

**Sons Of The American Legion  
Detachment Of Wisconsin**

Preconvention Detachment Executive Committee Minutes July 20, 2012

Friday July 20th, 2012 Commander, Russell B. Severson (313) called to order the Pre D.E.C., held at Middleton Wisconsin with the proper opening ceremonies.

**Roll Call of Officers**

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

DETACHMENT - COMMANDER	Russell B. Severson	(313)	P
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Dean M. Sutcliffe Sr.	(437)	E
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Steven L. Meyer	(220)	P
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Kevin M. McClorey	(544)	E
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Mike Pook	(449)	P
“ - FINANCE OFFICER	Dennis F. Stockfisch	(437)	E
“ - CHAPLAIN	Robert L. Hoffman	(117)	E
“ - ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN	Patrick Gyskiewicz	(093)	P
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Sean Patchin Jr.	(385)	E
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Dean M. Sutcliffe	(437)	E
“ - ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Chris J. Hessil	(021)	E
“ - N.E.C. MAN	Kelly R. Powers	(158)	E
“ - 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)	E
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

**Past Detachment Commanders Present**

PNC David R. Faust (245), Michael L. Lawler (437), Patrick Greskiewicz (093)

Quorum was reported not present by the Detachment Adjutant

**Roll Call of District Chairman**

FIRST DISTRICT – CHAIR	Gary Myers	(294)	
SECOND DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
THIRD DISTRICT – COMMANDER	Sean Patchin Sr.	(385)	P
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)	
NINTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
TENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Gary Lubich	(121)	P
ELEVENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Patrick Gyskiewicz	(093)	P
TWELFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Rodney Fall	(108)	

**Guest to the Pre D.E.C.**

None

**Reading Of the Previous Minutes**

Presented by the Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

Motion by Steve Meyer (220) seconded by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093), to accept the special meeting minutes of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 and as published, motion passed.

**Appointments**

Commander Severson appointed Barry Prindle (048) and John Patchin (385) to Sgt-at-Arms.

Motion by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) seconded by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), to accept the appointments, motion passed.

**Official Correspondence**

Presented by the Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

Adjutant Lawler noted that many of the items received have been distributed to the proper committee file folders for action to be taken. There were several thank you notes sent to the Detachment, it is important that Squadron members addresses are correct remind the squadrons to make sure address are corrected, Leslie Morgan the coloring contest winner the check was returned as undeliverable. Russ Evanson (018) offered to hand deliver the check.

**Detachment Officer Reports**

**Vice Commander** – Dean M. Sutcliffe Sr. (437) No report

**Vice Commander** – Steven L. Meyer (220) district 3, 10, 11, no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 23, total membership 895, no. of goose eggs 0, Squadrons at current goal 13, Squadrons at 100% 17, Squadrons at final goal 13 , no. of new Squadrons 1, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 2. Reported that he was in attendance at over 16 functions and events IE Squadron & Post meetings, Funeral Ceremonies, Memorial day Functions, Parades, County and District meetings and King Day.

Motion by Steve Meyer (220), seconded by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), to accept the report, motion passed.

**Vice Commander** – Kevin McClorey (544) No report

**Vice Commander** – Mike Pook (449) district 6, 7, 8, no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 25, total membership 113%, no. of goose eggs 1, Squadrons at current goal NA, Squadrons at 100% 18, Squadrons at final goal NA, no. of new Squadrons 1, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 1. Reported that he was in attendance at over 12 functions and events IE Squadron & Post meetings, Memorial Ceremonies, Memorial day Functions, Parades, County and District meetings. Mr. Pook commended the past Vice Commander (Elmer Hanson) for a job well done before he left the office as all three districts were at 100%.

In the first and fifth district contacts were made with the squadrons that are currently at a goose egg in an attempt to resolve some issues.

Motion by Mike Pook (449) seconded by Steve Meyer (220), to accept the report, motion passed.

**Chaplain** – Robert Hoffman – No report

**Assistant Chaplain** – Patrick Gryskiewicz reported he sent several sympathy notes on behalf of the detachment.

Motion by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093), seconded by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), to accept the report, motion passed.

**Historian** – Jorgen Goderstad reported that the Detachment history book is almost complete excluding items from this convention and some layout work. Thanked everyone who did submit photos and items. Mr. Goderstad noted it has been a privilege and honor to serve the Detachment this past year.

Motion by Steve Meyer (220), seconded by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093), to accept the report, motion passed.

**National Executive Committeeman** - Kelly R. Powers no report

**Alternate National Executive Committeeman** – Michael L. Lawler reported that he attended the N.E.C. at Indianapolis; National Convention is in Indianapolis starting Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. Public relations will be launching a photo contest, there is a new CWF video available, a new video is being worked on featuring the Son of The American Legion, there is a mailing label campaign to be utilized by Detachments and NEC man Powers has graduated the NML program Commander Severson has completed phase two of the NML.

Motion by Michael Lawler (437), seconded by Steve Meyer (220), to accept the report, motion passed.

**Department S.A.L. Chairman** – Robert “Curly” Danielson – submitted a written report Commander Severson read the report. Mr. Danielson attended two VAV’s meetings at Minneapolis, Commander Rohan’s testimonial dinner, Polk county council, 40&8 Mid-Winter promenades, Memorial Day ceremonies, Squadron and Post meetings, several funeral services, 12<sup>th</sup> district spring conference also presented BBS awards to students in the area.

Mr. Danielson has expressed the wish to be removed as the VAV’s rep at the Minneapolis VA as Minnesota has added more squadrons in the area that have members that do volunteer, he also asks that he be removed as Wisconsin’s SAL Department Chairman.

Motion by Steve Meyer (220), seconded by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093), to accept the report, motion passed.

Commander Severson turned the podium over to Vice Commander Steve Meyer for the purpose of his report.

**Commander** – Russell Severson (313) reported his year has gone by fast and he appreciated the team work by the Detachment officers this past year. Since the last D.E.C. he has been at many Post & Squadron meetings, National meetings and enjoyable events and functions. He has completed phase two of the NMI and has one more phase to go.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Mike Pook (449), to accept the report, motion passed.

Vice Commander Steve Meyer turned the podium back over to Commander Severson.

#### **District Commander or Chairman Reports**

**First district** – chair-Gary Myers (294) – No report

**Second district** – chair - Vacant

**Third district** – commander - Sean Patchin Sr. (385) reported that he attended the Dane County Council meeting and Memorial day services at Verona. Has made contact with Squadrons encouraging them to attend Convention and work on membership to help the Detachment achieve the triple nickel award.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Steve Meyer (220), to accept the report, motion passed.

**Fourth district** – chair - Russell Evanson (018) No report

**Fifth district** – chair - Mike Pook (449)

**Sixth district** – chair - Vacant

**Seventh district** – chair - Vacant

**Eighth district** – chair - Robert Hoffman (117) No report

**Ninth district** – chair - Vacant

**Tenth district** – chair - Gary Lubich (121)

**Eleventh district** – chair - Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) reported his district was at 100%, the Tomahawk Squadron was at 108% in membership.

Motion by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) seconded by Steve Meyer (220), to accept the report, motion passed.

**Twelfth district** – chair -Rodney Fall (108)

#### **Convention Committee and Commission Appointments**

Commander Severson made the following appointments:

**Americanism – Chair**

**Constitutional Amendments – Chair** David Faust (245) accepted

**Children and Youth – Chair** Tom Petrie (189) accepted

**Credentials Resolutions and Rules – Chair** David Faust (245) accepted

**Finance – Chair** Tom Petrie (189) accepted

**Legislative – Chair** Russel Evanson (018) accepted

**Membership – Chair** Steve Meyer (220) accepted

**National Security – Chair** Sean Patchin Sr. (385) accepted

**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – Chair** Patrick Greskiewicz (093) accepted

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **For the Good of Sons of the American Legion**

The following announced candidacy for Detachment office:

Sean Patchin Sr. (385) for Detachment Chaplain

John Patchin (385) for Detachment Sgt-at-Arms

Mike Pook (449) for Detachment Vice Commander

Other members that already announced candidacy:

Steve Meyer (220) for Detachment Commander

Gary Lubich (121) for Detachment Vice Commander

Robert Bruetzman (018) for Detachment Vice Commander

Michael Mike Lawler (437) for National Executive Committeeman

Russell Severson (313) for Alternate National Executive Committeeman

Adjutant Lawler stressed that consolidated reports need to be filled out.

With no other business Commander Russell B. Severson (313) closed the Pre D.E.C. meeting with the proper closing ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted by the Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)