



American Legion
Department of Wisconsin
8th District Executive Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2013, 1900 hrs Rivers Bar and Supper Club, Amherst, WI

1. The meeting was called to order by District Commander Jerry Krofta at 1900hrs followed by a salute to the colors. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the POW/MIA ceremony, and the recitation of the Preamble. Chaplain Frank Wozniak gave an opening prayer.
2. The roll call and determination of quorum was completed by Adjutant Jason Nagorsky with the following results:

Members Present: Jerry Krofta, Sam Solberg, Jim Young, Ron Fregien, Jason Nagorsky, David Jensen, Frank Wozniak, Don Southworth, Cathy Gorst, Mike Zapka, Jim Jaeger, and Dave Vandre.

Members Excused: Pat Borchardt, Marty Czarnecki

Members Absent: Larry Olson

Guests Present: Frank Wozniak, Cathy Gorst, Don Southworth, David Jensen and Dan Rindt

1. Reports:
 - a. 8th District Commander Jerry Krofta
Reported on 8th District membership, including members who paid their dues after December of last year. He asked that they be contacted and encouraged to pay their dues prior to January of this membership year. He also reported on his activities since the Department Convention.
 - b. 1st Vice Commander Sam Solberg
No report
 - c. 2nd Vice Commander Jim Young
Reported on his activities since the Department Convention.
 - d. 3rd Vice Commander Ron Fregien
Reported on his activities since the Department Convention.
 - e. Treasurer David Jensen
Gave a finance report and listed the posts that had not paid their 2013 dues. Cathy Gorst made a motion to accept the finance report, second by Jim Jaeger. The motion passed.
 - f. Adjutant Jason Nagorsky
No report
 - g. Former Adjutant Arien Herminath
Reported on posts that had not updated their 2013 officer and committee lists.
 - h. Chaplain Frank Wozniak

Reported on the sick call cards he sent out and his other chaplain-related activities since the Department Convention. He asked to be kept informed of comrades in need.

- i. Historian Don Southworth
Commander Krofta asked Don to serve as Historian for the next two years. Don accepted and Commander Krofta made a motion to that effect. Frank Wozniak seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Don reported on the history book he completed for Past-8th District Commander Rindt and turned in to Department. The book will be presented to Department Vice-Commander Rindt at the upcoming 8th District Conference at Post 263 New London.
- j. Judge Advocate Cathy Gorst
No report.
- k. Sgt-at-Arms Jim Jaeger
No report.
- l. Sgt-at-Arms Mike Zapka
No report.
- m. County Commanders
 - i. Marathon Pat Borchardt (Exc)
 - ii. Portage Dave Vandre
No report.
 - iii. Shawano/Menomonee Larry Olsen (Abs)
 - iv. Waupaca Jim Jaeger
Reported on Waupaca County Post activities.
 - v. Waushara Marty Czarnecki (Exc)
 - vi. Wood Ron Fregien
Reported on Wood County Post activities.

2. Communications:

- a. The 2009 8th District Constitution and By Laws is posted on the 8th District website. Commander Southworth suggested that everyone review this document and asked that copies be available for distribution at the 8th District Fall Conference. Dave Jensen made a motion that 50 copies of the current 8th District Constitution and By Laws be printed for distribution at the Conference, second by Don Southworth. The motion passed.

3. Old Business:

- a. Commander Krofta reported that District 8 did not have an Oratorical Chairman so that would be his responsibility this year. He reserved McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids on 1 February for the 8th District Oratorical Contest.
- b. Commander Krofta spoke about LIT-related DVDs that were sent out to the posts. Some officers said they had not received the DVDs.
- c. Commander Rindt spoke about the Legion Riders program to place wreaths at the cemetery at King. They are looking for support and participation in this program.
- d. Legionnaire Herminath reported that the 2013 8th District Fall Dispatch would be published in November.
- e. Commander Rindt reminded everyone to check their Post and County By Laws and update them.

4. New Business:
 - a. Commander Krofta spoke about the need for posts to have DD-214s on file. The IRS is checking on them and will fine posts that do not have them on hand for their members. It was noted that posts can black out the SSNs on the forms as this information is not required by the IRS.
 - b. In response to a question about Legionnaires not receiving their dues notices, Department Commander Dan Rindt acknowledged that this has been a problem. He added that Department is looking into the problem which is probably related to a computer glitch at National.
 - c. Commander Krofta handed out minutes from the Department Executive Committee to District Officers to use in their reports to the 8th District Conference on Saturday.
 - d. Commander Krofta then spoke about several lucrative membership incentives being offered by the current Department Commander.
 - e. Commander Krofta said one of Department Rynes' goals, a goal he supports, is to have a SAL Squadron in every county in the 8th District. He asked Waushara County for support in this area.
 - f. Commander Krofta then invited 8th District Auxiliary President Joan Wilkinson to say a few words. She thanked Commander Krofta for inviting her and they discussed several agenda items for the joint 8th District Conference on Saturday.
 - g. Commander Krofta spoke about the Department Bowling Tournament in Watertown from March 15 to June 7. The tournament is open to the entire Legion family, Auxiliar and SAL members are invited to attend.
 5. Important Dates:
 - a. 8th District Fall Conference on 26 October, Crystal Falls in New London
 6. Next Meeting of this Body: Where: Here / When: Tuesday, May 13 prior to the Saturday, May 17 2014 8th District Spring Conference at Post 442 Wisconsin Rapids
 7. Meeting Adjournment
 - a. Acting Chaplain Frank Wozniak offered a closing Prayer.
 - b. The POW/MIA flag was removed from the empty chair
 - c. A salute to the colors was offered and the meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours
- Meeting minutes submitted by: Arien Herminath, former 8th District Adjutant