



American Legion  
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314  
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## MINUTES

### Executive Committee Meeting

January 12, 2016

*Chair Jay Coleman* called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. All Post officers and committee members were present except *Past Commander Bob Byrd* who was excused due to illness. Guests included *SAL Commander Derek Garmon*, *Legionnaire David Vidrine* and *Ms Christine Johnson of Iron Horse Equestrian Therapy*.

#### Guest Presentation

*Ms Johnson of Iron Horse Equestrian Therapy* gave an overview of her program and the physical and mental benefits gained by special needs users' interaction with horses. She especially encouraged veterans who might need help to try the program and will waive all charges for veterans.

#### Reports

House Committee – Minutes provided by *Past Commander Gerald Lynch*, house committee member/recorder, summarized the committee's Jan. 5, 2016 meeting as follows:

1. Motion by *Ricky Gimpel* to be permitted to do a \$25.00 box for Super Bowl. Seconded by *Judy Lively*. Passed
2. Motion by *Sam Farris* to allow a committee for "Cigar Night" on Deck once per month. Guests to sign the book. Seconded by *Paul Sheridan*. Passed
3. Motion by *Paul Sheridan* to post signs for Blood Drive for February 20, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Seconded by *Sam Farris*. Passed
4. Motion by *John Forshee* to put receptacles on wall in the Club Room to hold membership forms for our organizations. *John* volunteered to get it done. Seconded by *Paul Sheridan*. Passed
5. Motion by *Paul Sheridan* to form a committee to manage the "Walk of Memories" maintenance. Died for lack of second.

A motion was made to accept the house committee's report with no actions required - Passed.

Baseball – *Commander Dennis Turner* presented a proposed baseball budget for 2016 that projects revenues at \$139,400 with projected expenses of \$94,000. A net operating income of \$45,400 is the expected result. This represents a substantial increase in revenue from last year.

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported account balances as of Dec. 31, 2015 as follows:

Club House account	\$11,620.12	Post	\$19,571.85
Bingo	13,318.27	Baseball	2,081.85
Walk of Memories	259.50	TOTAL	\$46,851.49

*Finance Officer Swyters* said that this represents a \$15,771.13 increase over 2014.

Land Use Committee – Report was postponed until the next meeting.



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Commander – *Commander Turner* said that recent illnesses and personnel shifts have left us short of people to work the door at the Friday & Saturday dances. *Committee members Mark Sharples* and *Ed Holben* volunteered to help.

Oratorical Contest – Chair Mike Giglio presented a proposed budget of \$650 for the Jan. 30 competition. This would include modest cash awards, medals, and snacks. Past contests were discussed and various members volunteered to help.

Jr. VC Lisa Dernovish – Presented some activities and actions designed to increase attendance in the club room and boost participation and revenue. These included:

- A dice game with a carry-over jackpot that is played at the bar. A motion was made and seconded to approve the game and during discussion its effect on our other gaming licenses was brought up. The motion was approved with 4 Ayes and 3 Nays. Licenses and permits will need to be explored.
- A motion was made and seconded to install an electronic dart board in the club room. The game would be at no cost to the post. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The commander was asked to appoint a committee to expand the use of credit cards within the Post to include the clubroom, kitchen and dues. Names will be provided for appointment.
- The commander was also asked to appoint a committee to study whether Keno should be installed in the club room. Names of possible committee members will be provided.

Mark Sharples – gave an overview of a plan to start a cigar “club” at the Post to bring people in and foster camaraderie. The club would be for members and guests and operate at no cost to the Post. His plan was approved unanimously.

Sr. VC Bob Shafer – reminded the group that we are a membership organization and our actions should be for the benefit of our members and not necessarily the general public. Our unique status also affects our various licenses which should not be put in jeopardy.

Judge Advocate Charles Turner – reported that a membership information box was in place in the club room. It also includes space for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He also talked about info on the Walk of memories.

The committee then went into executive session to discuss employee duties and compensation. Non-members were asked to leave the room and a spirited discussion of recent personnel changes in club room operations ensued. The issues were remanded back to the house committee for further action if necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant