



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
American Legion Post 154, Inc.
Department of Idaho
May 10, 2017**

Call to order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call:

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	Resigned – Helen Kinder to replace next meeting	
Committeeperson 1 Year	Helen Kinder	Absent

Guests in Attendance: Sue Fevold & Craig King

Minutes: **MOTION** by Len Crosby to accept minutes of the April 12, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting as posted on the website – seconded by Bill Kinder **Motion Carried**

Financial Report:

MOTION by Bryan Bledsoe to accept the financial report as given by Len Crosby – seconded by Jeff Broadhead **Motion Carried**

Committee Reports

1. John Fevold reported that the Post has 71 members just 1 short of the goal of 72 set by the Department
2. Chaplain, Paula Atwood reported that Post 154-member Bobby Johnston passed away on February 1st
3. Todd Halvorson reported that the Honor Guard would be participating in services for veterans at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery, posting colors at Stand Down this Saturday and participating in two Memorial Day Ceremonies which are at 10 am at Evergreen Cemetery in Post Falls and noon at Pinegrove Cemetery in Rathdrum.
4. Fundraising Committee
 - a. Ruth Aresvik stopped at Westwood Brewery and met the owner and spoke with her about Trivia Night. She seemed quite interested and is putting Ruth in touch with their manager.

- b. Pumpkin Patch – John Fevold reported that the ground has been tilled and made need one more tilling. Dee would like someone to step forward and take charge of the 1 day festival. Sue Fevold has picked up some games that can be played. There was some discussion about the possibility of a cake or pie walk. John brought up doing a 50-50 raffle and there seemed to be support for that. While water is to the property there needs to be an irrigation system. It was priced out and will cost about \$900. She is working on seeing if it can be donated. The land owner is having a track meet on June 2nd & 3rd and the Post has committed to helping do the parking. This would be in shifts of 4 hours.
- c. Applebee's – Bill Kinder has reserved Saturday Sept 30th from 9 am to 10:45. We must be there by 8:30 am. Need 12 servers, 2 kitchen scrapers and 2 ticket takers. A \$100 deposit is required.
- d. Rathdrum Days Booth will be a pop up tent. Water and flags will be made available for donation.
- e. \$1 a Day or a Month – Len Crosby has completed the forms and they will be included in the Rathdrum Memorial Day program.

Old Business

- 1. Dee Sasse, John & Sue Fevold and Jeff Broadhead met with the City of Rathdrum regarding the Easter Egg Hunt. The City was pleased with how the event was conducted. There are just a few minor changes that will be made
- 2. Stand Down is Saturday May 13th and Bill & Helen Kinder, John & Sue Fevold and Craig and Char King all plan to be at the Legion table that day. Paula Atwood has offered to do clothing repair and will put her seamstress skills to work.
- 3. Poppy dates still have two times that need a second person. Friday May 26th from 1 to 5 pm and Saturday May 27th from 1-5 pm both at Super 1 in Rathdrum.
- 4. Memorial Day Ceremony Monday May 29th. The program is set and the Honor Guard will participate. The city is providing coffee and Post 154 will have a table to hand out programs.
- 5. Flag Day is Wednesday June 14th and there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 10 am at the Lions Club with the Executive Committee meeting to follow. Commander Dee Sasse will be out of town so 1st Vice Commander John Fevold will be in charge.
- 6. Paula Atwood reported that she returned all jewelry to David Tanning. Post 154 very much appreciates his donation and the funds that were raised.

New Business

- 1. Adjutant Bryan Bledsoe will be out of town all of June.
- 2. Commander Dee Sasse will be out of town from June 12th-18th. She is receiving a series of knee injections starting May 24th & May 31st & June 7th. She may not be able to attend some events as she isn't sure what to expect.

Motion by Bryan Bledsoe to pay the \$100 deposit to Applebee's for the fund raiser in September – second by John Fevold **Motion Carried**

Motion by Len Crosby to accept and recommend to the membership the following changes to the bylaws – second by John Fevold **Motion Carried**

Article III – Post Executive Committee

Section 1. Separate from the officers of the Post, the Post Executive Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected from the Post membership and will be known as a committeeperson and together with the officers of this Post shall be elected during annual elections on the 3rd Wednesday of April, and take office at the next following monthly meeting, after the election. ~~All elections of Post Executive Committeeperson and officers shall be by ballot, and the candidate or candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the respective office for which they are nominated.~~ **The procedure for electing a committeeperson shall be the same as set out in Article XIII Section 1 for Post Officers.** The immediate past Commander shall automatically become a member of this committee with voice but no vote.

Section 2. The Post Commander shall chair the Post Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Post Executive Committee members to act as a general advisory board to the Post Commander.

Section 3. Three (3) Committeepersons shall be elected and will serve on the post Executive Committee. ~~as follows: one member for a one year term not to exceed a total of three consecutive years and one member for a two year term not to exceed a total of four consecutive years, and one member for a three year term not to exceed a total of six consecutive years.~~

- A. **One committeeperson for a 3-year term**
- B. **One committeeperson for a 2-year term**
- C. **One committeeperson for a 1-year term**

Article XIII – Elections

Section 1. The annual election shall be held during the regular membership meeting in April where Post Officers and Post Executive Committee members shall be elected. ~~Voting shall be by secret ballot.~~ **Voting shall be by voice vote if there is only one candidate for an office, by ballot if there are multiple candidates or by acclamation if there is an unopposed slate of officers.** Nominations can be made from the floor at the March general membership meeting provided the nominee gives verbal consent if present, or written consent if not present and also at the April general membership meeting. Officers and Post Executive Committee members so elected by simple majority vote shall be properly installed into office at the next regular meeting held at the May membership meeting

3. There was discussion regarding posting Rathdrum Community events to our Post 154 website as well as the upcoming American Legion Baseball Schedule when it is available.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM

Commander – Deanna Sasse

Adjutant – Bryan Bledsoe



**Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
Manuel Schneidmiller Post 154, Inc.
Department of Idaho
May 10, 2017**

Opening

Roll Call of Officers

Guests

Minutes

Financial Report

Committee Reports

1. Membership & Americanism – 1st Vice Commander John Fevold
2. Ceremonials & Economic – 2nd Vice Commander Len Crosby
3. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation - Service Officer, Ruth Aresvik
4. Finance & Legislative - Finance Officer, Len Crosby
5. Graves and Registration & VAVS - Chaplain, Paula Atwood
6. Children & Youth - Judge Advocate, Jeffrey Broadhead
7. Honor Guard – Todd Halvorson
8. Technology & PR - Jean Bledsoe
9. Fundraising Committee
 - 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

Old Business

1. Easter Egg Hunt – after event comments
2. Stand Down Saturday May 13th
3. Pinegrove Cemetery cleanup Saturday May 13th 10 am
4. Poppy Program – Friday and Saturday May 19th & 20th and May 26th & 27th
5. Memorial Day – Monday May 29th
6. Flag Day – Wednesday June 14th (same day as Executive Committee Meeting)

New Business

1. Bryan out of town all of June
2. Officer Swearing-in ceremony next membership meeting
3. Post Consolidated Report
4. Proposed Bylaws change
5. 2nd Annual Mayor's Cup Charity Golf Tournament – June 3rd @ Links Golf Club

Upcoming Post 154 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