



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2023**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s) N/A
5. Reports

a. Non-Voting Invited Attendees:

General Manager:

- a. Facilities Committee: top 3 projects
- b. Roof and HVAC Repairs

Auxiliary

Sons of the American Legion

American Legion Riders

Theron Patrick – Blood Drive

Non-Voting Members may remain at the EXCOM Meeting as observers only after providing their reports, or they may leave.

b. Voting Members:

Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander Present	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We have a quorum2. We have zoom capabilities, need conops, rules of engagement, also need individuals to run the equipment. Would like to have it running for Feb meeting.3. Finance Officer doing good with finance committee and budget. We are working on building out a budget, we'll review and get it approved by the General Membership.4. Thanks to the members of the Dentz committee. We're never going to agree at 100%. All funds are important.5. Oratorical - 1st one in 4 yrs, went very well, a lot of work and preparation, Jan 22nd is next one. Randy doing a hell of a job - very appreciated6. Consolidated post reports are coming up

	<p>7. We fall short CPR every year, not just EXCOM but it's what the 1500 members of this Post do - need to try to capture what they do. Will send out copies of previous reports to EXCOM</p> <p>8. Want to look towards elections. A couple of individuals on the EXCOM will be stepping down, meeting in April closes out nominees and May will be elections. Let Rex and Commander know if you are stepping down</p>
Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Present	VA&R, Membership <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highlight media - we have 2 FB, 1 shutdown, also the webmaster, also manages e-sign Karla and Carl are also editors - let Dennis know if you want anything on any of the media pages 2. Looking at internal electronic sign that will advertise events 3. Membership is at 92%, have 115 to renew, transfers that renew do not count because they've already 2023
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Present	Children & Youth <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oratorial went well, Ella Ridgeway, Lake Braddock Secondary School, Sophomore, will represent the Post at District Oratorial at Post 290, anonymous benefactor that will donate \$200 to bring the District prize to what we offered, you cannot give more than the District - we did with the \$500 prize 2. Reached out for the total of each award so we don't violate in future 3. Eagle Scout of the Year - we have 3 troops, troops will do the write up, we endorse and send to National, the District and Department don't do anything. Would like to have awards within the Post for the scouts 4. Will present a budget for children and youth to the Finance Officer 5. Central Springfield Little League - would like American Legion to sponsor a team. Motion to ask General Membership to be a team sponsor for the Central Springfield Little League Discussion - cost is approximately \$1000 Motion carried 6. Introduced Mack Brooks, he will be leading Boys State 7. Cost is \$400 per nominee, state expecting over 900 participants, each High School gets 2 delegates per 100, 1 delegate thereafter.

	<p>8. Would like to send 30 candidates to Boy's State, \$400 per candidate, covers hotels, etc. Candidates pay for their transportation. The dates are June 18-24.</p> <p>9. Will ask the General Membership for funds to sponsor 30 boys to Boy's State.</p> <p>10. Mack added – they have visited all the schools, very receptive reengaging with them.</p>
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Son's events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11 Feb is the chili cook off St Patty's Day 5 May is Cinco de Mayo Planning an Easter Egg Roll the Saturday before Easter 13 May is Vietnam Vets welcome home. The Riders committed \$500 to do pig roast, will reach out to VFW and Purple Heart
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Consolidated Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do we have a Hall Rental Liability waiver? Addressed concern because rentals set up and take down tables, chairs, etc. Carl will look into liability Asked about lose cash in the office. Per General Manager there is only \$100 in cash tray in office. All other money is put at the bar in the bar safe. Alarm system installed and not used. Can we reactive? Anyone can break in and steal the safe, ATM, cash, etc. Discussion - Surveillance cameras cover the post so we don't really need an alarm system. Signage will also deter anyone from breaking in and stealing anything. Carl will look into alarm system
<p>Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Finance Committee Budget Update</p>
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p>Excused</p>	

Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Excused	Post-Everlasting update, sick members
Scott Logan, Historian Present	No report
Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Excused	Quorum
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present	Recent Veteran support provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chaplain and Service Officer (SO) attended a funeral last week 2. At GMM, motion carried to pay 3 bills for veteran. Easier if SO used cc and SO reimbursed. Approved for \$1205 came to a little less. 3. Member came up and volunteered to help, recommended VSO help, member very interested
Executive Committee at Large Rex Cunningham, 1yr Present Floyd Cline, 2yr Excused Joe Byrnes, 3yr Present	1 st yr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rex will be Election Chairman, 2. Anyone entertaining leaving EXCOM let him know. Sgt At Arms and Executive Committee at Large 1st year, and Finance Officer will be vacant. 3 rd - no report
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander Present	If we had written reports much easier to do CPR

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Started install of coil today, the coil is charging and Trademaster will be back tomorrow to check for leaks. If there are no leaks they will complete install – 2. We have a maintenance plan with Trademaster 3. Toilet being repaired in upstairs bathroom; water will need to be shut off 4. No roof leaks found so don't need to include as an item of discussion unless something happens - remove from agenda moving forward 5. Oven fixed 6. Sink in auxiliary bar may be leaking. Will check it
Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President Absent	
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander Absent	3rd Vice covered in his report
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two successful tailgates since last meeting 2. Commander thanked ALR for picking up tailgate at last minute 3. Ride in Alexandria on 22 February for Presidents Day, Post usually participates on many levels 4. Getting ready for poker run, looking for volunteers 5. Will do a Blessing of the Bikes 1st and then poker ride
Theron Patrick Absent	<p>Blood Drive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A picture of someone giving blood here made it to the National webpage 2. 61 and 66 pints were collected over the last 2 drives 3. Next blood drive is 14 Feb

6. Unfinished Business –

- a. Scott: Asked about the status of the defibulators?
ATLAS was supposed to but not going to happen now, researching

Motion to GM to purchase 2 defibulators - Rex

Discussion: Phillips said they would donate for free, Atlas room is no longer being used.

Carl followed up with other POC

Maintenance involved with defibulators, some machines recalibrate automatically, but the pads are used only once.

Inspection program, training, General Manager will be responsible.

CPR should be done first before using a defibulators

3 No's
8 yeas

Motion carried

- b. Discussion on having a CPR class at the Post

7. New Business

- a. Rex – Suggested adding information about National and Department Conventions to Old Business as a planning tool
- b. EXCOM discussion on funding followed

- 3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
- 4. Executive Session (if necessary)