



American Legion  
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

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MINUTES  
Executive Committee Meeting  
January 10, 2017

*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* and *Ed Holben* who were excused. *Membership chair Tom Billings* was also excused as ill. *Legionnaire Brad Baker* was a guest and presenter. *Chair Coleman* said that he was thinking about creating a subcommittee to concentrate on increasing revenue and it would include members from the Legion "family".

Reports

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported that account balances as of December 31, 2016 were as follows:

Club House account	\$7,461.70	Post	\$24,032.92
Bingo	6,039.01	Baseball	1,079.30
Walk of Memories	5,666.07	Cash on Hand	6,700.00
TOTAL \$51,070.80			

The Finance officer noted that we had expenses pending for our New Year’s Eve party food costs as well as ASCAP licensing fees. He said that the New Year’s party grossed \$9300 and he was still figuring the net. Kudos were given for *JA Turner’s* fund raising efforts for the Walk of Memories.

Membership – The Adjutant reported that membership stood at 644 which was the lowest percentage in District Nine except for the online post. He said that we have not been credited with more than 20 renewals sent in during the holiday period.

House Committee – Minutes provided by *Sr VC Bob Shafer* summarized the committee’s Jan. 3, 2017 meeting as follows: Members attending: Bob Shafer, Mark Williams, John Forshee, Junior Green, Sam Pharis, Ricky Gimpel and Becca Anderson

1. Mark Williams reported the dances were up a bit in December.
2. We had a discussion regarding the new location for the rolling scroll. It was decided that it should be placed under the bingo sign by the men’s restroom.
3. Ed Holben asked the committee to consider projects for the scouts soon.

*Sr VC Shafer* said that the committee needed to confirm the new part time bar tender. It was agreed that he would be hired at \$7.50 per hour subject to a 30-day probationary period.

A discussion ensued about the new location for the scrolling sign – whether above or below the bingo scoreboard in the main hall or some other place in the hall. It will be installed below the sign subject to change if found to be annoying to the bingo players. The dance program coordinators will be talked with re: input of info to the sign as now it will be seen by a new audience. House committee minutes were approved.

Bingo – *Chair Jay Coleman* said there will be a major bingo planning meeting next week to discuss the future of bingo to include revisions to the schedule and better payouts.

Baseball – *Post Commander Dennis Turner* and *Brad Baker* presented a chart showing projected revenue and expenses for the 2017 baseball program. The chart showed projected revenues of \$68,312.00 and expected



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expenses of \$48,086.00 with a net "profit" to the post of more than \$20,000. *Mr. Baker* also told about getting the complete schedule on line – there will be at least 215 games this season. He also noted a change in that young people working some technical aspects of the games will be paid "per game" now rather than "per hour" as in the past. He said that there were additional sources of revenue for the Post such as raffles and 50/50's that we needed to explore.

Disposition of derelict RV – The Adjutant reported that the approved letter dissolving the trust and stating our intent to remove the vehicle to comply with the city's citation was sent to the other members of the ownership trust by registered mail, return receipt requested. The USPS reports that the letter was delivered to their PO box on December 21, 2016. The adjutant asked the committee to approve a disposal date/time for the vehicle of early February if nothing is heard in reply to our letter. The committee gave its approval.

Replacement of Destroyed Sign – *Jr VC Lisa Dernovish* reported that the cost to replace the sign at the corner of Wills and Rucker which was destroyed by a reckless driver will be around \$7000. She says that city regulations limit styles and sizes of signs and ours would probably have to be in the "monument" style. Issue regarding insurance reimbursement need to be worked out as does design. She will be working those issues and on removing the wreckage of the old sign ASAP.

Ed Holben – although excused from the meeting because of business travel he provided written input re: the oratorical contest which is on track for possibly four contestants. He needs volunteers to assist on contest day. Also, Troop 51 will proceed rapidly to rearrange and neaten storage spaces on Post. The large-scale flag retirement ceremony scheduled for January 21 is on schedule and on track.

JA Charles Turner – gave update on the raffle of a home protection weapon to raise funds for the Walk of Memories. He said that 1122 tickets were sold at \$1.00 each (\$1122.00) and that raffle expenses were \$362.14 for net "profit" of \$760.00 which has been deposited in the WOM account.

*JA Turner* also raised questions about who is the club room manager and whether some employees were or were not working to their job descriptions while others were putting in abnormally long hours doing many of the same duties. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was agreed that the issues would be remanded to the House Committee where its Chair, *Sr VC Shafer*, and *Finance Officer Fed Swyters* and *JA Charles Turner* would be the nucleus of a subcommittee to clarify and correct the situation if necessary.

Commander Dennis Turner said that he was searching for a new chair for this year's Old Soldiers Day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant