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## **Post 1980 Minutes – Regular Meeting – 27 October 2009**

**Call to order** -- Commander Bill

**Advancement of the Colors** – In place

**Prayer** by Chaplain Bob

**POW-MIA Empty Chair** – Placed by Sr. Vice Robby

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Preamble to American Legion Constitution**

**Welcome to members and guests** (no guests)

**Roll Call** – Attendees signed-in

**Minutes from the previous meeting** -- approved

**Finance Statement** -- approved

- Yvonne indicated that the Women's Auxiliary was supposed to get 50% of the profit from the Silent Auction (at the Pig Roast). Kirby indicated that \$869 was made on the auction, so the Auxiliary would receive \$434.50. Yvonne indicated that the Auxiliary wants to support the girls at the ARK at Christmas.
  - *NOTE: After the meeting the Adjutant reviewed all minutes from 2009 and could find nothing to indicate that this had been approved by the membership. There was a comment in the minutes: "Discussions on how much work Yvonne and Debbie had to do for the Silent Auction as limited involvement from the Auxiliary." This will need to be resolved at the November meeting.*

### **Committee Reports/Old Business:**

- **Veterans Day activities:**
  - Bill Fisher and Chuck Gardner – Co-chairmen; Chuck gave the report with the following info.
  - Flags at Lions Park; pick-up at Veterans Hall at 6:55am to install; down at 5PM (NOTE: 5PM)
  - Window Posters – Paul J. (Paul was not present)
    - Dave finalized the design (inputs from several) and printed; Bob and Rod indicated that all have been distributed, but a few more are needed; (the next day Dave printed 20 more and delivered to Bob M.)
  - Publicity – Dave T.
    - Articles have been sent to the Jackpot and the Courier
    - Dave will contact Peoples Bank, Alpine Motors, Prudential, and Vectra to try to get info posted on their signs

- Dave printed names and phone numbers of those without e-mail, along with flyers on the info; all were given to members to have them call these individuals about our event.
- Yvonne will work with the city on placement of Banners within the city; also for entry into the Chamber of Commerce calendar.
- Other banners:
  - Rod/Bob M.: At/by Country Lodge, US24 at Paradise Lodge, vacant land east of Dinosaur Museum, Crystola; also will get on signs at Park State Bank and Walgreens.
- Opening Ceremony – Bill F.
  - Will present Pig Roast framed pig roast certificate to the Crystola also.
- Honor Guard – Robby C.
  - Robby, Rod, Chuck, Yvonne and Paul
  - Will meet at the Crystola at 6PM to prepare/practice
- POW/MIA Ceremony – Robby C
- Star-Spangled Banner Vocalist – Kim's daughter
- Food Committee
  - Vern heading set-up and take-down
  - Will meet at 5:30PM to set-up
  - Tables will be set-up on side similar to that done at the Pig Roast
  - Main course from Crystola: 2 hams, 3 briskets, 2 turkeys; \$300; should serve 100 people if we serve the meats (will do); Auxiliary will assist.
  - Side dishes:
    - Yvonne – Beans for 100
    - Chuck will review what we have planned already and will have Dave send out an e-mail to members asking for them to provide items needed
  - Bill will check on the supplies that we have/need and let Dave know what to pick up at Sam's Club (ie table cloths, knives/forks/spoons, plates, napkins, salt, pepper, butter, BBQ sauce).
- Discussion on doing a 50-50 raffle; most thought it was a good idea and Bill will check with Lee; UPDATE: Bill contacted Lee and Lee will submit the info to the Secretary of State; Lee has the tickets that we can use.
- Will also have a donation jar at the beginning of the serving line.
- Charlene Mericle (Bob's ex-) donated \$360 to defray costs (we will need to do a certificate for her for sure).
- **Pig Roast, Silent Auction, & Raffle After-Action Report ; Cooker Update – Yvonne, Rod, and Vern**
  - Yvonne indicated that she and Debbie had not been able to hook-up due to schedules; will have report at the November meeting.

- Rod and Bob delivered the “Certificates of Appreciation” for donations to the pig roast; merchants appreciated.
- **Canopies**
  - Robby reported that the canopies at the stores have been put away for the season; will purchase in the Spring.
- **Turkey Shoot on Sat, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am**
  - Was a no-show by participants
  - Rod, Jim, and Bob M. set stuff up at 7:30am; Pat arrived, but no one else showed up – beautiful day but everyone must have been tied up; it is hunting season and many are out hunting.
  - ***For future shoots, we will ask for RSVP's to ensure that we know that we will have enough participants.***
  - Next shoot will need to be scheduled – January was suggested.
- **Boys State**
  - Dave will attend Boys State meeting at Department on 31 October.
  - Our 2009 attendee, Tim Woods, had been invited to come to tonight's meeting to talk of his experience, but he was unable to attend. Tim is hoping to attend the Nov 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Oratoricals**
  - New info from Department with drop dead date of 8 Jan 2010; Dave will send info to Mark Martin at WPHS to see if they are going to participate.
- **Post 1980 Baseball -- Dave**
  - Coach Winstead has already had some try-outs for a “D” team
  - May be more than one team (has been in the past also)
  - Dave will work with Coach to probably apply for a tournament in Woodland Park for 2010
- **Flagpole at Panther Field (Meadow Wood Sports Complex)**
  - Dave's efforts have paid off and the Pikes Peak Rotary Club, with a matching grant from Rotary District, will pay for the pole and materials for installation.
  - Dave will be working with Rotary, City of Woodland Park, and Post 1980 members over the next few weeks to try and get the pole installed before perma-frost hits for the winter. Dave may solicit your help for setting the pole.
  - Dave has ordered the American Legion Seals (approved previously) to go at the base of the pole (along with Rotary plaque) and near the dugouts.

#### **Post Officer Reports – opportunity given for updates**

- **Executive Committee meeting on October 20th to work up the agenda and issues for this meeting**
- **Commander Bill Fischer --**
- **Senior Vice Commander Robby Cox**
- **Junior Vice Commander Mark Manriquez**
- **Adjutant Dave Turley**

- Dave reported that 2010 membership renewals are coming in and are appreciated. As of today 52 members have renewed; our goal for 2010 is 67. If you have received your renewals notice, please submit it as soon as possible.
- **Finance Officer Kirby Laughlin**
- **Service Officer Lee Vulcan** – Out-of-town
- **Historian Paul James** – Not present
- **Chaplain Bob Mericle**
- **Sgt-at-Arms Rod Herk**
  - Rod reported that he had spoken with Jim Wolff and that he is doing well.

#### **New Business:**

- Yvonne queried if we would be helping with the **Salvation Army Bell-Ringing** again this year. Dave indicated that the Rotary Club is now organizing and that our Post would be asked to participate again, hopefully for all shifts at a location for one or two days. Dave will report back at the November meeting.
- Chuck queried about dates for the **2010 Post family cookout**; all thought that we should once again have one event and a consensus that it should be in August the weekend *BEFORE* school starts in Teller County.
- Commander had received several e-mails from **District asking for us to sponsor a unit for donations**, etc; those present concluded that we are a small post and that we do not want to over-extend what we can do, so we cannot take this on, but would be willing to support another Post if possible; Bill will let District know.
- **Veterans Home in Florence**
  - Discussions on taking donations and delivery to the Veterans Home in Florence – that worked really well last year. Various clothes and jewelry (that they can use as Christmas gifts). We will ask for donations to be brought to the November meeting and will figure out when we can deliver to Florence. Rod, Bill, and Bob will lead the effort.
  - Dave will send an updated membership roster to the officers.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Woodland Park Parade of Lights**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December; December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6PM
  - Honor Guard for the Parade – Vern, Rod, Robby, Chuck
  - UPDATE: For more information, contact: Gayle Gross at 686-5250 or visit: <http://www.charitabletreasuresworkshop.org> . The annual Christmas Parade will celebrate the third year of giving with Charitable Treasures Workshop as the beneficiary. The 2009 parade features 45 groups/floats decorated with lights for the theme: Star-Studded Christmas. For your application to enter a float in the parade, visit [charitabletreasuresworkshop.org](http://www.charitabletreasuresworkshop.org) Plan your evening at the parade, which begins at 6 p.m. and follow up with the annual tree lighting for the City of Woodland Park at the Ute Pass Cultural Center. Santa will be on hand for photos. If the night is cold, plan to stand next to one of ten "Warm Your Bum Fires" sponsored by Northeast Teller Fire during the parade. Two announcement stands will be set up, one at Pine and 24 compliments of the

Shriners, the other at Fairview and 24 compliments of the City. Sponsored by: Lighter Side of Christmas Parade Committee and the City of Woodland Park.

- **Christmas Party Activities** – Veterans Hall, Tuesday, 8 December
  - No lead person at this time
  - Final decisions at the next meeting
  - Party will have a focus on Post 1980 members and their families
  - Will do tree and decorate as last year
  - Music by Bob and Debbie hopefully
  - White elephant gift exchange?
  - Food and side dishes?
  - Yvonne will organize cleaning detail for Monday, 7 December
  - Update: Dave had planned to come as Santa Claus but now realizes that he has a conflict for the evening and will probably not be able to attend the party.
- **Next meeting November 24<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Bill will call an Executive Committee Meeting in January** to work on a draft budget for 2010 (balance projected funds with program expenditures) and the 2010 calendar.

**Sickness/Illness**

- NTR.

**Good of the Legion**

- NTR

**Bill Fischer  
Commander**

**David Turley  
Adjutant**

**Attendees:**

Bill Fischer  
Kirby Laughlin  
David Turley  
Steve Myers

Robby Cox  
Tom Kerry  
Pat Maiorano

Rod Herk  
Bob Mericle  
Vern Wilson

Chuck Gardner  
Mark Manriquez  
Yvonne Wilson