



George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700
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Commander Robert F. Wood called the regular meeting of George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700 to order @ 1900hrs, Tuesday, May 1st, 2014. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Cmdr Wood gave the "Opening Prayer". All members recited "The Pledge of Allegiance", followed by the members whom recited "The Preamble of the American Legion".

Roll Call: Commander Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Ray Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Excused Absent, 3rd Vice Commander Debbie Roehm: Present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: Present, Historian Ray Beebe: Present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Absent, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Present, Adjutant David Jensen: Excused Absent

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, and Joe Irons 2010-2012.
Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010.
Past District Commanders present: Rob Jensen 2003, Barb Beebe 2012.

Reading of the Minutes: Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept minute, 2nd by Rob Jensen, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitation: Broome County Commander Joe Irons and Broome County 2nd Vice Commander Bert Proper were welcomed to Post 1700.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Cmdr Wood reported for Treasurer Charlie Verno that Post paid membership for 2014 as of 4/5/14 is 370. We are 30 members short of 400 for 93%. The Post has a bank balance of \$2137.14; Good of the Legion balance is \$238.00.

Motioned by Bob Hunt to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Ray Nabinger, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Sick Call: Chaplain Bob Hunt remembered members who entered Post Everlasting: Edward Michael Shaughnessy-WWII-USAF-03/24/14; Daniel DellaPenta-Korea-Army-03/30/14; Robert S. Kocenko-Korea-USMC-04/02/14. Ron Reece recuperating at home from a recent procedure. Ed Korba's wife is rehabbing from a broken hip at Ideal Living Center

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe today's date 1882, Congress passed the Exclusion Act preventing Chinese immigrants from entering the US for ten years. 1937 the Hindenburg crashed and burned at Lake Hurst, NJ killing 36 of the 97 people on board.

Baseball: Cmdr Wood **confirmed** that Tioga Downs will be sending a \$3,500.00 check to the post to sponsor the baseball team. Also Coach Steve Garrett will be reimbursed for \$570.00 for insurance and registration. Also a checking account was opened at Visions Credit Union for baseball. Both Sons and Auxiliary will be donating \$300.00 each to support the baseball team. Cmdr Wood said that will be creating some fundraising to continue on a yearly basis.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe reported the event has been cancelled due to passport expense.

POW/MIA: Joe Irons said to let him know if someone or a company that flies the POW/MIA flag to present them with a certificate at the ceremony in September. He also mentioned that certificates could be given at the Flag Day ceremony.

Boys State: Cmdr Wood reported we have two boys going, one for the Legion, and the other for SAL. Each entry fee of \$370.00 was located by Bert Proper today. Boys will be attending at the end of June at SUNY Morrisville.

Oratorical: NSTR.

Homeland Security: Joe Irons will be leaving pamphlets concerning warm weather injuries now that summer is coming.

House/Kitchen: Lenten Fish Dinners finished with great success along with the monthly breakfasts. Butch Nabinger reported that the spaghetti dinners have been successful and will be continuing. Butch noted the spaghetti dinners also bring customers to the bar and profit the house through alcohol sales. There will be Friday night dinners on the 16th and the 23rd. Also Legion Riders will be doing Grillin' on the Deck for June 6th, July 11th, Aug. 1st and Sept. 5th.

Color Guard: Charles DuVall asked if there will be a color guard for Memorial Day. Cmdr Wood said that we will drive to each flag ceremony because no one will be available to march. Endicott parade lineup will be at 10:00 and start at 10:30 am concluding with memorial ceremony at the Endicott Veterans Memorial Park. Host Post this year will be VFW 1444. Barb Beebe said that Zachary Moyer will not be playing taps for us because we didn't send a thank you letter to him. Cmdr Wood will be sending a letter to him requesting him to play for the Post ceremonies.

Scholarship: Jim Davis will be going over the applications with Debbie Roehm and decide who will be getting the scholarships.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported last Saturday was the NYS American Legion Junior Shooters Sportsman BB Gun Match in Binghamton. Two teams competed, ours and Baldwinsville, NY, who took first place. Rob said that he notified the team that he would be the coach next year and take them to the championship match. He said that we should apply for NRA grants to offset the costs of going to Arkansas. He also said that Daisy gives \$1000.00 to each team but you have to compete first to get it. Barb Beebe asked Rob to create a letter for monetary help from BAE and get it to her.

Correspondence: 6th District Golf Tournament, July 12th at Maple Hill Golf Course, Marathon, NY, fees in by July 1st. Letter from Maines Food thanking for the letter of appreciation concerning the renaming ceremony at Broome County Arena. Unfortunately they are unable to give a donation to us for Legion Baseball. Letter from Save More Furniture in Owego to place a clothing collection building on our property. Barb Beebe said that there is one at her church across from Enjoie Golf Course. No motion to accept the request, we will decline the request.

Old Business:

An Executive Committee meeting took place last Sunday to discuss next Post budget and updates to the Post By-Laws and Constitution. Charles Verno told Cmdr Wood that he was going to protest the meeting because members attending were not legal to attend the meeting and conduct Post business. He said that he will be contacting the Judge Advocate with his objections. Since there was no Treasurer nominated at the Post level, the committee appointed Cmdr Wood as Treasurer/Membership officer. This will be temporary until a Post member can take over that position. Since the appointment Charlie has given all information pertinent to the position to Cmdr Wood. Cmdr Wood asked to create a membership committee to help him with the process. Joe Irons, Ray Nabinger and Debbie Roehm said they will help with membership. The Post budget was not passed and will be discussed at the next Post meeting on June 3rd. Rob Jensen suggested that the accounts be audited; Debbie said that she is in the process of getting someone to do that. Also in the meeting By-Laws changed to reflect a two year term for Commander, all in favor, rest of the officer positions will be for one year.

New Business: Joe Irons suggested a Post Member of Distinction for any Legion Family Members. Meeting for candidates will be on May 20th at 6:00 pm. The Southern Tier Chapter of the American Red Cross has selected Barb Beebe as "A Real Hero" in the military category. She was nominated by the 204th Engineering Battalion from Binghamton. Also Barb and Ray Beebe were honored as Veterans of the Year by Senator Al Libious.

For the Good of the Legion:

Post Cleanup Day, May 10th, 9:00 am, lunch will be provided

Broome County Legion Meeting, Monday, May 12th at 7PM at Hillcrest Post 1194.

Broome County Legion Convention, Sunday, June 1 at 1PM at Hillcrest Post 1194.

Spaghetti Dinner, Monday, June 2nd 5-7PM.

Installation of Post Officers:

Past County Commander Ray Beebe sworn in newly elected Post Officers; Cmdr Robert F. Wood, 1st Vice Cmdr Ray (Butch) Nabinger, 3rd Vice Cmdr Charles DuVall, Historian Joseph Irons, Chaplain Barbara Beebe, Treasurer Robert F. Wood, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson

Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Chaplain Hunt gave the benediction. Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 2032 hrs.

For God and Country.

Cmdr Robert F. Wood for Adjutant David Jensen