



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 September 7, 2010. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute" and recited "The Pledge of Allegiance". Chaplain Robert 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 absence, 2nd Vice Commander Robert F. Wood: present, 3rd Vice Commander Deb Roehm: present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: present, Historian Ray Beebe: present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: present and Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present. Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, James Davis 1990-1992, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barbara J. Beebe 2006-2010, and Rob Jenson 1997-2002. Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barbara J. Beebe 2004-2005 and Ray Beebe 2008-2010. Past District Commanders present: Rob Jensen, 2002.

Reading of the Minutes: Adjutant Bob Wood read the June 1st 2010 minutes. Motion made by Ray Nabinger to accept the minutes as read, 2nd by Bob Hunt, all in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership/Treasurers Report: Membership Chairman Charlie Verno reported 242 paid members as of 9/7/2010 for \$1,739.09.

Back to God: Chaplain Bob Hunt reported: Nothing to report. Commander Irons reported that Jackie Reece was getting a hip replacement at Lourdes Hospital. Requesting no visitors at this time.

Activities: Ron Reece absent, nothing to report.

Baseball: Nothing to report but need member to take over.

Boys State: Nothing to report.

Honor Guard: Jim Davis absent, nothing to report.

Scholarships: Jim Davis absent, Bob Wood stated that four \$500 scholarships were awarded; one check came back because the student decided to go to another college. But that is now getting straightens out. Also two of the recipients sent thank you cards to the post.

Historian: Ray Beebe presented historical books to the Post and reported that we took 3rd place in state competition. Also reported that one of the books was previously damaged at a County meeting, thus getting a 3rd place finish.

House: Bob Haynes absent, nothing to report.

Kitchen: Bob Haynes absent, nothing to report.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported: Just completed competition in Arkansas and can't wait for a rematch. Also this was the first time in 36 years that New York State was represented in the Nationals. The boys ranging from an age of 8 to 13 have been doing archery and mussel loading this summer and will be starting on air rifles at the Binghamton Rifle Club in Conklin. He also stated that the club is Nationally Ranked for air rifle and BB gun.

Law & Order: 6th District gave Ray Beebe to present an award to Deputy Kevin D Smith at the County Legion Meeting.

POW/MIA: Commander Beebe Remembrance Day will be the 3rd Friday in September. Noticed that there was a conflict that day with the hall being used. But will have a memorial wreath placed on the monument. She suggested that the Post should have a ceremony every 5 years.

Old Business: Barb Beebe stated that September is the beginning of Oratorical paperwork. She will be visiting both UE & ME high schools to invite students to participate. Also asking for volunteers for the first Saturday in December to be an escort or chaperone and behind the

Deb Roehm stated that the Family Picnic was a success, had about 115 to 120 people attended. We had a good crew, were under budget. Will be making notes for next year. Will be contacting the Sons and Auxiliary about the schedule meetings so everyone has a chance to participate. Auxiliary had 12 baskets and made \$300. Commander Irons complimented Debbie on a job well done.

Ray Nabinger reported on the Maloney Band \$1200 for the 60th Goodwill Days in Alexandria Bay. Then \$1000 for bus transportation and including Legion members, which would be around \$3000, total to raise. Also they would not help selling raffle tickets to pay for the trip. Ray offered to chair the committee along with Gary Denmon, Debbie Roehm and have Barb Beebe to assist with housing. That's if we decide to do this on our own. The Continentals would be will to go for \$500 and need 5 hotel rooms for \$500. Rob Jensen suggested to invite the Continentals help sell the raffle tickets. Then make the same offer to the Maloney Band. Rob made a motion that we invite the Continentals, offer the same deal to the Maloney Band if they need more money then they must help sell raffle tickets to help cover their fee. If they don't want to help then they won't go. Phil Dillenbeck 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Ray Nabinger said the Continentals already accepted, and will ask Rick Maloney if his band will help. He'll be getting on this before waiting for the next Post meeting.

Ray Nabinger made a motion to have a platform extension be made at the door leading to the deck so it's on one level, then it will prevent anyone getting injured stepping down then up to the deck. Rob Jenson 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Barb Beebe was asked to hand out flags at the Oakdale Mall on Friday 9/10 for the Day of Caring. On Saturday, 9/11 Ray and Barb Beebe will be marching with the Broome County Color Guard in Conklin. Bob Hunt said on that same subject, he's the Commander of the VFW in Johnson City 2332. Will be having a program on 9/11 at 3:00 and are welcome to come.

Correspondence: Lead Firearms Instructor Broome County 4H Shooting Sports Rob Jenson sent a letter of appreciation for the support the Post given to our BB gun team this year. Your support allowed our team to participate at 2010 National BB Gun Championship held at Rogers, Arkansas. This was the first time since 1974 that a team from New York State was represented. This was the first time that we competed at this level. In honor of support of the Post an enclosed photo of the team standing on the podium at the National Championship Match. We hope that you display it proudly so your members and business associates will know what wonderful help you provide to the community.

Julian Nielson and Melissa Benkewiez sent letters of thanks for the \$500 scholarships.

Wounded Warrior disabled sports project, September 24-26 at Moreau Lake State Park. The program pairs a disabled veteran with a stride youth athlete with similar disabilities. They are seeking sponsorship to help offset costs of the transportation, meals and activities. Commander Irons asked if anyone wanted to make a motion. No one responded, no motion was made.

Bath VA Christmas Chairman for 2010 Adie Butler is asking for a donation. Registration will be October 6 & 7th, November 7 & 9th. On December 3-6th veterans shopping, wrapping, post office, brown wrapping will take place. Barb Beebe said that it's in the budget for \$200 and should be sent to her as soon as possible. Bob Wood will notify Charlie Verno about sending the check. Commander Irons suggested making a list of donated items to be dropped off at the post.

For the Good of The Legion: Commander Irons presented an award to Barb Beebe for an outstanding Legion Newsletter.

Department Commander will be at Post 154 in Elmira Heights on October 24th, tickets \$15.00. Also the Department Commander will visit Broome County November 16th. But not sure which posts he'll be visiting.

Dave Williams gave thanks to the Post on behalf of St Peter & Paul Orthodox Church for letting them borrow the propane grill for their Labor Day extravaganza. The church purchased two additional propane tanks and also cleaned it inside and out.

Chaplain Bob Hunt gave the "Closing Prayer" and Commander Joseph N. Irons gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons at 2017 hrs.

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant