

American Legion 2nd District Department of Ohio

Summer Convention

New Knoxville, Post 444

20 MAY 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:13 by 2nd District Commander Kent Long, Post 178. Meeting opened per protocol. John Randolph, Sgt –At- Arms reported no guests.

Mike Suchland, New Bremen Post 241, made motion to suspend reading of the minutes since posted on line and available in print today. 2nd: Skip Lantz, Post 173. Motion carried.

Roll call: 17 Posts represented with 31 members present.

Red Feltz, Post 470, gave Finance Report. Motion to approve made by: Skip Lantz 2nd by: Chuck Craynon, Post 217. Motion carried. Red spoke afterwards & thanked everyone for their support over the years. Kent Long presented him with a plaque for his service.

Dan Metzgar, Post 444, 1st Vice Commander, gave Membership Report. We are currently in 9th place in Department. We have 6 quota Posts: Spencerville, Waynesfield, Belle Center, West Mansfield, Jackson Center, Ohio City. Larry from Jackson Center, Post 493, was presented a certificate, check & plaque for meeting quota.

Butch Meharg, 2nd Vice Commander, gave Activities Report. Information on line for annual bowling tournament. Also discussed BBS, Department Convention, 100th National Convention. Dan Metzgar's Installation Ceremony 11 AUG at Post 323 St Marys – time TBD.

Judge Advocate: Not present/No report given.

John Wagner performed Past Commanders raffle.

Jim Fast gave Chaplain Report to include Sick Call.

Committee Reports:

Law & Order: Chuck Craynon, Post 217: No Lifesaver of the Year awarded this year (Mike Homan, Post 241 asked why their candidate wasn't considered – Chuck to follow up with him afterwards). Law Officer of the Year: Wood County Sheriff. Firefighter of the Year from Blanchard.

Americanism: Chuck Craynon, Post 217: No Eagle Scout of the Year award this year- neither application was valid. Educator of the Year came from 3rd District.

Chuck Craynon, Post 217, spoke on behalf of Jean Wilson, who is running for Department 2nd Vice Commander.

Children & Youth: Ken Schutz, Post 178: Haven't met since last meeting. Scheduled to meet at Department Convention.

Credentials: Harold Krieg, Post 241: Summer Convention Voting Strength 28. Motion made by Harold Krieg, 2nd: Chuck Craynon. Voting strength approved. Harold made motion to suspend rules so business of Convention can be pursued. 2nd: Robert Lantz. Passed.

Employment: Robert Moreland, Post 96: He was unable to make conference call so no report.

Gifts for Yanks: Paul Maurer, Post 241: Meeting coming up in 2 weeks.

Legion Riders: John Barker, Post 210: Encouraged all Posts to organize if doesn't have one. Discussed upcoming Poker Run and the charitable organizations the funds go to.

National Security: John McJunkin, Post 323: No meeting.

Public Relations: John McJunkin, Post 323: No meeting.

Oratorical: Virgil Arling, Post 387: No report.

POW/MIA: John Randolph: No report

Religious Emphasis: Included in Chaplains Report.

S.A.L. Advisor: Mike Homan, Post 241: Membership reviewed. Party bus event occurred – everyone seemed to enjoy. Raffle tickets available.

Resolutions: John Eccard, Post 191: Discussed proposed resolution to increase per capita dues from \$9 to \$18 created by Post 587.

Task Force: Ken Schutz, Post 178: Not called upon this year

Trustees: Mike Homan: All bills have been paid. Thanked Red for his service.

Special Olympics: Robert McCulloch, Post 173: No Report.

BBS: Jim Koppin, Post 446: 10- 17 JUN. Post will no longer be refunded – process now in place for alternates to be placed in those slots and if no boy found the money will be donated to help cover costs. Jim recommends identifying and interviewing boys prior to sending in money. Jackson Center & Lima have representatives for the first time in a while. Volunteers welcome.

County Commanders

Auglaize County: Mike Homan, Post 241 – Reviewed facts he gathered in preparation for upcoming Memorial Day services.

Allen County: John Eccard, Post 191 – Reviewed activities from year.

Logan County: Robert “Skip” Lantz, Post – Reintroduced himself since has been out for a bit. Reviewed upcoming Memorial Day activities at various Posts.

No other County reports given.

County Commanders for 2018 – 2019

Allen County: John Eccard

Auglaize County: Mike Homan

Hardin County: Larry Phillips

Logan County: Robert Lantz

Mercer County: John Barker, Post 210

Shelby County: Larry Foltz, Post 446

Van Wert County: Loren Pancake

Robert Moreland made motion to ratify county commanders. 2nd:Chuck Craynon. County Commanders ratified.

Committees for Department Convention

Americanism: Chuck Craynon, Post 217

Child Welfare: Ken Schutz,

National Security: John McJunkin

Constitutional Amendments: open

Resolutions: Harold Krieg

Credentials: Harold Krieg

Permanent Organization: Red Feltz

Rules & Order of Business: Harold Krieg

Legislative: Mike Homan

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation: Chuck Craynon

Motion to approve by Red Feltz, 2nd by Robert Moreland. Motion carried.

Candidates for all offices were asked to leave the room.

Nomination for Dan Metzgar for Commander given by John McJunkin. 2nd given by Red Feltz. Chuck Craynon made motion for nominations to be closed and 1 unanimous vote be cast. 2nd John Eccard Vote occurred. Passed. Adjutant placed one unanimous vote for Dan Metzgar as Commander of the 2nd District. Dan thanked everyone.

Nomination for Robert “Butch” Meharg for 1st Vice Commander given by John McJunkin. 2nd given by Red Feltz. Chuck Craynon made motion for nominations to be closed and 1 unanimous vote be cast. 2nd: John Eccard Vote occurred. Passed. Adjutant placed one unanimous vote for Butch Meharg as 1st Vice Commander of the 2nd District. Butch spoke.

Kent asked for nomination for 2nd Vice Commander – currently open.

Nomination for Harold Krieg for Finance Officer given by John McJunkin. 2nd given by Ray Stamm, Post 173. Chuck Craynon made motion for nominations to be closed and 1 unanimous vote be cast. 2nd: Red Feltz. Vote occurred. Passed. Adjutant placed one unanimous vote for Harold Krieg as Finance Officer of the 2nd District.

Kent asked for nominations for Trustee. Ray Stamm nominated Ken Schutz, 2nd: Chuck Craynon.

Ratification of Delegates to National Convention

Shelby – Chuck Craynon

Mike Homan nominated John McJunkin for Auglaize County

Paul Mauer

John McJunkin nominated Ken Schutz

1 opening – 2nd District will have 4.

Chuck Craynon made motion to close nominations for delegates to National Convention. 2nd: John Eccard. Motion carried.

Good of the Legion:

Kent recognized Shirley Mauer and Ruth Schutz of the Ladies Auxiliary.

If anyone is interested in helping at Department Convention let Kent know. Will also need help in our hospitality room, that will be located in the Crowne Plaza.

John Wagner reminded everyone that new officers will need to be identified for Past Commanders Association.

John McJunkin asked Kent Long for update on Department personnel/vacancies. Kent reviewed.

Ken Schutz updated that a Past County Commander from Van Wert passed last week.

\$33 50/50 winner: Ken Schutz

Red invited everyone to his appreciation party on 3 JUN from 1-3 at Coldwater Legion.

Adjourned at 11:09.