



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting

March 8, 2016

Chair Jay Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. All Post officers and committee members were present except for *Finance Officer Fred Swyters*, excused, and *Past Commander Bob Byrd* who is on extended absence. Guests included *Mr. Fan Liu*, *Scoutmaster David Cunnold* and *Ass't. Scoutmaster Michael Profitt of Troop 51*.

Guest Presentation

JrVC Lisa Dernovish introduced *Mr. Fan Liu* who demonstrated two electronic signs intended for the club room. The signs scroll pertinent information of events, times, etc. The larger sign is \$450 and the smaller one is \$350. They are programmed from the user's computer and hang on the wall. A one-year warranty is included. After some Q's & A's the committee voted unanimously to purchase the larger sign at \$450.

Ed Holben introduced the leaders of Boy Scout Troop 51 who will become Post 201's troop. The troop has about 25 boys and the participation rate is above 80%. Getting the troop represents almost two years' effort by *Mr. Holben* and the troop leaders expressed their enthusiasm about the matchup.

Reports

House Committee – Minutes were provided which summarized the committee's Mar. 1, 2016 meeting as follows:

1. Mark Williams reported attendance for dances was up in February.
2. Paul Sheridan will be putting up the dart board in the Club Room.
3. Ricky Gimpel informed us about the Saint Patty's day program at 3:00 p.m.
4. Judy Lively proposed and was approved the following: *"Motion that kitchen employee be paid \$10.00 per hour with money coming from the Legion Bingo account for employee hours on Monday and Thursday Bingo sessions; money coming from Entertainment account for employee hours on Friday and Saturday night dance, money coming from Auxiliary account for employee hours on Sunday afternoon Bingo sessions with the exception of 5th Sundays, which will be paid by the SAL. All food will be purchased at the Auxiliary's expense and Auxiliary will retain any profits."*
(Above item was clarified to emphasize that on the occasional month with a 5th week all income goes to the SAL as do all expenses – approved by the committee.)
5. Lisa Dernovish provide a demonstration of a moving script bar to be placed in the Club Room. Large one \$450.00 – Smaller one \$350.00. The committee approved the purchase, leaving the size to the Executive Committee.
6. It was approved for a revised Queen of Hearts to begin on Monday 3/7/16 under revised rules.
7. It was approved that the next dice game will be changed to have a straight get another roll and a full house get a bar chip.
8. It was approved to have Security Guard John be allowed to carry a concealed weapon. It was also approved to put up a sign stating all carry-ins, backpacks etc. are subject to search. The Executive Committee should decide if the no weapons sign should stay or be removed.



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(House Committee chair Shafer gave additional details as to the security person's qualifications and credentials. Question asked about impact on insurance; told that it would have a positive effect. Discussion held about whether it should be concealed carry vs. open carry – it was unanimously decided that it should be open carry. Discussion of whether to remove the "No Weapons..." sign resulted in a motion to retain the signs – motion passed with one Nay.)

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

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported in absentia that account balances as of Mar. 1, 2016 were as follows:

Club House account	\$5,897.50	Post	\$11,347.41
Bingo	13,410.94	Baseball	5,322.70
Walk of Memories	431.55	Cash on Hand	6,800.00
TOTAL \$42,221.91			

The Adjutant reported that, as per our CPA, future financial reports will have comparative data from past years.

Donation for new DAR chapter – *Adjutant* requested a donation NTE \$125 to the new Alpharetta chapter of the DAR for flags, poles and stands to equip their meetings. Donation approved.

Business Plan for Walk of Memories (WoM) – *House Committee chair Shafer* started a discussion about the WoM and its importance to the Post and the community. The unique role of *CW4(Ret.) JR Wages* in creating, expanding and maintaining this major asset was applauded and he will play a pivotal role in committee efforts at insuring adequate funding and support for the future.

Vacancy on Executive Committee – discussion to fill a vacancy was re-opened but because of the closeness of nominations and elections the subject was closed.

Revised General Meeting seating setup – it was approved on a trial basis to move seating to more auditorium style and closer to the head table to improve communication and involvement.

Baseball – *Commander Dennis Turner* said that the Orkin Foundation wants to plant 65 magnolia trees around the outside perimeter of the baseball field. This will be done at their expense. Questions were raised about a need for city approval. A motion was made and seconded to okay the project subject to appropriate permits, etc. Passed with one Nay.

Commander Turner – is meeting on March 9 at 1 PM with our insurance agency to discuss renewal.

JA Charles Turner – asked how many candidates would the Post be sending to Boys State. The commander confirmed ten.

JA Turner also asked how many scholarships would the Post fund this year. He then made a motion that it be limited to two – motion died for lack of a second.

He also inquired as to what was planned for the Legion's birthday later this month. There seemed to be no plans as yet.



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He also reminded the group that an election credentials committee needs to be appointed o/a April 12 and that nominations would be held April 19 followed by elections on May 17. Commander Dennis Turner – said that he would not need funding for per diem at the Spring Conference as he will not be attending. He also alerted the group that he will be honoring two 60-year Legionnaires at this month's general meeting next week. The oratorical contest winner from our Post may also be honored.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pete Esker', written over a faint, large, diagonal watermark that reads 'DRAFT'.