

Sons Of The American Legion
 Detachment Of Wisconsin
 Spring Detachment Executive Committee Minutes 2012

Saturday April 21st, 2012 Commander, Russell B. Severson (313) called to order the spring D.E.C. with the proper opening ceremonies, held at State Headquarters Portage Wi.

Roll Call of Officers

Taken by the Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

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| DETACHMENT - COMMANDER | Russell B. Severson | (313) | P |
| “ VICE COMMANDER | Dean M. Sutcliffe Sr. | (437) | E |
| “ -VICE COMMANDER | Steven L. Meyer | (220) | E |
| “ -VICE COMMANDER | Kevin M. McClorey | (544) | P |
| “ -VICE COMMANDER | Elmer Hanson | (100) | Resigned |
| “ - FINANCE OFFICER | Dennis F. Stockfisch | (437) | E |
| “ - CHAPLAIN | Robert L. Hoffman | (117) | E |
| “ - ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN | Patrick Gryskiewicz | (093) | E |
| “ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS | Sean Patchin Jr. | (385) | E |
| “ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS | Dean M. Sutcliffe | (437) | E |
| “ - ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS | Chris J. Hessil | (021) | A |
| “ - N.E.C. MAN | Kelly R. Powers | (158) | P |
| “ - ALT. N.E.C. MAN | Michael L. Lawler | (437) | P |
| “ - ADJUTANT | Michael L. Lawler | (437) | P |
| “ - ASSISTANT ADJUTANT | Gary Lee LeRoy | (294) | P |
| “ - HISTORIAN | Jorgen Goderstad | (313) | P |
| “ - JUDGE ADVOCATE | Thomas A. Knox | (449) | P |
| DEPARTMENT A.L. - COMMANDER | Denise Rohan | | E |
| “ A.L. - CHAIRMAN | Robert Danielson | | E |
| “ A.L. - COMMITTEEMAN | Charles Coleman | | E |
| “ A.L. - COMMITTEEMAN | Robert Naffier | | E |
| S.A.L. - LIAISON | Michael L. Lawler | (437) | P |
| S.A.L. -COMMITTEEMAN | Russell B. Severson | (313) | P |
| S.A.L. - COMMITTEEMAN | Gary Lubich | (208) | P |

Roll Call of District Chairman

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| FIRST DISTRICT – CHAIR | Gary Myers | (294) | A |
| SECOND DISTRICT – CHAIR | Vacant | | |
| THIRD DISTRICT – COMMANDER | Sean Patchin Sr. | (385) | E |
| FOURTH DISTRICT – CHAIR | Russell Evanson | (018) | P |
| FIFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR | Mike Pook | (449) | P |
| SIXTH DISTRICT – CHAIR | Vacant | | |
| SEVENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR | Vacant | | |
| EIGHTH DISTRICT – CHAIR | Robert Hoffman | (117) | E |
| NINTH DISTRICT – CHAIR | Vacant | | |
| TENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR | Gary Lubich | (121) | P |
| ELEVENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR | Patrick Gryskiewicz | (093) | A |
| TWELFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR | Rodney Fall | (108) | P |

Past Detachment Commanders Present

David R. Faust, Thomas A. Knox, Michael L. Lawler, Kelly R. Powers
 Quorum was reported not present by the Detachment Adjutant

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Without a Quorum no official actions, motions or resolve can be made.

Mike Pook (449) and 5th District Chairman requested of the Commander that in light of the resignation of Vice Commander Elmer Hanson (100) Districts 6, 7, and 8. Mr. Pook volunteered to be appointed to this position.

It was noted that as there is no quorum present this or any issues could not be acted upon.

Judge Advocate Tom Knox noted that for this gathering no official business could be conducted the meeting however could continue to make use of the members present and any business could be ratified confirmed or affirmed at a later meeting date for the actions taken at this meeting. It was pointed out by Mr. Knox however the only item that could not be attended to is the institution of any new policies. Issues could be ratified also by the appropriate D.E.C. members by electronic means phone, E-mail or computer base meeting.

Guest to the Spring D.E.C.

Barry Prindle (048), Garret Prindle (048), Chris Sherman (071), Tom Petrie (189)

Reading Of the Previous Minutes

Presented by the Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

Motion made by David Faust to accept the past Mid-Winter D.E.C. minutes as published, seconded by Tom Knox, motion passed pending further ratification at a later date.

Official Correspondence

Presented by the Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

Adjutant Lawler noted that there were the usual items from the national organization and that these items have been distributed to the proper committees or commissions for dispersal and or action. The chaplain has sent out several sympathy cards or notes. Received a thank you note from Department Commander Denise Rohan. Thanking members of the Detachment of Wisconsin for attendance at her Testimonial dinner.

Detachment Officer Reports

Vice Commander – Dean M. Sutcliffe Sr.

Vice Commander – Steven L. Meyer Submitted a written report.

Vice Commander – Kevin McClorey (544) for his District 1, 4, 5 reported that all his District have membership reported.

Vice Commander – Elmer Hanson resigned no report

Chaplain – Robert Hoffman – No report

Historian – Jorgen Goderstad reported that he has been in contact with Commander Severson and is progressing with the Detachment History Book; He also has received the Detachment Camera which he will put to use. Information is still needed from the Squadrons and urges them to forward this info to him. E-mail address is Jorgen.goderstad@gmail.com.

N.E.C. Man- Kelly R. Powers reported it has been confirmed that the National Vice Commander for the Central Region John Sansoucie will be attending the Wisconsin State Convention. The National meetings will be the first week of May at Indianapolis several members from the Detachment will be in attendance Patrick Grysiewicz, Thomas Knox, Michael Lawler, and Russell Severson.

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Alternate N.E.C. Man – Michael L. Lawler reported that the cost of delegate to the National Convention will be \$25.00. Delegates and Alternate Delegates will be elected at the State Convention in July. The National Convention is in Indianapolis this year. 1st, 3rd and 7th Districts will have the power to appoint or elect their own delegates and alt. delegate to the National Convention.

Department S.A.L. Chairman – Robert Danielson - Submitted a written report.

Commander – Russell Severson reported that he attended the membership call in meeting March 7th, Took part in Department Commander Denise Rohan’s Testimonial Dinner at Verona, and visited River Fall Spaghetti Dinner. Met with Detachment Historian Jorgen Goderstad to discuss plans for the Detachment History book on April 17th. Took part in the opening the ceremonies of the American Legion bowling tournament, made it to the oratorical contests at Ripon Collage and attended the Dane county Youth government day in Madison along with Adjutant Lawler. Commander Severson noted he would be attending the Spring N.E.C. meetings May 4th – 6th. Has been discussing plans for distinguished guest gift for presentations from the Detachment.

Committee and Commission Reports

Resolutions – David Faust reported that the commission reviewed and approved a resolution to eliminate the C&BL commission. The Resolution was drafted to resolve the elimination of the Constitution and By-Laws Commission as a separate Entity and place it under the confines of the Internal Affairs Commission.

Motion made by David Faust for acceptance of the report excluding the acceptance of the resolution, seconded by Thomas Knox, motion passed pending further ratification at a later date.

NO ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN on the resolution at this time, it was noted this item is being presented at this point only for information as this item pertains to policy and officially cannot be acted upon per the notation by the Judge Advocate as no quorum is present.

Programs Committee – no report

Americanism – no report

Children & Youth – no report

National Affairs – no report

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – no report

Constitution and By-Laws Commission– David Faust reported that the commission reviewed and approved administrative changes to the Uniform Code of Procedures for Conventions and reviewed a draft proposal for policies of the Detachment. The changes to the Uniform Code are for the most part Administrative and or clerical. The draft proposal was being offered to clarify Detachment operations.

NO ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN It was noted this item is being presented at this point only for information as this item pertains to policy and officially cannot be acted upon per the notation by the Judge Advocate as no quorum is present.

Finance Commission– Dennis Stockfish, Acting Chair Tom Petrie reported that currently the numbers show large surplus however the accounts have not been audited as yet and it is thought that some of the last years membership dues are being carried over. The commission reviewed several request for funds 1.) \$2500.00 for cat bank purchases referred back to committee by the commission for lack of info and details, 2)\$1600 for CWF vendor table (was approved by commission), 3) \$5000.00 for pocket calendar rejected by commission, due to this amount and project would strain the budget for the remainder of the year.

Motion made by Kelly Powers for acceptance of the finance report, seconded by Tom Knox, motion passed pending further ratification at a later date.

Internal Affairs Commission – Kelly Powers reported that the committee presented four request for funds of \$1000.00 to bring in John Mejia to the convention, \$2500.00 for cat banks, \$5000.00 for pocket calendar project and \$1600 for CWF supplies for a table at convention, all were passed by the committee except for the request \$1000.00 to Secure John Mejia. The three items were forwarded to finance.

Legislative – Gary Meyers

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Membership – Rich Ruland, Membership reported that (302) Oconto Falls was at 92% (417) French Island was at 100%, there still are several goose eggs Delavan, Columbus, Black River Falls. Wisconsin is 7th overall, second within our region and the region is in 1st overall.

Officers Development & Policy – Russ Evanson

Public Relations – Kevin McClorey request was asked for to obtain new display boards for the Detachment

Motion made by Thomas Knox for acceptance of the Internal Affairs report excluding the acceptance of the Finance Fund Request, seconded by Michael Lawler, motion passed pending further ratification at a later date.

Concluding Business

Resolutions, Motions and Petitions – None

Unfinished Business – Adjutant Lawler noted that if a member were going to be running for an office the candidate is required to fill out an Officer Candidate resume which later would be posted at the convention. If a member is interested in being appointed to a committee or commission it would be required for them to fill out the appointee informational sheet to place their name in position for the appointment.

Adjutant Lawler noted that at Mid-winter all but one prize from the bucket raffle was not claimed. So we will have a mini raffle today for this prize, \$1.00 a ticket proceed will go to the Commanders Project. The result of this effort made \$61.00 to add to the Commanders project tally of \$805.00 for a total of \$861.00.

The following Squadrons made donations to Child Welfare 294 Hartland (\$27.00), 313 Black Earth (\$35.00), and 108 Clear Lake (\$50.00), 121 River Falls (\$100.00). River Falls 121 also donated (\$100.00 Ea.) to the Jr. Shooters program, National Emergency Fund and Camp American Legion.

Motion made by (PDC) Michael Lawler 437 for the amount of \$900 to meet the \$1.00 per member for National CWF making the detachment donation a total of \$3,300, seconded by (PNC) David Faust 245, motion passed pending further ratification at a later date.

Motion made by (PDC) Michael Lawler 437 for the amount of \$400 to add to the current Commanders project for Jr. Shooters Sports to meet a donation of \$1,200 which is the amount for a starter kit, seconded by Kelly Powers 158 (PDC), motion passed pending further ratification at a later date.

Both requests were referred to Finance and Approved.

New Business - Adjutant Lawler reported the winner for the Detachment Scholarship as follows:

Rickey Anderson from Squadron 108 Clear Lake will be attending Itasca Community College in Minnesota for the studies of wild land Firefighter training.

Adjutant Lawler and Commander Severson presented awards to the Squadrons for 100% membership by the Legion birthday as follows: 1 Germantown, 15 Juneau, 18 Milwaukee, 21 Kenosha, 23 Cudworth, 48 Beloit, 53 Eau Claire, 63 Clintonville, 67 Lake Mills, 71 Pewaukee, 75 Fond du Lac, 91 Oconomowoc, 100 Sparta, 108 Clear Lake, 111 Somerset, 115 Elroy, 116 Coon Valley, 117 Shawano, 120 Tanner-Paul, 138 Viroqua, 172 North Freedom, 180 Bay View, 183 Genoa City, 196 Delafield, 214 Darlington, 220 Soldiers Grove, 243 Plymouth, 245 Cross Plains, 273 Grand Marsh, 284 Holmen, 288 Cedarburg, 305 Johnson Creek, 313 Black Earth, 326 Boyd, 333 Sun Prairie, 336 Onalaska, 355 Grafton, 375 Mukwonago, 387 Franklin, 417 French Island, 433 Barneveld, 444F.D. Roosevelt, 449 Brookfield, 467 Ontario, 543 McFarland, 537 Harold Todd, 538 Carlton, 544 Twin Lakes, 552 Somers. Squadrons that are underlined were present to receive their award.

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Adjutant Lawler reported on the winners for the Coloring Contest as follows the prize structure was 1st place \$25.00, 2nd place \$15.00, 3rd place \$10.00 in each age category:

Ages 0-4 First Place Andy Buhr, Second Place Leslie Morgan III, Third Place Nadia Vukosich

Ages 5-8 First Place Ella Richter, Second Place Cory Kronberg, Third Place Kennedy Kapocius

Ages 9-14 First Place James Helms, Second Place DevanRondeau, Third Place Tristan Vukosich

Ages 15 & Up First Place Lucas Golla, Second Place Jessica Herkowski, Third Place Katherine Starr Hamilton

The following members have announced their candidacy for office.

N.E.C. Man – Michael L. Lawler (437)

Alt. N.E.C. Man – Russell Severson (313)

Vice Commander – Bob Bruetzman (018)

Commander – Steven Meyer (220)

Vice Commander – Mike Pook (449)

Appointments – Commander Severson appointed Mike Pook for the remainder of this year to the vacant office of Vice Commander replacing Elmer Hanson. Motion made for acceptance by (PNC) David Faust 245, seconded by Tom Knox, motion passed pending further ratification at a later date.

For the Good of Sons of the American Legion

It was recommended to move the Fall D.E.C. to a different date other than Oct. 27th2012, from discussion it was resolved that Oct. 20th 2012 would be a better date than the 27th. Adjutant will check and advise.

There will be a Veterans Day parade in Milwaukee Saturday Nov. 10th 2012 if your Post, Squadron or Unit can attend please do so.

Post 449 will be holding a car show July 14th, 2012.

The First District POW/MIA Silent March is to be held at Post 382 Menominee Falls.

Post 71 Pewaukee is will be erecting a new Veterans Memorial to help them out Bricks may be bought for \$75.00.

Post 449 would like to invite members to join them on Veterans nights Saturday evenings to enjoy era music and visit with older Veterans.

If you like to bowl Squadron 437 is hosting a Scottish Doubles tournament April 28-29, 2012.

With no other business Commander Russell B. Severson closed the spring D.E.C. meeting with the proper closing ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted by the Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy

Gary Lee LeRoy