



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2013**

With thirty two (32) members in attendance:

Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Robert Emery, Donald Happy, Melvin Johnston, Lester Brown, John Gibbs, Vern Mattocks, Ira Hunter, Jerry Pate, Jerry Head, Paul Ellison, Sam Leonard, Robert Beatty, Mike Edwards, LeRoy Coe, William Steinkamp, Charles Kraft, Jim Riech, Ralph Clemons, Larry Allen, Jesus Torres, Wally Glasco, Ray Creswell, Ron Pardeck, Gene Welch, Ray Merrell, Carl Mathiasch, Gentry Thomason, Tom Troutman, Frank Roth, and Ted Nelson.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to opened the meeting at 18:57 HRS

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for the reading of the minutes from the July Meeting. LeRoy Coe made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Jake Samborski seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

None were found to be present.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for committee reports.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for July.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following:

Beginning Balance \$3713.03, Deposits \$3955.93, Withdrawals \$3435.68, and ending balance of \$4233.28.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about dues payments sent in to Department of Missouri.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post had received a one thousand dollar (\$1000) check from Wal-Mart in the form of a grant the Post had applied for earlier in the year.

John Gibbs asked if the Post had been paid for the funerals the Post had provided Military Funeral Honors for. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the payments for funerals were direct deposited in the Post bank account and were listed on the banking statement. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy explained how conformations of funerals were done so the Post could be paid for the funerals.

Judi Samborski made a motion to accept the finance report as given. Vernon Mattocks seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that it was time to obtain bonding for Post Commander and Post Finance Officer. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about wanting to increase the Post Officer bonding to eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) at a cost of ninety dollars (\$90) per Post Officer bonded for a total of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00). LeRoy Coe made a motion to obtain Post Officer bonding in the amount of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00). Bud Kraft seconded the motion and after much discussion the motion passed.

New Members: Post 95 Vice Commander LeRoy Coe reported that there were one hundred forty (140) unpaid members for 2014.

Membership: Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that there were one hundred sixty seven (167) paid up members so far for 2014.

Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the Post Honor Team had busy since the last Post meeting.

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards talked about purchasing a ceremonial sword for the Post Honor Team. Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards talked about watching an auction on eBay for a sword and scabbard. Sam Leonard questioned the reason for purchasing a sword. Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards talked about the sword adding to the look of the Post Honor Team. John Gibbs made a motion to purchase a sword and scabbard for not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Paul Ellison seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Flag Etiquette: Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported the following Flag Etiquette classes scheduled so far:

September 12<sup>th</sup> South View Elementary School, Kearny, MO 12:30

September 31<sup>st</sup> Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Liberty, MO 12:50

November 5<sup>th</sup> Warren Hills Elementary School, Liberty, MO 09:45

Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards talked about the program and asked anyone interested to please attend the classes and that all were welcome.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski complimented Paul Ellison on his presentation of the history of the flag.

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Girls State: No Report

Boys State: No Report

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that BINGO would be this Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to help out.

Sickness and Distress:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that John Hudgins had passed away and that a sympathy card was being passed around for all to sign. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked everyone the keep his family in their thoughts and prayers.

Paul Ellison reported that Ted Nelson had had surgery on his ear today.



Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that Ray Nichols had bronchitis. Mike Edwards reported that his daughter had had a seizure Sunday but was now doing better.

Bud Kraft reported that his wife had fell but was now recovering.

William Steinkamp reported that he had had a trip to the hospital but was doing better now.

LeRoy Coe reported that his wife was in distress and was still going to therapy.

Old Business: NONE

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a "Thank You" card from Mackenzie Shannon thanking the Post for sending her to Missouri Cadet Patrol.

New Business:

Don Happy talked about the new American Legion Emblem sales catalog coming out around November and that prices are probably going up. Dan Happy talked about getting an order for jackets in before the new catalog comes out. Don Happy asked anyone interested in a jacket to see him and he would be putting an order in before November.

Jerry Pate reported that Car Star in Independence would be holding its annual Veterans Appreciation event November 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 17:00 HRS and that they probably would be asking the Post to help out again.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about holding an Open House at the new Post home on August 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 to 16:00 HRS and serving hot dogs and brats. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski that a dance troupe was scheduled to perform at 13:30 HRS.

Jerry Head reported that he had two hundred (200) hot dog buns donated.

Jerry Head said that he would get water.

There was much discussion over amounts of food and drink to purchase.

Sam Leonard made a motion to purchase one hundred (100) hot dogs, one hundred (100) brats. There was some discussion on the amounts of food items that needed to be purchased. Sam Leonard amended the motion to purchase one hundred (100) hot dogs, one hundred (100) brats, two hundred (200) assorted sodas, two hundred (200) bags of chips. Ray Creswell seconded the motion and the motion passed. Jake Samborski said that we could a prepackaged condiments box from Sam's Club.

Someone asked if we needed to purchase plate, cusp, forks... Don Happy said that he did not have an inventory since everything was still in the trailer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked who could bring a grill to cook on. Jerry Pate said that he could bring a grill. Jake Samborski said that he would bring a grill as well.

Bud Kraft asked how this event would be advertised. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that it would be pretty much word of mouth.

Honor Flight: Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for Color Guard for Honor Flight on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was decided to provide Color Guard for the flights return at 21:45 HRS.

BYLAWS: Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the Post BYLAWS needed to be updated. Post 95 Adjutant talked about the changes to the BYLAWS that included



Change of meeting location and addition of Post Commander bonding as well as other minor corrections for a more consistent document. Jerry Pate made a motion to accept the changes to the BYLAWS. Bud Kraft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Memorial Building: John Gibbs asked about the current status of the Memorial Building.

Don Happy reported that no sealed bids had been received by the deadline so the Memorial Building Association will be getting a realtor to market the building. Don Happy reported that there was still insurance and electricity for the building.

Memorial moving: LeRoy Coe talked about the upcoming Cemetery Advisory Meeting and wanting to get the monument moved and set in place next to the flag pole.

Chili Supper: Larry Allen voiced his concerns about kitchen equipment and being able to cook and clean for a fundraising dinner. Larry Allen said that the sinks were small and there was no garbage disposal in the sink. Larry Allen was also concerned about being able to cook on residential stoves. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if everyone still wanted to hold the Chili Supper. Don Happy reported that lots of things were still stored in the trailer and needed to get it unloaded. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

Post Everlasting: Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski held an abbreviated Post Everlasting for those Post members who have transferred to Post Everlasting.

Don Happy talked about the upcoming 40et8 ChicNic to be held September 25 at Wallace State Park.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the next 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting would be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> in Hamilton, MO.

Paul Ellison talked about the graduation of a past Oratorical Contest winner graduating from Princeton.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery asked every one to be sure and put their name on the sign in sheet.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the closing prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 20:04 HRS

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Judi Samborski - Commander