

THE SECOND DISTRICT
American Legion Department of Ohio
“Second to None”
Second District Summer Convention Minutes
Sunday May 22, 2022; Harold Kerr Post 173, Bellefontaine, OH

Meeting was convened in normal American Legion protocol by District Commander Mike Homan, Post 241, New Bremen at 09:05 with 22 members present representing 10 Post.

Invocation was given by Adjutant Kent Long, Van Wert Post 178.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by District 1st Vice Tim Shaw, Post 173, Bellefontaine.

Preamble to the American Legion Constitution was led by Tim Shaw, Post 173, Bellefontaine.

Greetings were given to the conference by 2nd Dist Auxiliary President Shirley Maurer, New Bremen Unit 241.

Reading of the minutes from the Winter Conference was suspended with a motion from Ray Stamm, Post 173, Bellefontaine. The motion was 2nd by Steve Lawrence, Post 493, Jackson Center. Motion carried to suspend the reading of the minutes.

District Treasurer, Harold Krieg, New Bremen Post 241, presented the financial report. Checkbook balance as of May 22, 2022 is \$16,115.45. Total District Fund is \$37,015.74. No outstanding bills to date. Harold made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Donald “Red” Feltz, Coldwater Post 470, seconded that motion. Motion carried.

District 1st Vice Tim Shaw, Post 173, Bellefontaine presented the membership report to the convention. The district has 20 Post that made quota. He also reported that Department is working through a glitch recognizing all post making quota in September through November for monetary award from Department. Please let Tim know if you made quota in this time span and haven’t received a check. The district needs 19 members before May 31 to make quota.

Judge Advocate Report. Paul Weihe, Post 444, New Knoxville reported that all Post Constitutions and By-Laws will need to be revised to include the member disciplinary action approved by Department. He also advised that Post move any money limits identified in their constitution to their by-laws. Send updated constitution and by-laws to Paul for review and submit to department.

Committee Reports:

Boy State: Chairman Jim Koppin, Anna Post 446 announced that BBS has signed a new 10-year contract with Miami University. Delegate fee charged to Post will remain at \$300. Governor Dewine will visit the Program on Tuesday this year. Still time to find delegates and staff.

Children and Youth: Chairman Ken Schutz, Van Wert Post 178 advises posts, when making a check donation, to make it out to Children and Youth if you want the money to stay in Ohio. Checks made out to Child Welfare Foundation will go to National.

Credentials: Chairman Harold Krieg, New Bremen Post 241 gave is report on the voting strength for the Summer Convention. At close of registration voting strength was set at 20. Harold made a motion to suspend the rules to conduct the business of the convention. The motion seconded by Walter Meharg, Post 241, New Bremen. Motion carried.

Gift for Yanks: Chairman Brenda Clark, New Bremen Post 241, reported that Department of Ohio received \$149,000 to a goal of \$150,000. Brenda reported that \$13,000 was Second Districts portion. GFY committee will be giving \$25 gift cards this year.

Legislative: Resolution for changing the Post Membership Charter limits in Ohio from 25 to 15 will be voted on at Department convention.

VA & R: Jim Koppin, Post 446 Anna reported for Chairman Chuck Craynon, Post 217, Sidney. VA is looking to place a CBOC unit in the area of Miami or Shelby Counties.

American Legion Riders: No Report. It was viewed channel 35, Lima, posted a news clip about the Legion Riders Department of Ohio Legacy Ride.

Public Relations: Get your events to John for posting.

National Security/POW: No pins yet for POW.

Religious Emphasis: Prayers needed for John MCJunkin, Post 323 as he goes through treatment for healing. And for healing with Chuck Craynon.

Resolutions: Walter Meharg, Post 241, New Bremen reported the Department of Ohio has submitted a resolution for hosting the National Convention in Columbus for 2028.

SAL Advisor: Mike Homan reported out on the Sons of the American Legion. District SAL's are at 97.9% to quota. Mendon Squadron 2019 now has their charter. Squadrons should work to get their officer certification forms in on time. Also please review and update their Squadron Data form for National.

County Commander Reports

Logan County: Commander Tim Shaw, Post 173, Bellefontaine reported that county is preparing for Memorial Day celebrations.

Shelby County: Commander Steve Lawrence, Post 493, Jackson Center reported that county is preparing for Memorial Day celebrations.

Van Wert County: Commander Ken Schutz, Post 178, Van Wert reported that county is preparing for Memorial Day celebrations and Van Wert Post 178 is preparing for 4th of July parade. Invited District Post to have an entry in the parade.

Trustee Report: All bill submitted have been paid.

Election of Officers

District Commander Nomination: Walter Meharg, Post 241, New Bremen made a motion to nominate Tim Shaw, Post 173, Bellefontaine, for District Commander 2022/2023. Nomination seconded by Bob McCullum, Post 173, Bellefontaine. Motion carried. With no other candidates, Donald "Red" Feltz, Coldwater Post 470 moved the nomination to closed, the rules be suspended, the adjutant be instructed

to cast one vote showing that Tim Shaw be elected Second District Commander by acclamation. Jim Koppin, Post 446 Anna, seconded that motion. Motion carried. 1st Vice Commander Nomination: Tim Shaw, Bellefontaine 173 made a motion to nominate Tom Tierney, Celina Post 210 for District 1st Vice Commander 2022/2023. Nomination seconded by Ken Schutz, Van Wert Post 178. Motion carried. With no other candidates, Donald “Red” Feltz, Coldwater Post 470 moved the nomination to closed, the rules be suspended, the adjutant be instructed to cast one vote showing that Tom Tierney be elected Second District 1st Vice Commander by acclamation. Walter Meharg, New Bremen Post 241 seconded that motion. Motion carried.

District Trustee Nomination: Donald “Red” Feltz, Coldwater Post 470 made a motion to nominate Ray Stamm, Bellefontaine Post 173 for a 3-year term as District Trustee. Harold Krieg, New Bremen Post 241 seconded that motion. Motion carried. With no other candidates, Donald “Red” Feltz moved the nomination to closed, the rules be suspended, the adjutant be instructed to cast one vote showing that Ray Stamm be elected Second District Trustee for a 3-year term by acclamation. Lori Maben, Bellefontaine Post 173 seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Good of the Legion

Jim Koppin, Anna Post 446 purposed a thought to ponder for the district to consider moving the attire for District Conferences to Legion Casual (Post or District Polo).

Lori Maben, Bellefontaine Post 173 reported on an upcoming bus trip to Washington DC and the memorials. This is an invitation to the district’s WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veterans. Scott Stewart, Logan County Vets to DC President, is the contact. He can be reached at slstewart1988@yahoo.com or (937)-407-6766

At 10:40 AM Ken Schutz, President, PDC, moved that the convention be suspended to conduct PDC business. Donald “Red” Feltz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harold Krieg, New Bremen Post 241 made a motion to reconvene the convention, seconded by Jody Burge, New Bremen Post 241

Benediction presented by Chaplain Jody Burge, New Bremen Post 241.

With no further business the District Summer Convention was adjourned in normal legion fashion by Commander Homan at 10:50 AM

Kent Long, Adjutant
2nd District