



American Legion  
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

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MINUTES  
Executive Committee Meeting  
June 9th, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by committee chair *Past Commander Marty Farrell*. All Post officers and committee members were present. Guests included Legionnaires *Lisa Dernovish, Mark Sharples, Ed Lively* and *Bob Quinn*. SAL Squadron 201 Commander *Derek Garmon* was also present.

Chairman Farrell asked if there were any guest presentations. There were two:

Lisa Dernovish – Gave details of a proposed fund raising raffle with upscale prizes including Delta airline travel and a stay at a Marriott resort. Tickets would be five dollars each and the prize would be awarded Labor Day. Discussion resulted in minor changes that include allowing unlimited tickets sales and a selling period right up until the day of the drawing. Promotional costs will be deducted from the proceeds. The raffle as changed was approved and the Post will write letters of appreciation to the two firms.

Derek Garmon – Said that the SAL's annual golf tournament will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and the SAL needed to reserve the main hall for that day. The request was approved.

Reports

House Committee – *SVC Shannon Gott* reported that the committee had met in executive session to discuss disciplinary matters involving a Legionnaire. He gave a recap of the original three charge sheets and said that two were withdrawn leaving one active charge. The Legion member was charged with calling the police on another member without just cause. The police stopped the innocent member after he left the Post causing the member embarrassment and personal discomfort. The offending member is barred from the Post except for official Legion meetings and events open to the general public and will have to present himself at a future meeting of the House Committee for adjudication of the charge.

The Post 201 marquee sign needs new letters to complete its refurbishment – House committee chair *Gott* asked for NTE \$250 to obtain the letters. Committee approved the amount.

PC Byrd – gave a continuing update on "Roy Bingo", a form of 50/50 brought up at a meeting in January. The Sheriff's Dept. has been given relevant information about the raffle and we will be permitted to conduct one raffle a day. He is getting SAL and ALA involvement and requested a motion to approve conducting the raffle when procedures are finalized. Motion approved.



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*Commander Byrd* said that he was working with Roswell Post 319 on a possible merger which would bring their approx. 50 members into Post 201. Post 319 would then be deactivated by the Dept. of Georgia. The merger needs the approval of the gaining Post (201) and the members of Post 319. It would also involve the transfer of Post 319's assets, if any, to Post 201. Discussion ensued concerning acceptance of any liabilities such as debts, contracts, etc. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the merger but not to accept any liabilities. *PC Byrd* will head up a merger committee.

*Commander Byrd* said that he was approached by a dance group who wants to rent our main hall on Wednesdays for use by approx. 100 dancers. They want to split proceeds 50/50 with us, they will do set up and tear down. They also want drinks to be sold at members' prices. There was a discussion of details of any agreement to include bar prices and the potential impact on the Wednesday monthly meeting of the Purple Heart. A motion was made to further discuss the arrangements with the group with special concern for the Military Order of the Purple Heart and to proceed for a trial period of 30 days. The motion passed with one nay.

The executive committee talked about cleaning out and refurbishing the large room at the rear of the hall and using it for small group meetings. This will be pursued.

A spirited discussion took place about drink prices, members vs. non-members, the obligations and requirements of our liquor license. *Judge Advocate Charles Turner* made a motion that the group *PC Byrd* was working with be required to hire a bartender and pay regular public dance prices for drinks. The motion was seconded and passed – 6 ayes, 2 nays. The action was then tabled until the August executive committee meeting.

*Judge Advocate Turner* and *Commander-elect Dennis Turner* discussed a replacement chair for the Entertainment Committee to fill the vacancy caused by *PC Byrd's* resignation. An excellent candidate is a member of our SAL but it was emphasized that only a Legionnaire can chair a Legion committee. It was decided that the position would be Entertainment Coordinator and serve under the chair of the House Committee.

The committee then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Non-committee members were excused.

The committee voted to reaffirm the club room manager's discretion to set schedules and assign personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant