



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting

February 14, 2017

Acting chair Ed Holben called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. All Post officers and committee members were present except *Chair Jay Coleman, Sr VC Bob Shafer* and *Past Commander Bob Byrd* who were excused. *Membership chair Tom Billings* was also excused. Guests included *SAL Commander Derek Garmon and his wife, SAL Adjutant Bruce Kaufmann* and *Legionnaires Bob Chickillo, Ken Christian and Jimmy Ellis*.

Reports

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported that account balances as of January 31, 2017 were as follows:

Club House account	\$3,940.00	Post	\$25,425.00
Bingo	4,195.00	Baseball	9,240.00
Walk of Memories	5,666.00	Cash on Hand	6,700.00

TOTAL \$55,166.00

The Finance officer noted that we had expenses pending for our ASCAP licensing fees and insurance renewal. He said that the New Year’s party grossed \$9200 and the net was \$4800.

Membership – The Adjutant reported that membership stood at 720 which was 87% of our goal of 830. He said that a list of unpaid members was at the club room bar and would be posted on the bulletin board.

House Committee – No meeting was held. A discussion of the meeting time ensued and there was confusion as to whether it is 6 PM or 6:30 PM. *Jr VC Lisa Dernovich* will take over the chair of the House committee during the current chair’s absence.

Code of Conduct Violation - The Executive Committee reviewed a violation report filed Jan. 22, 2017 against non-member *Anthony Culotta*. The violation report alleges that he was caught stealing bingo cards from a table and after being escorted out was observed looking into cars and otherwise acting suspiciously. Discussion evinced that *Culotta* has a history of such misbehavior and has been expelled in the past. The committee voted to serve him with a bar letter and provide a copy of the letter to the Alpharetta police. The Adjutant will handle the action.

Bingo – *Commander Turner* said there will be another bingo planning meeting next week to discuss the future of bingo.

Baseball – *Post Commander Dennis Turner* said that we had received the first \$10,000 check from Mr. Orkin and two more are scheduled for the future. *Chair Holben* asked about game schedules as well as concession employee schedules. *Commander Turner* said that baseball was on track and there will be at least 215 games this season. Employee schedules are a work in progress.

Disposition of derelict RV – The Adjutant reported that the registered letter dissolving the trust and stating our intent to remove the vehicle to comply with the city’s citation was returned as “unclaimed”. He further stated that the one person showing an interest in taking the vehicle has declined due to its deteriorated state. The adjutant asked for a motion to appropriate NTE \$1000 to have the vehicle removed and scrapped. The motion was approved and *Legionnaire Jimmy Ellis* said he would assist the adjutant in getting the RV off the premises. Alpharetta city code enforcement will be kept up to date.



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Boys State – *Chair Ken Christian* gave an overview of the schools that participated last year and asked for clarification on how many entrants we would sponsor this year. After some discussion as to the number, cost and source of funds it was agreed that the Post would sponsor 10 – eight from the Legion and two from the SAL – at a total expenditure of \$2500. Some talk took place on perhaps finding local businesses to sponsor candidates. Applications are due in NLT 1 May 2017.

Scholarships – This year’s scholarship program still does not have a chairperson. The commander said that he will name one ASAP. The Post is looking to sponsor four (4) \$1000 scholarships and the SAL commander said they would also sponsor four. One of the four would be in honor of the late *SAL Treasurer Ricky Gimpel*. Applications are usually due by the end of May.

Destroyed Outdoor Sign – *Jr VC Dernovish* presented three bids to replace the sign which was destroyed in December 2016 by a reckless driver. *VC Dernovish* asked the commander to contact our insurance company to get the replacement process re-started. He was waiting for the adjuster and will call tomorrow. There was a discussion on the seemingly long time it’s taking to begin work and the perceived non-responsiveness of our insurance agent. *VC Dernovish* will take on a greater role with the insurance aspects of this project.

Automatic Electronic Defibrillators – The subject of the Post acquiring one or more defibrillators for use in cardiac arrest situations was revisited. Originally proposed in August 2016 the subject was held up in committee with no actions taken. *Judge Advocate Charles Turner* motioned that \$1000 be authorized to purchase one unit. Discussion brought forth that a loyal Post 201 family member – *Mary Greenway* – would facilitate us buying a defib unit at a greatly reduced price. After discussion, the motion was approved. *Fred Swyters* will get with *Ms Greenway* re: the purchase.

SAL Issues – *SAL Commander Derek Garmon* said that *Kevin Solik* had been nominated to replace the late *Ricky Gimpel* as finance officer and that *Chris Anderson* was nominated to fill a vacancy on their executive committee. Both will be voted on at the SAL’s Feb. 28 meeting. *Commander Turner* then appointed Legionnaire *Bob Chickillo* to be the Legion advisor to the SAL. *JA Turner* gave more details about the advisor’s role and the relationship the SAL has as a committee of the Post.

As a final note before adjournment *Sgt at Arms Mark Sharples* announced that there would be a community outreach event with the Alpharetta police and local school children here at the Post on March 28 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant 