



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2010**

24 members in attendance Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Jim Rieck, Larry Allen, John Gibbs, Lester Brown, Gary Reno, Don Happy, Jerry Head, Mike Edwards, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Mack Williams, Ray Merrell, Lara Goff, Paul Ellison, LeRoy Coe, Bud Kraft, Ray Nichols, Jerry Pate, Ron McBee, Marvin Scott, Ron Pardeck, and Sam Leonard .

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head opened the meeting at 19:03 HRS

Post 95 Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble.

Sam Leonard made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for the month of April.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Bank Liberty CD maturing at three thousand nine hundred seventy two dollars and seventy five cents (\$3972.75) which had accrued sixty eight dollars and eleven cents (\$68.11) in interest. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the CD had been renewed at 1% for 12 months.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that rent was due on the Post safety deposit box and would automatically renew at a cost of \$18 which would be automatically withdrawn from the Post account.

The finance report was approved as read and a copy is included with the minutes.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols reported that Foster Sires was doing OK and was getting out a little.

Ray Nichols reported that Paul Payne was currently in Manor Care in Overland Park Kansas and that his son had had a stroke.

Membership:

LeRoy Coe had no report. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that Department of Missouri reported Post 95 membership was currently at two hundred seventy one (271) paid up members for 2010.

Honor Guard:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed at eighteen (18) funerals so far.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

Ray Nichols reported that Frank Roth had signed up three (3) new members at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Oratorical Contest:

John Kopp talked about the winner of the Department of Missouri Oratorical Contest had made it as far as the semi-finals and had received five thousand (\$5000.00) in scholarships.

Jerry Pate talked about a request from a nursing home in Pleasant Valley asking if the Post would be interested in doing something there on Memorial Day. It was reported that the Post has done so in the past and will continue to do so in the future.



#### Boys State:

Post 95 Boys State Chairman Robert Emery reported that he had turned in four (4) Boys State Applications from Liberty High School. Post 95 Boys State Chairman Robert Emery also reported that one of the applicants had dropped out in order to attend a national debate contest.

Post 95 Boys State Chairman Robert Emery reported that the applicants were Austin Sutton sponsored by VFW Post 4043, Stewart Duncan sponsored by Liberty Sertoma Club, Mitchell Allen sponsored by Liberty Lions Club, and Christian Willingham sponsored by American Legion Post 95 and Liberty Grand Lodge 31.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about VFW Post 4043 was trying to form a group tour to the WWI memorial and museum on either June 5<sup>th</sup> or the 12<sup>th</sup>, and that anyone interested please contact Jerry Pate.

#### Spaghetti Dinner:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the finances of the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Proceeds were \$919.00 dinner cost was \$133.14 and the ten (10%) percent to VFW Post 4043 was seventy nine dollars and fifty nine cents (\$79.59) which brought the dinner surplus to a total of seven hundred six dollars and twenty seven cents (\$706.27). Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Raffle proceeds were four hundred sixty four dollars (\$464.00) and the raffle cost was three hundred twenty five dollars (\$325.00) which brought the surplus on the raffle to one hundred thirty nine dollars (\$139.00). Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the total surplus for the Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle came to eight hundred forty five dollars and twenty seven cents (\$845.27).

Larry Allen thanked all those who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner.

John Kopp thanked Larry Allen and Don Happy for helping his daughter and grand-daughter who were doing the desserts at the Spaghetti Dinner.

LeRoy Coe thanked the Freedom of the Road Riders for attending the Spaghetti Dinner.

#### Tribute to Our Troops:

Jerry Head talked about the day long tribute to be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Post Lester Brown, Ray Merrill, Glen Edwards, and Melvin Johnston would be honored with a flag presentation. Ray Nichols made a motion to share of half of the cost of the event with VFW Post 4043. Paul Ellison seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### Liberty Salute to Freedom:

Jerry Head talked about the Fourth of July parade which will begin at 16:00 HRS and that this year the city of Liberty would take charge of setting it up this year and next year the American legion would take charge and the VFW the year after that. Jerry Head reported that the Fourth Fest (Liberty Fireworks) would be held at William Jewell College.

John-Paul Kopp expressed concerns about no vote being held on supporting or taking over the organizing the Fourth of July Parade. John-Paul also asked who would take care of getting insurance, security, and medical support services. Jerry Head said that the parade committee would be taking care of these items.

John-Paul Kopp asked if there was an in-house committee for the parade. Ray Nichols said that Jerry Head, LeRoy Coe, and Jerry Pate were on the committee.

John-Paul Kopp said that SAL Squadron 61 and other units from Post 61 may want to get involved with the parade as well.



Jerry Pate said that there would be trailers for those who wanted to be in the parade but could not walk and that the city wanted this to be a Veterans Parade.

BINGO at Cedars:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about BINGO this Thursday.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read some correspondence to the Post and some upcoming events in the area.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head presented Lara Goff with a two star Blue Star Banner from the Post to honor her two (2) sons in the service.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reported that last Monday was Donna Warren's birthday and the Post member Sam Smith was having a birthday as well. Birthday cards were passed around for all to sign.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reported that Ray Merrill and his wife were celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Department Convention:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about needing to assign delegates from the Post and that Convention credentials would cost five (\$5) dollars for each delegate and that he would like to see the Post pick up that cost. Ray Nichols made a motion to assign John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, and Gary Reno as the delegates to the Department Convention and the Post pay the credential fee.

LeRoy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jerry Pate talked about the HALL needing to be cleaned up and that there would be a Post clean up this Saturday at 09:00 HRS.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about the annual Veterans Memorial Building Association meeting to be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 19:00 HRS at the Post and asked all that could please attend the meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting:

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked the recent 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting held in Hamilton and about the proposed changes to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Constitution and By-Laws and the resolutions required for the changes.

Resolution One: change titles for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Vice Commanders to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commanders.

Resolution Two: Modify quorum to five (5) Posts present.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp said that the resolutions would be voted on at the District Convention/3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting in June in Richmond.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about the 3<sup>rd</sup> District sponsoring two (2) boys to Missouri Boys State.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about Kenneth Goth who was campaigning for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Department of Missouri and Julio Bambini Zone Two Commander thanking the district for their support.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about the Department of Missouri Convention that is going to be held in Jefferson City July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp said that to make reservations you needed to call the hotel in order to get the special American Legion rate.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about NAVY week in Kansas City April 24<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Jerry Pate talked about Missouri City's annual parade being held May 1<sup>st</sup> at 09:00 HRS and would like participation from the Post.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about the Shift Captain at Richmond Fire Department offering to make a set of magnetic signs for the Post and passed around a mock up for everyone to look over and make suggestions.

John Kopp talked about the Post needing to make nominations for Post officers next month and voting on the officers in June.

Lara Goff talked about running in the Oklahoma City marathon to honor victims of the Oklahoma City bombings and that if there were any Post 95 members killed in the bombings she would be honored to put their names on her shirt during the run.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 19:45 HRS.

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Head - Commander