

**AMERICAN LEGION Loyd Spetz Post No. 1**  
**POST MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 10, 2023**

Golf Tournament: Rick Kramlich is working on the Golf Date

Picnic: Russ Kroshus was going to set that up

Standdown: AMVETS will be hosting the standdown. The tentative time frame is August 2023.

Baseball Raffle:

Commander Russ is the State Baseball Captain

The Parks and Rec would like the Bismarck Baseball Boosters to take over the Babe Ruth and the Legion Baseball. This will not happen until 2024, but there are conversations going on about the hand off to the Bismarck Baseball Boosters.

There will be a baseball raffle this year, it will run the same way as last year.

Legislation:

No Report

Boys State:

We have one young gentleman

PSA will go out again the end of April beginning of May

Poppies:

We noted at the Executive Committee meeting is the Auxiliary normally takes care of the Poppies.

Memorial Day:

Memorial Day is in the planning stages.

The Bismarck Veteran Organizations that used to have a ceremony at the Heritage Center is no longer happening. There will be live streaming of the event that you can watch from your home. The history of the Memorial Day Ceremony – the local veteran organizations used to have their program at the state capitol. Since the veterans cemetery opened, they have also had a program and the program that used to be held at the state capitol is no longer happening.

Special Events:

Visiting Veterans: Last week's was cancelled.

Haycreek: 21April2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Slate of Officers:

If we have any nominations for any of the offices, let us know.

The by laws state the April meeting is when we elect the officers, the May meeting is when the newly elected officers are sworn in. The March meeting we are supposed to announce the

candidates for office. In the past, we have had a nominating committee (the past three commanders). The people stay in their office positions until they are relieved. The officer positions have been posted in the newsletter for the past couple months. Post 1 did not have a meeting in March due to the snow storm. Al Walker made a motion to stand in place until the post gets the elections and officers squared away, second by Bob Wefald. Motion carried.

#### Discussion:

Arnie Havelka: Who are some of our officers going to be. Do we want to have the Adjutant being the Commander at the same time? The adjutant in the bigger post is busy. We are having problems contacting our adjutant to get a response. Arnie thinks this is a conflict of interest. The executive committee should not have to make the decision on everything. They can make a proposal and then bring it to the membership post meeting.

Bob Wefald: Adjutants in the past have been adjutants that were also commanders. We relied on the executive committee to balance that out.

#### Sick Call:

Kari, the manager of the AMVETS, her husband has been living in Canada and she has been here. Due to COVID she has not been able to go back and forth. Her husband recently passed away unexpectedly so she will be out of the office for some time.

Old Business: None

#### New Business:

Mamie Havelka has been talking to people about Boys and Girls state. If we find someone not in our local area, would we like to sponsor them? Bob Wefald mentioned the post should sponsor anybody that wants to attend. Some of these people are Mamie's cousins and relatives. We can use gaming funds for their Boys State tuition. Al Walker made a motion to open up the applications to a wider area, not just local.

If we have individuals that want to attend, and their local post cannot sponsor we should get notified and we can sponsor them or provide the funds to the post so they individual can get sponsored by their local post.

Is there a limit that Post 1 can sponsor for Boys state? No

We could have the District Commanders push out this information to the posts in their district.

Can the school district push this information out to the schools.

Mamie did the Public Service Announcement for Boys State. The Auxiliary was asked to join the announcements for Girls State, but they did not want to participate in the PSA. The Boys and Girls state PSA's will be together in the future.

Unfinished Business:

National Emergency Fund. If you have an emergency, you can apply for emergency funds (between \$1,000-\$3,000). In the past, we have given a little bit of money. We have not this year yet, we can put in a request to the gaming. The post received \$1,500 and it was supposed to get sent to the HQ in increments of \$500 for three years. \$500 does not go very far when donating to the NEF. This goes to the National Emergency Fund, it is not a local fund. You have to be a legionnaire to receive funds from the NEF. Mamie will suggest a donation to the NEF for \$10,000 at the executive committee meeting in May.

For the Good of the Legion:

Al Walker has a petition for those who want to sign it to control Bismarck taxing.

The meeting adjourned.