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Delaware Veterans Post # 1

General Membership Meeting

March 1, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Commander Bob Onorato at 7:30 PM.

All cell phones were silenced, and hats removed.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was rendered by all attendees.

Previous General Membership Meeting Minutes – Commander Onorato asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting on February 1, 2023. A motion was made by Bob Morris to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Gerry Stauffer, passed by a voice vote.

Before the Commander requested the reading of the Executive Board minutes, he wanted to make sure that all members present, were informed to how our meeting process worked. Once the E-Board minutes were read and accepted by the membership you are now giving the Board permission to move forward with expenditures and or projects. The Commander also informed the membership that there were two special Board meetings to discuss the upcoming repairs to the swimming pool. The Commander advised everyone to pay close attention to the minutes as there are important items that need to be approved rather quickly.

Previous E-Board Minutes – The Commander asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the February 14th E-Board meeting. Draft minutes were read by the Secretary. The Commander asked for any questions or corrections to the minutes: There were no questions. A motion was made by Gerry Stauffer to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Ron Gower: Passed by a voice vote.

Special E-Board Meeting Minutes 2/23/23 – The Commander asked E-Board President Bob Morris to read the minutes for this meeting as the Secretary was not present for this meeting. President Morris noted that this meeting was set to meet with Aquasafe Pool Management Co. and to hear their proposal for operating the swimming pool for the 2023 season. President Morris read the minutes and the

Commander opened the floor for questions; Hearing no questions from the floor, Gerry Stauffer made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Harvey Freville, passed by a voice vote.

Special E-Board Meeting Minutes 2/28/23 – The Commander asked the secretary to read the minutes from the February 28th special E-Board meeting. The Secretary read the minutes that contained three (3) motions by the Board. The first motion was to hire Aquasafe Pool Management Co. for the 2023 season at a cost of \$84,000.00 dollars. The second was to have the pool pumping and drain lines pressure tested to determine where the leak or leaks are in the pool system at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00 dollars. It was noted that since the new pool management contract was going to increase the cost to the Post by 40%, there was a motion to increase pool membership dues by 20%. This increase would be split between the Post and the Pool. The Commander opened the floor for questions:

Vince Knoll inquired if Neptune Pool Management Co. was asked to bid on the contract this year? The Commander responded no.

Jim Ebright asked what was the cost of last year's contract? The Commander responded \$60,000.00 dollars. Jim wanted to know why there is such a price increase in the new contract. The Secretary responded that Neptune's original proposed contract bid for 2021 was for \$70,000.00 but since they were seeking new business, they lowered their price to \$60,000.00. Once they lowered their price, we locked them into a two-year deal at that price.

Joe Koslowski asked if the pool companies that are bidding for the work perform child background checks? The answer was yes.

Florie Henry stated that she did not believe that four lifeguards were going to be enough to handle the pool. The Commander stated that the pool management companies use the formula of one lifeguard for every 50 people. Patty Rosbrow stated that she agreed with Florie on her position. President Morris addressed the matter by stating that the pool companies do not make that number up, that it is a county code for all swimming pools.

Jim Connors asked about the fifty (50) person per guard formula, was that fifty persons total in the water and pool deck area or just in the water. The answer was in the water.

There were no other questions, Jim Brannon made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Gerry Stauffer, passed by a voice vote.

The Treasurers Report – Treasurer Elect Ed Herman reported for Treasurer Bob Walker, net income for January 2023 was \$20,805.00. Ed noted that incoming Post dues were one reason that we are doing well at the start of the year. Motion was made by Harvey Freville to approve the Treasurers Report. Bob Morris seconded the motion; passed by a voice vote.

Committee Reports

- **Vice Commander** –Vice Commander John Pastor reported that he and Rick Rambo attended the meeting at the Commission for Veterans Affairs in Dover and that two DelVet flags were delivered to the Veteran Cemetery. John also reported that Nancy Talley’s birthday was in March.
- **Executive Board** – President Morris stated that as you can see, the Board has been quite busy with the pool repair project.
- **Finance Committee** – No report
- **Home Inc.** – Jim Brannon reported that a meeting was held on February 18th with Home Inc. Board members and Sam Minutola. Jim stated that Sam reviewed the roles and responsibilities of Home Inc. with the members and provided Jim with a thumb drive that contained the current by-laws for Home Inc. Jim stated that elections were held, and the following positions filled: Jim Brannon - President, Frank Dobson - Vice President, Ken Durizzio - Secretary
- **By Laws Committee** – No report
- **Bar Committee** –No report

- **Chaplain** – The Chaplin was not present. The Commander reported on Post members that passed away recently:

Dave Reiher

Pam Smith

Jim Ebright advised that retired Master Chief Petty Officer Ron Littlejohn passed away also.

Andie Chernekoff advised that John Ratkovic had his knee replaced.

- **Veteran Affairs** – Rick Rambo Reported that he and John Pastor attended the commission meeting in Dover and that nothing of importance was discussed. He also advised that he has applied for the open at – large commission seat. Rick stated that he visited the VA hospital in Elsmere and picked up applications for Veterans to apply for medical care. Rick advised on upcoming Veterans events – March 11th, women’s veterans’ event at the Delaware military museum, April 14th, Vietnam Veterans oyster fest.
- **Entertainment** – Vince Vandenbrak reported on the following upcoming events: March 2nd – pizza and wings night, March 12 – Blues show in the hall, March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day dinner with Irish dancers in the hall, March 18th – Entertainment in the lounge.
- **Rentals** – John Descioli was not present – The Vice Commander advised that the rental schedule for April, may & June were almost full.
- **WACS** – Lauren Cullumber reported on the chili cook off that was held on Saturday, 2/25. There were ten entries and the WAC’s did very well overall from the event. Lauren wanted to recognize Diane Onorato for taking the allotted \$500.00 dollars and obtaining \$3,500.00 worth of items for Child Inc. donations. Whacky Bingo will be held Tuesday night featuring Jim Hagues cheese steaks. The tickets for the St. Patrick’s Day dinner will be available from the bartender.
- **Kitchen** – Andi Chernekoff reported that the Kitchen volunteers have been doing a great job as always. She noted that the next big event that we have to prepare for is the blues show. Andie stated that they are planning to have a

Phillies opening day – dollar day. All items provided by the kitchen will cost one dollar.

- **Pool** – No report
- **Sports** – The Commander noted that the Delaware Military Academy wrestling team won the state championship. Post members Dan & Jen Avery’s son is a member of the team, congratulations.
- **Grounds** Post & Pool cleanup scheduled for May 13th @ 10:00 a.m.
- **In House Committee** – Chip Roop reported that the switch to led lighting is complete in all areas of the Post except the pool ladies’ room and the mechanical room downstairs. Chip wanted to thank Steve Hill for his donation of LED bulbs which saved the Post \$400.00. He also wanted to thank Bill Frank for his assistance with the lighting and other projects around the Post. Chip also knows someone in the business of cleaning awnings and would investigate pricing to have all of the outside awnings cleaned.
- **Membership** – Jim Biddle reported:

1st Reads

Name	Branch
Alexander Kayea	USANG – (Active Duty) not present.
William Krupa	USA – not present.
Richard E. Longo	USAF (Active Duty) not present.
Sheldon Slater	USAF - not present.
Glenn Budden	USANG - present
Ron Thomson	USAF - present
John Mrowca	USA - not present.

2nd Reads

Name	Branch
James Detzi	USANG – not present.
Dennis Spivack	USN - not present.
Wesley Staulters	USAF - present
Melanie Barth	USAR – present
David Miller	USN – not present.

Daniel Culhane MM - not present.

- **Progressive Raffle – Art Chernekoff – No report**
- **Honor Guard – No report**
- **Scholarship – Mike Phillips – Mike stated that we have a total of 5 applicants. The committee is reviewing the applications and will begin scheduling interviews and ultimately make a recommendation to the E-Board.**
- **Baseball – No Report**
- **Swim Team – The swim team will be hosting its annual Beef & Beer fundraiser on March 31st.**
- **Public Relations – Florie Henry – No report**
- **Welcoming Committee – Ed Brinkman – No report**

Old Business – No old business

New Business – No new business

Good of the Order – Jim Ebright commented on how bright the new lighting was in the hall men's room.

50/50 – Neal Hobbs won \$110; Post received \$110 from ticket purchases.

Secretary mark Schilling recited the Del Vets Prayer.

Taps was sounded.

Motion was made by Bob Morris to adjourn the meeting. Harvey Freville seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary Mark Schilling