

ERIC V. DICKSON
AMERICAN LEGION POST #1980
May 26, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to Order 1905
Previous Meeting Minutes for April 2009 was approved as written.
Finance Report: (see attached) approved as written.

1. **New Member(s):** Gary Brovetto, formerly of the USAF, an experienced C-130 Pilot, who is now a Technical Consultant, has joined our ranks. Welcome Gary!
2. **Introduction of Guest(s):**
 - a. Jon Maucher – District 7 Officer and Sr. Vice Commander-Elect from Post 911 is present to install our new officers.
 - b. The Woodland Park American Legion Baseball team (Coach Chris Winstead, Ronnie, Jarret, Taylor and Chris) came by to update the Post on the Team. The WP AMLeg Team will be hosting the State Championship Tournament 23 to 26 July. The tournament was hosted in Woodland Park in 2006 when our team won the state championship. All members are encouraged to show up to a game or two and be sure to wear your Legion hat for support. Coach Winstead asked for a color guard at the opening and closing of the Tournament and they needed help with erecting a permanent flagpole at the ball field. Dave T. volunteered to engage the WP town council, along with parks and recreation department, to garner their support. Coach Winstead also mentioned that a box of ball is \$50.00 (Mark M. donated for one box of balls at this time) and would go a long way for the season. Dave T. will coordinate with the Coach to update the Post website and add an updated schedule. Commander Fischer then presented the Team with our check to cover the team's insurance cost for this year (photo has been added to the web site).

3. Committee Reports:

District 7 Convention: Commander Fischer and Rod H attended at the new Legion Post 209 in Colorado Springs. The District needs a Historian and a Service Officer. If you are interested, contact the District Commander, Mike Christiansen.

Boys State: Dave T and the Post Commander attended the Awards Presentation at WPHS last Wednesday. Treavor Arias was presented a certificate of Citizenship and a Scholarship voucher for \$250. Treavor will attend Embry Riddle University in the fall. He pulled a hamstring and did not pass the PT test for the Naval Academy – too bad as he is a fine young man. Dave T. will be a counselor at Boys State 6-13 June. Tim Woods is our Boys State nominee this year.

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. Joe Campbell gave the Post a \$100.00 donation towards the Pig Roast. It was agreed to present Joe with a certificate of appreciation by the Post Commander. The fire watch roster is filled. Lee V. offered to put up a canopy for the watch. Dave T. will loan the use of his lantern. Rod H will travel to Simla to pick up the pigs with Cdr Fischer. Dave T. did publicity (newspapers, flyers, signs and website). Robert will coordinate with Darryl to hang the banners outside the Crystola Roadhouse. Donations have come in. It was agreed that it would have been better to solicit donations 1 to 2 months out. The Raffles were explained once more. Debbie has the Silent Auction under control. The opening ceremony will be simple with the colors in place. It was agreed to rotate servers. A letter will be generated to thank the Mountain Jackpot and donators. Side dishes and desserts were reviewed and solidified.

Summer Picnic and Campout: Chuck G. has laid on the Red Rocks Group campground, just north of the Veterans Hall on 67, for \$75/night per tent/camper space and \$159 for use of the communal campfire pit. There are no other fees. The post will have free access to the lake. The post voted and approved payment of the reservation fee. The Lost Dutchman campground was not accessible this year.

Update on the fees as the above was incorrect:

- \$75 per night with a two night minimum + a \$9 transaction fee rather than a \$10 transaction fee as it would have been by phone. Therefore, the entire fee is \$159.00 (Chuck reserved and has been reimbursed by the Post)
- Fee we are paying is for up to 50 campers. The fee for 51 to 100 campers is \$125 per night. The campground is ours from 1400 hours Friday 28 August until 1200 hours Sunday 30 August 2009.

Memorial Day: There was a good turnout for the ceremony and the services went well. Dave T. took some great pictures as did the photographer from the Jackpot.

4. **SERVICE OFFICER:** No updates.

5. **POST ADJUTANT:** Nothing significant to report.

6. **POST CHAPLAIN:** No updates

7. POST HISTORIAN: No updates

8. New Business:

Post Elections and swearing in: The newly elected Post 1980 Officers are: Commander Bill Fischer, Sr. Vice Commander Robbie Cox, Jr. Vice Commander Mark Manriquez, Adjutant Dave Turley, Historian Paul James, Service Officer Leland Vulcan, Treasurer Kirby Laughlin, and Sgt. at Arms Rod Herk. All except Paul James and Lee Vulcan were sworn in by Jon Maucher from District 7. Paul and Lee will be sworn-in at the June meeting.

Dave Turley brought up a need to budget or forecast future expenses based on the past events that the Post usually participates in. This was discussed and was agreed for the Post Officers to list annual expenses for a proposed budget.

It was agreed that the Sr. Vice Commander will head the Color Guard and to coordinate with the WP VFW, whenever necessary, for assistance. His main concern was participation and upcoming events. The need of a color guard for the WP Motorcycle rally is the same weekend as the Legion Baseball tournament.

Communications: NSTR

Post Raffle Account: No report

9. Good of the Legion: The Post has met its recruiting and retention goal and was awarded plaques for the 2006 to 2007, and 2007, goals met. These were in turn presented to the outgoing Adjutant Andy T.

Meeting Adjourned at: 2057

Bill Fischer
Post Commander

Attendees:

Bill Fischer Andy Tyler Robert Mericle Vern Wilson Yvonne Wilson Bob Fugatt
Mark Manriquez Rod Herk Dave Turley Chuck Gardner Kirby Laughlin
Aaron Bonachea Tom Kerry Pat Maiorano Jon Maucher Steve Meyers