



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting

February 9, 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. Guests included *SAL member Barry Shaw* and the *Sr Vice Commander Roger Schueler of Post 33 in Ottawa, Illinois*.

Guest Presentation

SAL member Shaw gave the committee a briefing on ungrounded electrical outlets and other electrical problems on and under the stage in the main hall. He said that of the nine outlets and three circuits there were mismatches, reversed polarity and lack of grounds. He said that the outlets could be replaced and the circuits repaired for \$450 including parts. A motion to repair/replace NTE \$450 was made, seconded and passed.

Reports

House Committee – Minutes were provided which summarized the committee’s Feb. 2, 2016 meeting as follows:

1. Mark Williams requested we check the electrical grounds under the dance stage. Barry volunteered to do it himself. Income from dances last month was good.
2. Ricky Gimpel reminded us that there is a Super Bowl party this Sunday with a chili contest at 2:00 and wings at 7:00. He also reported that the chef Dusty is beginning to net \$100.00+ per night.
3. Lisa Dernovish requested \$150.00 for additional letters for the sign. Motion made and approved.
4. We had a general discussion about bingo. We are short volunteers but okay for now. Mark Sharples volunteered to help. At this time bingo is by and large being run by SAL members and the Women’s Auxiliary.

The minutes were clarified to reflect that the Legion is still the primary source of volunteers for bingo.

A motion was made to accept the house committee's report - Passed.

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported account balances as of Jan. 31, 2016 as follows:

Club House account	\$10,925.50	Post	\$12,283.85
Bingo	11,672.27	Baseball	7,081.15
Walk of Memories	259.14	TOTAL	\$42,221.91

Finance Officer Swyters also said that he was working to get year to year trending data to the committee to help in financial decision making. He gave the example of the Club Room which grossed \$13,617.41 in January of this year versus a gross of \$14,867.38 in January 2015 – a drop of approx. \$1250 or 9%.



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Land Use Committee – Because a number of issues were still in flux the report was tabled until the April meeting.

Baseball – *Commander Dennis Turner* showed a signed contract with Autersen Baseball and said that Kingsridge would also be starting their season Feb. 23. It was noted that a new higher outfield fence was being constructed. Costs are being covered by the Orkin foundation.

JA Charles Turner – brought up the past participation of the Alpharetta branch of the Varsity Grill in our Old Soldiers Day festivities. He asked whether the recent closing of the Alpharetta facility would change OSD. The committee was told that Varsity HQ has said they will honor their historic commitment to OSD.

JA Turner also invited the committee's attention to the section of our bylaws that deals with replacement of committee members and officers who are repeatedly absent. He mentioned *Past Commander Bob Byrd's* attendance record and recent message indicating a long term future absence. A discussion ensued and the committee voted unanimously to continue without a replacement for *PPC Byrd*.

The old motor home stored on the rear of the property was also a subject for discussion. *JA Turner* says that he saw evidence that it was lived in and he wants to check ownership and restart the removal process. A discussion ensued about the possible legal ramifications and it was voted to table any actions indefinitely.

JA Turner said he will check into what needs be done to obtain/renew our raffle license. He also showed great concern for an apparent lack of change (coins and small bills) at the bar. *House Committee chair Bob Shafer* told him that the occasional issue was taken care of.

Executive Committee Member Mark Sharples said that a checking account has been set up for the recently started Cigar Club. He also said that he was getting a quote on an upgrade of our video surveillance system.

Commander Dennis Turner introduced *Sr. Vice Commander Roger Schueler* of Post 33, Ottawa IL. *SrVC Schueler* thanked the committee for allowing him to attend the meeting and said he was impressed with our use of a pre-prepared agenda and our efficient use of meeting time. *SrVC Schueler* told of some things being done at his post and said that he would be in the area for a couple of months and would like to support our Post in any way he can.

Committee Chair Jay Coleman asked the committee to give great thought to the future of our bingo program. There are only three people covering our two nights and they are rapidly becoming subject to burnout. The program which grosses more than \$30-K a year is in deep trouble and needs volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant 