



**Membership Meeting Minutes
Manuel Schneidmiller Post 154 Inc.
American Legion Department of Idaho
Commander Deanna Sasse**

March 22, 2016

Call to order: Membership meeting was called to order by Commander Deanna Sasse and convened at 6:03 pm.

Quorum: Sergeant at Arms certified that there were 12 members in attendance. A quorum was present

Roll Call of Officers:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Commander	Dee Sasse	Present
1 st Vice Commander	John Fevold	Present
2 nd Vice Commander	Len Crosby	Present
Adjutant	Bryan Bledsoe	Present
Service Officer	Ruth Aresvik	Present
Finance Officer	Len Crosby	Present
Historian	Lonnie Morse	Absent
Chaplain	Paula Atwood	Present
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Kinder	Present
Judge Advocate	Jeff Broadhead	Present
3 Year Committeeperson	Todd Halvorson	Excused
2 Year Committeeperson	Lew Allert	Present
1 Year Committeeperson	Helen Kinder	Present

Guests: Harold Markiewicz and Sue Fevold

Minutes: Motion: Moved by Lew Allert that the minutes from the February 22, 2017 General Membership meeting be approved as posted on the website – Second by John Fevold **Motion Carried**

Finance Report: Motion: Motion by Helen Kinder that that the Finance Reports for January and February be approved as presented by Len Crosby – Second by Jean Bledsoe - **Motion Carried**

Moved by Helen Kinder to accept the budget as presented by Len Crosby - second by John Fevold – **Motion Carried**

Finance Officer reported that the annual tax report to the IRS was completed, signed by the Commander and mailed.

The Poppy fundraising program will fall on two consecutive Fridays & Saturdays in May prior to Memorial Day (Friday May 19th & Saturday May 20th and Friday May 26th & Saturday May 27th). This is a major program for our Post and needs everyone to volunteer to help out as it

raises funds to help veterans locally as well as putting us out in the community to let them know what we do. There will be four locations that will require volunteers each day. Please sign up for at least two four hour shifts. It is a very enjoyable experience!

Committee Reports:

1. Membership & Americanism – 1st Vice Commander John Fevold
2. Finance Officer Len Crosby reported that Post 154 financial records were audited by Jeff Broadhead, Charlie Till and Bryan Bledsoe. The audit committee commended Len Crosby for the work that he has done.
3. Service Officer Ruth Aresvik reported that the VA has established presumptive diseases for those serving at Camp Lejeune from 1953 through 1987 and are eligible for benefits.
4. Charlie Till reported that the Kootenai Veterans Council is revamping their bylaws. They are also putting together guidelines on what help they will provide to veterans. It appears that they will probably be limiting the awards to \$30 gas cards to allow veterans in need to go to job and medical appointments. However, this has not been approved yet.
5. Judge Advocate, Jeff Broadhead dropped off the Boys State applications to Brittany Manley at Rathdrum. He also attended the Parade meeting.

Motion by Jean Bledsoe to fund one girl from Lakeland High School to attend Girls State for \$275 and she will be sponsored through the Athol American Legion Auxiliary – second by Paula Atwood Motion Carried

6. Harold Markiewicz from Post 143 reported that the Honor Guard participated in 3 ceremonies this past month. They gave military honors by providing rifle salutes at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery Navy veteran and at Post 143 for an Army veteran. They also posted colors at 98th American Legion Birthday at Post 143.
7. Jean Bledsoe requested articles for next month's newsletter be received by her by the 28th of the month.

Unfinished Business:

1. Election of Post 154 officers will occur at the next monthly membership meeting. Any member of Post 154 is eligible to run for any office and is encouraged to do so. Nominations are open until the actual vote is taken in April.
2. Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 15th. Everyone please volunteer a few hours on Saturday from 9 am until about 1 pm. The kids are divided into 4 age groups so every child has a chance to participate and collect eggs. We will be putting out 10,000 plastic eggs. You will be amazed at how fast these eggs are "found" and picked up. It is a lot of fun and we could really use a good turnout of members that day.
3. Paula Atwood audited minutes from Membership Meeting & Executive Meetings over the past two years to determine if all of the Motions that had been made have been acted upon. She turned in a report to Commander Sasse.

New Business:

There was discussion about the various fund raising events that are being researched

- A. Trivia Night – Jean Bledsoe & Ruth Aresvik
- B. Pumpkin Patch – John Fevold, Bill Kinder & Dee Sasse. The owner of the property on the southeast corner of Ramsey and Highway 53 is donating an acre of land to do this on. There will probably be a at least a couple of weekends where pumpkins will be sold on site with perhaps other booths.

C. Applebees – Bill Kinder

- a. **Motion** by Bryan Bledsoe to do an Applebees fund raiser on either September 23rd or September 30th from 8 am to 10 am - second by John Fevold Motion Carried

D. Rathdrum Days Booth was discussed with the thought that donations, water, jewelry and flag sales could occur. Helen Kinder brought up that Crispy Crème would sell a dozen donuts for \$5.95 for a box with a minimum order of 25 boxes. The committee will gather more information and discuss this.

E. \$1 a Day, Week, or a Month – Len Crosby

Stand Down will be on May 13th and there will be a table at the event for Post 154. Members are needed to help man the table.

Lewiston Veterans Home Food Convoy: Suggested donation of \$1 to benefit the Lewiston Veterans Home Food Drive which takes place in October. Total collected \$15.44 + previous \$72
TOTAL \$87.44

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm

Deanna Sasse, Commander

Bryan Bledsoe, Adjutant



**Membership Meeting Agenda
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Opening

1. *1 rap of the gavel and the doors shall be closed by the Sergeant at Arms*
2. *3 raps of the gavel and all members present shall stand*

Colors

Prayer – Uncover through the Pledge of Allegiance

POW/MIA Empty Chair

Pledge of Allegiance

Recite Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion

Sergeant at Arms certifies number of members and a quorum present

Roll Call Officers & Executive Committee Members

Guests & Introductions

Minutes

Financial Report

Committee Reports

1. Membership & Americanism – 1st Vice Commander John Fevold
2. Ceremonials, Economic, Finance & Legislative – 2nd Vice Commander Len Crosby
 - A. Post Finances Audited – Jeff Broadhead, Charlie Till & Bryan Bledsoe
 - B. Finance Officer prepared tax return (form 990) & Commander signed it & adjutant mailed it
 - C. Budget accepted by Executive Committee to be presented to membership for approval
3. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation - Service Officer Ruth Aresvik
4. Kootenai Veterans Council – Charlie Till
5. Graves and Registration, VAVS - Chaplain, Paula Atwood
6. Children & Youth - Judge Advocate, Jeffrey Broadhead
7. Honor Guard – Harold Markiewicz, Post 143, to give report
8. Technology & PR - Jean Bledsoe

Health & Welfare Report – Chaplain

Unfinished Business

1. District meeting in Clark Fork attended by Dee Sasse, John Fevold, Bill Kinder, Ruth Aresvik, Bryan Bledsoe and guests Sue Fevold & David Potter. There are 12 Legion Posts in District 1 that start at Bonners Ferry and go south to St Maries and west to Kellogg. Elections were held and all officers remained in their positions.
2. Lew Allert donated \$20 to District Baseball and third place for \$50 was drawn & went back into the fund. Total received was \$70, thanks Lew!
3. Election of Post 154 officers next month any member is eligible to run for any office and is encouraged to do so. Nominations are open up until the actual vote is taken in April.
4. Boys State applications must be received by the state by April 15th along with birth certificate. Cost is \$400 per boy.
5. Easter Egg Hunt – Everyone needed for a few hours on the morning of Saturday April 15th

New Business

1. Department of Idaho has a new website idaholegion.com where updates, pictures, etc are available. Check it out.
2. National Convention is in Reno in late August. This is probably the closest it will ever be if you are interested in attending one.
3. CBOC in CDA needs veteran help every day. You may volunteer through Spokane VA hospital and take a course for a few hours to qualify to volunteer.

4. Athol Legion member Gloria Robinson mentioned the possibility of a joint 100 year celebration in 2 years with all the Posts. Contacts and planning would need to begin soon.
5. Fund Raising meeting took place with the following activities being researched (please volunteer to help on these committees)
 - A. Trivia Night – Jean Bledsoe & Ruth Aresvik
 - B. Pumpkin Patch – John Fevold & Bill Kinder
 - C. Applebees – Bill Kinder
 - D. Rathdrum Days Booth
 - E. \$1 a Day or a Month – Len
6. Flag Retirement Ceremony June 14th at the Lions Club
7. November Veterans Recognition Ceremony may have changes to the format

Post & Legion Calendar April 2016 – Combined

April – Children & Youth Month

April 2 – American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Week

April 5 – US enters WW1 (1917)

April 8 – Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting @ 6 pm Lions Club

April 15 – Easter Egg Hunt Majestic Park

April 19 – Post 154 Membership Meeting

April 21 – National Oratorical Finalists Contest

Lewiston Veterans Home Food Convoy – To date \$54 collected - Suggested \$1 donation is collected from those that would like to donate at each membership meeting

Raffle Drawing

Chaplain Prayer – Stand & Uncover

Flag Salute

Adjournment