

ERIC V. DICKSON
AMERICAN LEGION POST #1980
April 28, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

Colors Posted
Opening Prayer Observed
POW-MIA Empty Chair Observed
Pledge and Preamble recited

Meeting called to Order 1908

Previous Meeting Minutes for March 2009 was approved as written with a change to the Boy's State information that Dave T. had emailed the Adjutant earlier.

Finance Report: (see attached) approved as written.

1. **New Member(s):** None

2. **Introduction of Guest(s):** Teller County 4-H Shooting Club, Bob Tyler (Coach), Shooters: Daniel Allen, Shawna Cook, Larissa Wright, Braven.... The Post presented the Coach and the shooters of the club with American Legion awards for scoring first through third place in both the Sporter and Precision shooting events held. Coach Tyler described for the membership the 4-H Shooting Program and the American Legion involvement. 4-H provides insurance. Average shooting match fees run \$100 per match, targets average \$60.00 and ammunition \$400.00 for the year. The Club runs regular shooting safety courses, the next one being on 24 May. The coach was asked how the Post could assist, and stated a Donation of \$200 would be good.

3. The membership, after the 4-H team had departed, moved for a donation of \$150.00, was seconded and passed.

4. Committee Reports:

Boys State: Tim Woods is the WPHS Boy's State nominee for this year. Dave T. has received his application and will submit it prior to the 15 May deadline. Treasurer Kirby provided Dave with a check (previously approved by the Post membership) for \$275 to American Legion Boys State to cover the tuition for our nominee. Boy's State will run from 07 – 13 Jun at CO State College in Pueblo. Counselor training sessions are 09 and 30 May. Dave T. and The Post Commander will present awards to Treavor Arias and Mark Martin at the WPHS Awards Ceremony on 20 May at 1830. Treavor will receive a scholarship and Mark will receive a Certificate of Appreciation (Dave is checking with the WPHS principal on how they would like for Mark's certificate to be presented).

Post Home: No new info.

Pig Roast: Robert Mericle is the Chairperson and conducted a check of the status of the sub elements of the committee. *All sub-element leaders were asked to send an email to Robert M. in one week as to the status of their portions.* Dave T will get articles to the Jackpot and Courier, send the flyer to District 7 and other Posts in the region and will print flyers. Bruce C., Rod H., Bob F., Robby C., and Aaron B. will post flyers (Dave T updating and printing the flyers – will get them to Rod) and gather donations in Teller County. A letter for Merchants and a Tax receipt were emailed out previously to all members in order gather donations for the silent auction. Flyers will be distributed along with the persons who gather the donations.

The Post approved and Treasurer Kirby issued a \$200 check to Debbie as “seed” money for the Silent Auction. Other sub-element leaders: Raffle—Lee, Auction—Debbie, Set-up—Mark M, Pig-processing—Vern/Robbie, and Clean-up—Andy.

50/50 raffle tickets and Pig Roast admission have been printed and were approved by the State. Lee V. issued out the tickets to members who wanted to sell them -- \$8.00 for the advance tickets for the Pig Roast, including 1 50/50 entry. Tickets for just the 50/50 will be \$1 each and 6 for \$5.00.

Additional food items (baked beans, Cole slaw, and pudding) are needed from Wal-Mart. An inventory of paper plates, plastic flatware, napkins and table cloths is needed from the Commander. The Commander will write a newsletter for distro via snail mail.

The next Pig Roast committee meeting is scheduled for 14 May at 1830 at the Crystola Roadhouse.

The pig roaster test will be at Veteran’s Hall (formerly Grange Hall) in conjunction with the Fun Shoot 02 May. Fire watch starts Saturday morning—Dave T will send an update, including the fire watch schedule previously approved. Vern/Yvonne will do 8-11 Sat morning and Aaron will do 11am until the “pig-out”. Dave T. will pick up rubber gloves and gallon bags. Rod H. has welders’ gloves.

Fun Shoot: 0900 set up 02 May, 1000 start. Pet Rock is the award for third place. \$10.00 per shooter. 12 gauge and .22 rounds are available, plenty of clay pigeons, and limited rifles and shotguns are available. Lee V. will pick up the throwers from Nick S. The Fun Shoot will finish around 1400, followed by a “pig-out” luncheon at Veterans Hall.

Summer Picnic and Campout: Mark M. and Nick S. will recon sites with Chuck G. focusing on Farish, South Meadow and other locations. Information on all sites recce’d will be put out at the next meeting. Tentative dates are 22-23 or 29 – 30 August 09.

(Update after the meeting: Chuck G did the research on this and it appears the best deal for us is the Red Rocks Group Campground 4m north of WP on CO-67; due to the campground filling up fast, the there was a quorum of the Executive Committee at the

Veterans Hall “pig-out” on 2 May and they voted unanimously to approved the reservation and funding for the Family Camping/Picnic/Cookout for 28-30 Aug at the Red Rocks Group Campground – Chuck will make the reservation for \$159 (includes camping for both Fri and Sat nights for those who wish) and Kirby will issue a check to reimburse.)

Memorial Day: Flags will be posted at Lion’s park in WP. Link up at the Veteran’s Hall Monday 25 May at 0700. A Joint Memorial Ceremony at the WP cemetery flag pole with the VFW is scheduled for 1000.

Grave site flags will be planted with the VFW on the 23rd at 0900 at the WP Cemetery.

Nominating Committee: There is no Committee chair.

Bill Fischer will run for Commander

Robbie Cox will run for Sr. Vice Commander

Mark Manriquez will run for Jr. Vice Commander

Robert Mericle will run as Post Chaplain

Kirby Laughlin will run as Post Treasurer

Rod Herk will run as Sergeant at Arms

Lee Vulcan will run as Post Service Officer

Paul James will run as Post Historian

Dave Turley decided to run for Post Adjutant.

Additional nominations will be accepted at the next meeting (May 26th) prior to voting and installation of the new officers.

5. **SERVICE OFFICER:** No updates.

6. **POST ADJUTANT:** The Post Insurance was received in the mail. This year’s bill is \$185.00 for the same coverage. A motion was presented to pay the insurance bill, was seconded and passed.

7. **POST CHAPLAIN:** No updates

8. **POST HISTORIAN:** The Post History was sent out via email for review and is posted on the Post’s website (<http://post1980.org>). A motion to accept the post history document was presented, seconded and passed. Historian Dave is also making copies of some of the older history and posting on the web site also – **check it out**).

9. **New Business:**

American Legion Baseball: Last year the post sponsored and paid the insurance for the WP team. Articles about the team are in the Post History. The season this year spans June and July with the State tournament being in WP (22-26 July). The Team’s schedule is posted on the Post’s website. A Color Guard is needed for the Opening Ceremony on 22 July. Coach Winstead and several of the boys had planned to attend tonight’s meeting, but due to a

postponed game being rescheduled to this evening they were unable to attend. The Team is once again asking the Post to pay for their insurance (\$390). A motion was presented to cover the insurance cost, was seconded and passed. Treasurer Kirby provided Dave T with a check ("S.A. Van Dyk, Inc") for \$390 to cover the cost of their insurance.

(Follow-up after the meeting: Dave gave the check to Coach Winstead on Thursday 30th as the insurance needed to be paid in early May. Coach Winstead and several of the boys will attend the May 26th meeting where we will do a formal presentation.)

Communications: It was discussed that a more concerted effort was required by all members, particularly the Executive Committee, to spread information on Post happenings in a timelier manner. Emails, snail mail, phone calls and posting of the draft minutes will be made in the future.

Post Raffle Account: A separate bank account is needed IAW State Gaming Regulations to manage funds received and expended. The Park State Bank in WP was suggested by the Post Treasurer, Kirby L. Members requiring access to the account are the Post Treasurer, Kirby Laughlin, Post Gaming Committee Chair, Lee Vulcan, and the Post Commander, William Fischer. A motion to accept the forming of the new account and members to have access was presented, seconded and passed. A copy of these Post minutes will be required by the Treasurer in order to set up the account.

10. **Good of the Legion:** The post Commander read and passed around the Thank You card from Rod Herk on the support he received from the Post on the passing of his Mother.

Meeting Adjourned at: 2109

Bill Fischer
Post Commander

Attendees:

Bill Fischer Andy Tyler Robert Mericle Vern Wilson Bob Fugatt Bruce Cummings
Paul James Mark Manriquez Jerry Paul Rod Herk Art Jeane Nick Sooy Bob Fugatt
Don Parlier Dave Turley Lee Vulcan Chuck Gardner Kirby Laughlin Aaron Bonachea