



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2014**

With twenty six (26) members and five (5) guests in attendance

Donald Happy, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, LeRoy Coe, Jerry Pate, Gentry Thomason, Jim Riech, Ray Nichols, Les Van Bibber, Sam Leonard, Wally Glasco, Gene Welch, Stephanie Ebner, Robert Beatty, Larry Allen, Ray Merrill, Vernon Mattock, Ray Crestwell, Mike Edwards, Jim Elliott, Ron Pardeck, Tom Troutman, Bob Beeks, and Robert Emery.

Guest: Missouri Girls State and Missouri Boys State Citizens and a parent

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 18:58 HRS

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

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols 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 Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the last meeting. Stephanie Ebner made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski introduced the Missouri Girls and Boys State citizens and asked them to talk about their experience at Missouri Girls and Missouri Boys State.

Larry Allen talked about Missouri Boys State and his visit to Missouri Boys State.

Finance Report:

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$ 1758.39

Deposits: \$ 2014.18

Withdrawals: \$ 1839.51

Ending Balance: \$ 1933.06

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the profits from the Post Cookout Fundraiser. \$393.94 for the dinner \$238.00 for the raffle.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported talked about the hot weather and many other functions going on as reason turn out was so low.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe reported no new members

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported Post 95 was currently at one hundred ninety nine (199) members paid up.



Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team did a funeral.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported a Flag Etiquette class had been scheduled at Warren Hills Elementary School on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 13:30 and 14:30 HRS.

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported that he had send letters out to all the schools.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski thanked Mike Edwards and Paul Ellison for doing the presentations.

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State: No Report

Cadet Patrol: No Report

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that BINGO would be next Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 HRS and could use some help with BINGO.

Don Happy said that the dates for November and December BINGO would be different due to the holidays and that he would have the new dates at the next meeting.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols talked about Lester Brown being moved to nursing facility in Excelsior Springs because he had become an extreme fall risk. Ray Nichols talked about celebrating Lester Brown's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday next Saturday at Perkins and asked everyone to come and help celebrate.

Bud Kraft said that he had cataract surgery on his eye.

Stephanie Ebner reported that her sister in law had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Don Happy said that Ted Nelson's wife was having surgery.

John Gibbs said that he was going to have another bone marrow test next week.

Old Business:

Jake Samborski talked about getting repair parts for the honor team rifles and was waiting on some other parts to get back in stock. Jake Samborski reported that several of the rifles were back in working condition and safe to use.

LeRoy Coe asked everyone to give Jake Samborski a round of applause for working on the honor team rifles.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if the Post wanted to do another Cookout Fundraiser next year. Most Post members were in favor of doing another one.

Dissolution of Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that a judge had approved the dissolution and turned the matter over to trustee to handle the division of funds.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about keeping the desired split of monies at the prescribed 50/50 as listed in the constitution and by-laws of the Building Association.

Jim Rieck talked about additions the VFW had done to the property and thought they deserved a bigger portion of the funds. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the decision is up to the judge and wanted to avoid getting a lawyer for the time being.



#### Honor Flight Presentation:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about scheduling Dr. Mark Martin of Honor Flight to give presentation at the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### Missouri Funeral Honors Program:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski showed the Certificate of Merit the Post 95 Honor Team had been presented for performing fifty three (53) funerals.

#### Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read an offer for polo shirts and caps.

Paul Ellison said that he was taking orders for t-shirts and that if he got at least twelve (12) shirts ordered then the company would print the Post number on them for free.

Paul Ellison said the shirts cost \$9.95 for short sleeve and \$12.95 for long sleeve. Paul Ellison said that anyone interested to please contact him.

#### New Business:

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

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about few of the important items from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting:

##### Loss of tax exempt status

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that she was currently working on the paperwork to regain tax exempt status and that the IRS fee would be \$400.00

##### Replacement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Flag

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the cost of purchasing a new 3<sup>rd</sup> District Flag would either be \$949.00 for the large flag or \$743.00 for the smaller flag.

##### Next 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the next 3<sup>rd</sup> District meeting would be January 11<sup>th</sup> at Post 61

#### Chili Supper:

Larry Allen talked about the upcoming Chili Supper to be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Larry Allen passed around a sign up sheet and asked every one that could to please sign up and come out to help.

After some discussion it was decided to keep dinner prices same as last year and that LeRoy Coe would get the raffle and door prizes.

Larry Allen made a motion to authorize up to three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for purchase of raffle prizes. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Ray Nichols to put a notice in the news paper about the Chili Supper.

Larry Allen said that he and Don Happy would do an inventory of supplies.

#### Fundraising:

Jim Elliott talked about DAV selling hats and pins to help raise funds. Jim Elliott said that with a five hundred (\$500.00) dollar order it would be free shipping. Jim Elliott said that he would front the money and place the order and the Post could reimburse him as items were sold. Ray Crestwell made a motion to authorize five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for purchase of hats. Jerry Pate seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Frank Roth asked why not combine the purchases of hats and pins.



Jim Elliott said that he would find places to setup a table to sell hats and pins but, would need some help manning the table. So anyone who would like to help please contact Jim Elliott

Frank Roth made a motion to authorize five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the purchase of hats and pins. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jim Elliott talked about holding a raffle of a firearm. Ray Nichols talked about being careful since the VFW had held a raffle for a firearm and did not award the prize so this may have a negative result locally. Jake Samborski said that he had talked with Great Guns about them holding onto the firearm and the winner having to go through them to do proper paperwork. Jim Elliott said that his unit had made a lot of money on the raffle of firearms.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the question on how much money was raised on the last Chili Supper. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the amount was \$890.00 on both the meal and raffle.

Post Officer Bonding Renewal:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that it was time to renew the Post Officer Bonding for the Post Commander and Post Finance Officer. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he wanted to obtain bonding in the amount of \$17,000.00 for each office at \$85.00 per officer bonded. Ray Nichols made a motion to obtain Post Officer bonding at the \$17,000.00 level at a rate of \$85.00 per Post Officer bonded. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Liberty Fall Festival:

Paul Ellison asked if the Post had been contacted about participating in the Liberty Fall Festival next weekend. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she had not been contacted or had heard anything from Jerry Head about the festival. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if the Post wanted to participate. Ray Nichols asked who could march in the parade. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would contact Jerry Head about the Liberty Fall Festival.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked everyone to be sure and sign the birthday card for Lester Brown.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked everyone to be sure sign in on the sign in sheet.

Judi Samborski talked about the 40et8 ChicNic that will be held at Wallace State Park this Saturday starting at Noon.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about Don Happy getting married this Saturday.

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe asked for those who took member list to call to turn them back into him.



Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols gave the closing prayer.  
Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.  
Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 19:59 HRS

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