire junior class of what's available to them. Debbie Roehm suggested a younger person to do the presentation so the kids can relate to him. Commander Irons tabled the discussion on replacing Ed Cunningham to the next Post meeting. See if anyone will come forward to take the position.

Honor Guard: Jim Davis absent, nothing to report. Ray Beebe said bake sale for them would be in March.

House: Bob Haynes said the front door is fixed from sticking. Air conditioner for the hall needs to be replaced and are getting quotes from vendors. Bob suggested having a 50/50 at any Post function and who's doing that say where the profits go. The floor needs to be stripped and put on a new coat of wax in the hall.

Kitchen: Bob Haynes said Lenten dinners will be starting on March 11 alternating between macaroni and cheese with perogies. Sons are doing chicken wings on Tuesday nights. Also bought a fryer for them so they wouldn't be contaminating the oil in the big fryer.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported the kids shot the US Army National Postal Match for sport air rifle who's scores are posted on the CMP website. As of last Saturday 1/19/11, we were the only team in New York State and are sitting in 8th place in the region. We are 47th out of 97 teams. We shot the American Legion National Postal Match last week, with Ray and Barb Beebe looking on. Targets were sent to American Legion Nationals for scoring and will probably take awhile to get the results. Air rifle season is winding down and February 19th will participating in American Legion State Championships.

Scholarships: Jim Davis absent, nothing to report.

Oratorical: Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

Law & Order: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

Old Business: Commander Irons asked Ray Nabinger to talk about the raffle tickets for the Hands Across the Border. He pointed out that the Post brought up the tickets and voted to have them. Since it took awhile to get the tickets, the date of the drawing was changed to May 1st at 4:00 PM. Also that on the ticket it states that if less than 300 tickets are sold, the Post has the right to return the money back to the ticket holder. There is a budget of \$1500 with another \$2000 if all the tickets are sold. It was planned to have the Honor Guard, Continentals, and the Maloney Band. What money is left over, the proceeds will be divided between the Post, Sons and the Auxiliary. It states on the ticket Benefit Programs of the American Legion Post 1700. Gary King questioned where the money is going to be kept. Butch said that he would take care of the money and put it in the safe with help from Diane O'Brien.

Bob Haynes wanted to use the meatballs from the Early Bird dinner before it gets thrown out. Maybe meatball subs at the bar or maybe for the Daytona 500. Gary King said that it falls under the Kitchen and should be left up to the discretion of Bob Haynes to make money before throwing it out. Ray Nabinger motioned to have Bob Haynes in charge of the food. 2nd by Debbie Roehm, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Election of Post Officers will consist of three months of nominations (February, March, April). All positions are asked three times each for nominations.

<u>Office of Position</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Accept/Decline Nomination</u>
Commander	Bob Hunt	Joe Irons	Accepted
1 st Vice Cmdr	Barb Beebe	Bob Wood	Accepted
1 st Vice Cmdr	Ray Nabinger	Debbie Roehm	Declined
2 nd Vice Cmdr	Ray Nabinger	Debbie Roehm	Declined
2 nd Vice Cmdr	Debbie Roehm	Bob Haynes	Declined
3 rd Vice Cmdr	Joe Irons	Debbie Roehm	Accepted
Historian	Barb Beebe	Ray Beebe	Accepted
Treasurer	Phil Dillenbeck	Gary King	Declined
Treasurer	Ray Nabinger	Bob Wood	Declined
Chaplain	Ray Beebe	Barb Beebe	Accepted
Chaplain	Ray Nabinger	Bob Hunt	Accepted
Sgt At Arms	Bob Haynes	Gary King	Accepted
Sgt At Arms	Phil Dillenbeck	Rob Jensen	Accepted

Nominations are closed, to continued next month under old business.

Rob Jensen concurred with Barb Beebe that the Post should be doing more for youth. Since Rob has a youth program (Junior Shooting) maybe open up children of deployed soldiers. Barb said that she could give Rob some contacts reserve units in the area. Let them participate for free. Even though there would be some limitations on members. Commander Irons asked how much it costs to become a member to the junior shooters? Rob replied it would be \$25.00 for one sport or \$13.00 for a continuing member. Rob said that he might be able to offer membership at a reduced rate.

Gary King wanted to talk about membership and who is in charge. By-Laws were change to have the Finance Office to handle membership, not the 1st Vice Commander as prescribed by Department and National American Legion By-Laws. Gary King proposed to change the By-Laws to have that responsibility to one of the Vice Commanders. Ray Beebe pointed out that the 1st Vice Commander is in charge of membership in the Legion Officer's Manual. Gary King motioned to return the membership back to the 1st Vice Commander. 2nd by Bob Haynes, all in favor, motion carried.

Bob Wood said that at Mid-Winter he and Commander Irons attended membership seminar. Department is willing to help with membership drives, all you need to do is ask for help. It was also said that most veterans are willing to join. All they need is to be asked.

Department Bowling Tournament is April 16th-17th in Owego. We will be hiring Johnny Stars for those days, a flyer will be created saying food will be available. If we give a good impression to the people who attended our Post they might come back to us when we have the State Convention in Binghamton in July.

Debbie Roehm wanted to make known when we advertise that we are a smoke free Post.

A full page advertisement for the State Convention for \$300.00 and split it between the Sons and the Auxiliary. Half a page is \$175.00, quarter of a page is \$100.00, eighth of a page is \$50.00, patron is \$50.00, booster is \$1.00. Deadline is June 1st. Debbie Roehm asked if the Sons and Auxiliary were asked to split the cost. Ray Nabinger motioned to have the Post pay for a full-page ad for \$300.00 and asked the Sons and Auxiliary if they want to split the cost. If they don't want to chip in then the Post will take out a half page ad by us. 2nd by Debbie Roehm. No one objected, motion carried.

Correspondence: Thank you from Elizabeth Farrow who is attending college in Ithaca.

Postcard from NYS DEC announcing plans on how to clean up the building site across from the Legion. They are for viewing at the Broome County and George F Johnson Memorial Libraries.

Legion Department Bowling Tournament application will be available by April 1st. Will be posted on the bulletin board.

For the Good of the Legion:

Bob Haynes said people are using the handicapped accessories that was advertised in the newsletter and the Post website. Bob Hunt also said the VFW Post in Johnson City also has handicapped accessories available also. Bob Wood will put that information on the website.

County Post meeting at Post 80, Main St., Binghamton at 7:00 PM, February 7th.

Chaplain Bob Hunt gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Irons gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons at 2037 hrs.

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant