



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting

August 18, 2015

The meeting, postponed from August 11, was called to order at 6:30PM by *Post Commander Dennis Turner*. All Post officers and committee members were present except *three year executive committee member Bob Quinn* who is dealing with a family medical emergency. Guests included Legionnaires *Mark Childres, Sam Pharis* and *SAL Commander Derek Garmon*.

As per the Post's constitution and bylaws the committee's first order of business was to elect a chair. Jay Coleman was elected unanimously (except for his own "nay" vote).

After assuming the chair Mr. Coleman informed the committee of the resignation of Bob Quinn due to above mentioned family medical issues. His resignation was accepted with expressions of sympathy. *Judge Advocate Charles Turner* gave particulars of the replacement process which calls for a special election at the next regular meeting following announcement of the vacancy on the bulletin board and the website.

House Committee – *Past Commander Gerald Lynch* summarized the committee's August 4th meeting as follows:

1. Recommended that Buildings and Grounds be allowed to spend up to \$1000 on maintenance issues between meetings. Discussion followed and the Executive Committee passed the recommendation.
2. House Committee chair Bob Shafer's name be added to the Clubhouse checking account – Passed.
3. Recommended that the ALA and the SAL each have a representative on the House Committee – *Judy Lively* and *Rick Gimpel* were suggested – Passed.
4. The House Committee chair be the approving authority for hall rentals. Rates set at \$125 per hour with the chair having discretionary authority for adjusting rates due to special circumstances e.g., members' wakes, non-profit civic activities, etc. – Passed.
5. Reaffirmed the previous program to replace old, worn, dirty chairs in the hall at the rate of 10 per month – Passed.

Guest Presentations

Past Commander Marty Farrell – said the local government's moratorium on cell tower construction was about to expire. He gave a brief backgrounder of the Post's cell tower project which has been on hold. He says it may be coming back to life and he passed relevant documents to the commander.

He also mentioned that there seems to be some success taking credit cards at the concession stand and urged their use in the club room and elsewhere in Post business.



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SAL Commander Derek Garmon – the SAL wants to do a fish fry in September on either the 12th or 19th. Discussion ensued about being in conflict with our newly energized kitchen operation. Fish fry hours will be 2:30 to 4:00 PM so as not to impact food sales later- Approved.

Legionnaire Sam Pharis – gave some specs and plans for enclosing the top portion of the deck with sliding windows. He showed a sample of the windows and said the lower railings would be covered with plywood. There would not be doors. Costs would be approx. \$3500. A spirited discussion took place and questions were raised about smoking in the enclosed space? Who will control the operation of the enclosures? What about other costs that will occur? A vote was taken on moving forward with the project and it was defeated 5 Nays, 3 Yeas. The concept was sent back to the House Committee for further study.

Commander Turner – says that he has been made aware that a baseball employee is owed about \$6800 in back pay. He will investigate further and inform the committee what action needs to be taken if any.

Finance Officer Fred Swyters – showed the committee the 2015 IRS Form 990 prepared by our accountant for submission by November. Committee members reviewed submission. He told of finding a refrigerator case for the bar that would replace an old, rusted-out one now in use. \$1000 was previously approved but the new one is \$1175. An increase of \$175 was approved.

JA Charles Turner – said he had submitted an invoice for the minimal expenses for hanging the past commanders' gallery in the main hall. He also asked that the committee approved \$300 in expenses for our esteemed *Past Commander Martha Conway* to represent us at the national convention in Baltimore – Approved.

Chair Jay Coleman – gave an overview of costs and profits of the recent Old Soldiers Day parade. Said that profits were more than \$8000 which is one of the highest years on record.

Past Commander Bob Byrd – said that the merging of Roswell Post 319 into Post 201 is moving along. Post 319 will turn in its charter and its 50 or so members will be afforded the opportunity to transfer into Post 201. The turn-in has to be approved by the Department and National. Some discussion took place as to whether we need to provide workmen's compensation insurance for contract bands paid with an IRS Form 1099 – it was general agreed that we do not.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted
Pete Esker, Adjutant