



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
American Legion Post 154, Inc.
Department of Idaho
April 12, 2017

Call to order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm

Roll Call:

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| Commander | Deanna Sasse | Present |
| 1 st Vice Commander | John Fevold | Present |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Len Crosby | Present |
| Finance Officer | Len Crosby | Present |
| Service Officer | Ruth Aresvik | Present |
| Adjutant | Bryan Bledsoe | Present |
| Historian | Lonnie Morse | Present |
| Chaplain | Paula Atwood | Present |
| Judge Advocate | Jeff Broadhead | Present |
| Sergeant at Arms | Bill Kinder | Present |
| Committeeperson 3 Year | Todd Halvorson | Present |
| Committeeperson 2 Year | Lew Allert | Excused |
| Committeeperson 1 Year | Helen Kinder | Present |

Guests in Attendance: Craig King, Sue Fevold and Jean Bledsoe

Minutes: **MOTION** by Len Crosby to accept minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of March 8, 2017 as posted on the website – second by Bill Kinder **Motion Carried**

Financial Report:

MOTION by Bill Kinder to accept the financial report as given by Len Crosby – second by Helen Kinder - **Motion Carried**

Committee Reports:

1. Membership – Helen Kinder mailed 5 Post 85 letters to Rathdrum members and received 1 transfer request back. She also mailed 12 renewal letters with 1 renewal. Also mailed were 67 Post 85 letters and one has requested to transfer. Still early in the process.
2. Paula Atwood that tomorrow night at NIC Rudy Lopez who is the Director of the Washington State Cemetery at Medical Lake will be speaking on burial benefits for veterans.
3. Jeff Broadhead has heard nothing back from Lakeland High School regarding Boys State. The cutoff is April 15th for applications to be submitted to the state. Jeff can't make the Rathdrum Days meeting at 5:30 tomorrow so Dee will attend. Dee reported that Jessica who is a Junior at Stem Charter Academy will be attending Girls State. Dee will be following up tomorrow.

4. Honor Guard – Todd Halvorson reported that there will be a practice on Saturday the 22nd at Post 143 @ 10 am. Plans are being made for Memorial Day. Post Falls will be at 10 am and noon at Rathdrum. On the 17th the Honor Guard will be at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery providing rifle salutes for families of veterans that request them On June 3rd there will be a ceremony in Sagle.
5. Jean Bledsoe requested that newsletter articles be submitted by the 28th of this month.
6. Fundraising Committee
 - a. Trivia Night – Jean Bledsoe & Ruth Aresvik have been working on a plan. They will work out the details and present it to the next Executive Committee meeting. Basically, a date and place need to be selected.
 - b. Helen Kinder has been unable to reach the right person at Applebee's but she is trying to set it up for Sept 30th
 - c. Rathdrum Days Booth was discussed. The booth must be attended for Saturday and Sunday July 15th & 16th. The general idea is to offer for donations water, flags and possibly donuts. Details are yet to be worked out.
 - d. \$1 a Day or a Month is an idea that Len is working on. He is looking to have an insert ready to put inside of a Memorial Day Program.
 - e. Pumpkin Patch planning was reported on by John Fevold, Bill Kinder & Dee Sasse
 - a. Dee purchased and donated pumpkin seeds
 - b. Tentatively set a planting date of June 2nd & 3rd. But, Bart Templeman, the property owner, is having a shotput/discus event on the 2nd. It was thought that helping park cars that day would be a way to promote the project and thank him for his generosity. Another day may need to be set aside for the planting.
 - c. Illustrated Business Cards and Signs in Rathdrum is a printer that has done posters for the Lions Club.
 - d. The thought is to have a Festival on one Saturday such as October 21st. There is a possibility of contacting other vendors to rent a space

Unfinished Business

1. Easter Egg Hunt is taking place this Saturday at Majestic Park with 9 am to setup with the event starting at 11 am. There are 16,500 eggs being "hidden".
2. Poppy Program has been confirmed with all store. Shifts will be 9-1 & 1-5

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| May 19 th & 20 th | Steins in Rathdrum |
| May 19 th | Super 1 in Post Falls |
| May 26 th & 27 th | Super 1 in Rathdrum |
| May 26 th & 27 th | Yoke's in Post Falls |
3. Memorial Day is Monday May 29th and a speaker is needed that day. Dee has the names of a couple of people she will contact.
4. Flag Day is June 14th and the Post is planning a flag retirement ceremony.

New Business

1. The membership committee is going to make personal contact with all members not receiving the newsletter and invite them to come to the next meeting.
2. Election will occur at the next membership meeting
3. We learned that Karen Holmes, Mayor Vic Holmes wife, passed away this week

4. Lew Allert called the Adjutant, Bryan Bledsoe, and verbally resigned his Committeeperson position as he is currently overcommitted with too many obligation to veterans at this point. He will remain on the Honor Guard.

Motion by Bryan Bledsoe that Helen Kinder be appointed to serve the remainder of Lew Allerts two-year Committeeperson position – second. by Len Crosby **Motion Carried**

5. Stand Down will occur Saturday May 13th and the Post will have a table

Next Upcoming Meetings

Membership Meeting 4th Wednesday of the month at the Lions Club @ 6 pm

Executive Committee Meeting 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Lions Club @ 6 pm

Closing

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Commander – Deanna Sasse

Adjutant – Bryan Bledsoe



**Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
Manuel Schneidmiller Post 154, Inc.
Department of Idaho
April 12, 2017**

Opening

Roll Call of Officers

Guests

Minutes

Financial Report

Committee Reports

7. Membership & Americanism – 1st Vice Commander John Fevold
8. Ceremonials & Economic – 2nd Vice Commander Len Crosby
9. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation - Service Officer, Ruth Aresvik
10. Finance & Legislative - Finance Officer, Len Crosby
11. Graves and Registration & VAVS - Chaplain, Paula Atwood
12. Children & Youth - Judge Advocate, Jeffrey Broadhead
13. Honor Guard – Todd Halvorson
14. Technology & PR - Jean Bledsoe
15. Fundraising Committee
 - f. Trivia Night – Jean Bledsoe & Ruth Aresvik
 - g. Pumpkin Patch – John Fevold & Bill Kinder
 - h. Applebees – Bill Kinder
 - i. Rathdrum Days Booth
 - j. \$1 a Day or a Month - Len

Old Business

5. Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at Majestic Park
6. Poppy Program
7. Memorial Day
8. Flag Day
9. Rathdrum Days
10. Boys State

New Business

6. Lew Allert called and resigned his position on the Executive Committee
7. 13% of membership (9 members) don't have email addresses
8. Election next membership meeting

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Closing