



THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
8th DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

10 May 2016 1900hrs River Bar & Supper Club, Amherst, WI

The meeting was called to order by 8th District Commander Jim Young at 1900 hours followed by a salute to the colors. The Acting Chaplain led a prayer. Commander Young led the POW/MIA ceremony, and the Sgt.-at-Arms placed the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair. The 1st Vice Commander led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 3rd Vice Commander led the recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

A roll call of officers was completed.

District Commander Young introduced the guests.

Department Vice Commander Krofta gave a report on the 2016 Badger Boys State program. He said that the program was looking for additional candidates and/or donations for this year's program. Sponsorship for a boy is \$250, but they will take donations of any amount toward sponsoring an alternate candidate.

He also spoke about Department Policy Committee activities, including the fact that Bylaw information could now be found

on line in case disciplinary action should be required for any reason.

The District Officers reported on their activities during the past six months. Vice Commander Jaeger reported that Portage County attendance was down and they did not have a quorum at their last meeting to elect new officers. He added that the Portage County did not have bylaws and was working on the problem. The County Commanders reported on past, current and planned activities by their posts. Ron Miller, Wood County Commander, announced that he had joined King Post 161 and would step down as Wood County Commander.

The Finance Officer gave a report on 8th District financial activities.

The Adjutant said he continues to get calls for information that is posted on the 8th District website wilegion8.org. He asked that District and County officers remind Post officers that we have a website and encourage them to use it. Department Vice Commander Krofta recommended that the 8th District add links on its website to the 8th District post websites.

Ron Miller gave a report on his volunteer service at King and an overview of the ongoing veterans support programs at that location.

Commander Krofta passed out certificates to Ron Miller and Neil Pope for outstanding support the American Legion programs.

Commander Young asked for the names and addresses of the Legionnaires on sick call so the District could send out get well cards.

Commander Young reminded the Post to continue to work on their annual reports for the 2016 program year.

He announced that the 8th District was looking for bids to host the 2016 Fall Conference and 2017 Spring Conferences. Bids for the above conference will be discussed at the upcoming 2016 Spring Conference.

Being no further business, the POW/MIA flag was removed from the empty chair, a closing prayer was offered followed by a salute to the colors.

Commander Young adjourned the meeting at 2000 hrs.

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8th District Adjutant