



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2006

20 Members and 20 guests in attendance.

Foster Sires, Charles Kraft, Lester Brown, Paul Payne, Jin Rieck, Ira Hunter, Don Happy, Mac Williams, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Ray Nichols, Bobby Beeks, Larry Allen, Paul Reichmann, John Kopp, Mike Edwards, Paul Ellison, Marvin Scott, John Gibbs, and Ed Backstrom.

Bob Box 3rd District Commander, Bob Steinkamp Mayor Liberty MO,

Commander Paul Ellison opened the meeting in due form at 19:05 HRS

Paul Ellison led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Commander Paul Ellison introduced Bob Steinkamp Mayor Liberty MO, Gary Swenson Liberty Lions Club and Bob Box 3rd District Commander.

Commander Paul Ellison asked for a reading of the minutes. Adjutant Robert Emery made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ray Nichols. The motion passed.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols read the finance report. The finance report was approved as read. A copy of the finance report is included with the minutes.

Membership:

Adjutant Robert Emery reported that the post had received 126 membership renewals so far.

Sick Call:

Jim Cassidy was taken to the hospital

Johnny Vronz had received his prosthesis and was undergoing therapy.

Commander Paul Ellison thanked all that helped with the Liberty Fireworks and also thanked Ray Nichols for filling in for him at the last Post meeting.

Supplies:

Don Happy gave a report on items that had been ordered and items for sale.

Commander Paul Ellison talked about the ritual team and that we could use more members to help out.

Commander Paul Ellison talked about replacing the stick flags the Post hands out at the Liberty Fireworks.

Ray Nichols made a motion that the Post purchase four gross of the stick flags. Bobby Beeks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander Paul Ellison talked about membership and that all members should be on the look out for new members.

Commander Paul Ellison said that he had received the form for the Liberty Fall Festival Parade and asked if the post was interested in having a color guard and float again this year. Everyone wanted to do it again this year. Don Happy will look into getting the trailer the Post had used in the past parades as a float. Commander Paul Ellison said that this years parade would be on September 23 starting at 11:00HRS.

Commander Paul Ellison asked Mike Edwards if he would head Flag Etiquette again this year. Mike Edwards said he would as long as he got help.

Commander Paul Ellison asked if the Post should keep the What is a Veteran Program going. Everyone agreed that the Post should continue the program. Larry Allen will check to see who the new contact in Kearney is.

Commander Paul Ellison reported that the VFW Auxiliary had purchased four flags for the Avenue of Flags and the VFW had purchased one for past commanders of those groups.

3rd District Commander Bob Box reported that Department of Missouri will be increasing dues by \$3.50 and National would be voting on an increase of \$4.50. Commander Box reported that the Missouri Delegation to the National Convention will be voting against the dues increase from National.



Commander Box talked about the Dedication of the Missouri POW/MIA Memorial Highway to be held in Kearney, MO at 13:00HRS at the Kearney High School Performing Arts Center on September 16th. Commander Box also reminded everyone that the 3rd District Meeting would be held on the Sunday following the dedication September 17th in Hamilton, MO.

Commander Box handed out awards Meritorious Service to Post 95, Membership Recruiting Five New Members for Ted Nelson, and Membership Recruiting Five New Members to Robert Emery along with a check for \$100.

Commander Paul Ellison handed out membership pins:
Bronze Cap Star: Larry Allen, Bud McGinnis, Alan Shannon, John Gibbs, Sam Chapman
Membership recruiting pin: Bobby Beeks, Foster Sires, Melvin Johnson, Gary Cantrell
Silver Cap Star: Ray Nichols
Gold Cap Star: Paul Ellison
Gold Cap Star and Department Commander Pin: Robert Emery
Silver Cap Star and Department Commander Pin: Ted Nelson

Commander Box also reported that Post 1000 dues would be increasing to \$40
Commander Paul Ellison presented Gary Swenson of the Liberty Lions Club a certificate of appreciation for their Boys State sponsorship.
Commander Paul Ellison turned the meeting over to Donna Warren for the Boys/Girls State Reports.
Katy Booth and Heidi Buell for Girls State
Eric Adams for Boys State
Mayor Bob Steinkamp thanked Post 95 for their dedication to the students of Liberty and all those who helped sponsor the Posts programs.
Don Happy reminded everyone about BINGO at Cedars on Thursday July 27th.
Commander Paul Ellison thanked Cedars of Liberty for letting the Post hold the Boys/Girls State Reports meeting at Cedars.
Commander Paul Ellison also thanked Debbie for all of her work organizing things at Cedars.
Commander Paul Ellison turned the meeting over to 3rd District Commander Bob Box to install the new Post 95 officers.
Past Commander Paul Ellison thanked all for helping him during his terms as Post 95 Commander
Ray Nichols thanked Past Commander Paul Ellison for all of his hard work over the years and asked everyone to give Paul a standing ovation.
Mayor Bob Steinkamp donated \$25 for purchase of stick flags
Commander John Kopp closed the meeting in due form at 19:55HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
John Kopp - Commander