



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016**

With twenty five (25) members in attendance

Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Jerry Pate, Vernon Mattocks, Donald Happy, Robert Beatty, Larry Allen, James Roberts, Jerry Head, Paul Ellison, Gentry Thomason, Ron Pardeck, Sam Leonard, Stephanie Ebner, Wally Glasco, Ray Creswell, Dan Mott, Ted Nelson, LeRoy Coe, Bob Beeks, Bill Kersten, Tim Jefferson, Jim Weber, Mike Edwards, Gene Welch, and Robert Emery

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 19:00 HRS

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

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

New Members and/or Guest:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any new members present.

Post 95 Vice Commander Stephanie Ebner reported that there were none present.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for February:

Beginning Balance: \$ 10049.66

Deposits: \$ 2657.35

Withdrawals: \$ 2506.64

Ending Balance: \$ 10200.37

New Members: no report

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that the current paid up membership was two hundred fifty (250) and the 2016 membership year goal was 277. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported he had one (1) renewal and one (1) new membership application to process.

Honor Team:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed two (2) funerals at Fort Leavenworth Saturday. Honor Team Commander thanked those who stayed to help with the second funeral the team was asked to do at the last minute.

Flag Etiquette: NO REPORT

Oratorical Contest: NO REPORT



Missouri Boys State\ Missouri Girls State\ Missouri Cadet Patrol

Post 95 Missouri Boys/Girls State/Cadet Patrol Chairman Robert Emery reported that He had received an application from Missouri Boys State for a student from Liberty North High School and had been improperly sponsored. Post 95 sponsored the student and submitted the application for processing.

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that the next BINGO at Cedars would be next Thursday and all were welcome to help out.

Sickness and Distress:

Larry Allen talked about Norma's husband having a pacemaker implanted and had some cancerous spots removed from his face.

Larry Allen also talked about Ray Thompson's widow having some issues. She sold some trees but the people did not clean up their brush. Larry Allen asked for someone to go with him to see what needed to be done to clean up the mess.

Larry Allen also said that she had wrecked her car and just got it back from the repair shop.

Old Business:

Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen talked about the dinner to be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Larry Allen said that he had dinner tickets, raffle tickets, and posters. Larry Allen passed around sign up sheet.

Larry Allen said that we would set up at 13:00 HRS and Norma may not be able to do the decorating since her husband was recovering.

Larry Allen talked about Jim Elliott setting up a table to sell hats, pins, and lanyards and could use help manning the table.

Hats and Pins: NO REPORT

Gun Raffle:

Jake Samborski talked about getting a RUGER 10/22 takedown rifle with case and a brick of ammo from Great Guns as a fundraising program. Jake Samborski said that Great Guns would hold the rifle and process the background check and paperwork.

Stephanie Ebner made a motion to purchase the rifle package. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion. After some discussion Stephanie Ebner modified the motion to allow up to four hundred (\$400) dollars for the rifle purchase. Ray Crestwell seconded the modification and the motion passed.

Jake Samborski talked about making the raffle tickets five (\$5) each or five (5) tickets for twenty (\$20) dollars.

Larry Allen talked about Great Guns being a new newsletter sponsor and asked everyone to mention they saw their ad in the newsletter.

Larry Allen reminded everyone he still had raffle and spaghetti dinner tickets for people to sell and purchase.



**Trailer:**

Jerry Head reported that the trailer was repaired and ready to be lettered.

**Correspondence:**

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a notice from the Cameron Veterans Home Assistance League holding their Annual Golf Tournament on June 11<sup>th</sup> and were looking for sponsorships. Jerry Pate made a motion to sponsor two (2) golf carts in honor of Donna Warren and Mac Williams at fifty (\$50) each. Jake Samborski seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jake Samborski talked about taking some of the proceeds from the rifle raffle and creating a fund for financial assistance for veterans who may need financial help and needed help faster than the Temporary Financial Assistance program the American Legion can provide. After some discussion Jake Samborski made a motion to take ten (10%) percent of the proceeds from the rifle raffle and create a fund for emergency financial help. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jim Weber read an announcement for Veterans Town Hall Meeting to be held by the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 317 on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 HRS on Agent Orange and Hepaticas C. The post is located at 3027 Walnut ST, Kansas City, MO.

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

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the next 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting being held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Smithville American Legion Post with Dinner at NOON and meeting starting at 13:00 HRS.

**Citizenship Awards:**

Don Happy talked about it being time to give out the citizenship awards for this year and that we were two (2) short last year. Don Happy said that the Post would give out six (6) awards at Heritage Middle School. Don Happy said that the medals were the silver ones ad cost twenty dollars and ninety five cents each (\$20.95) plus shipping and handling.

Ray Crestwell made a motion to authorize Don Happy to purchase the eight (8) medals.

Wally Glasco seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Don Happy talked about the Avenue of Flags and ordering some flags. Don Happy talked about purchasing a replacement flag for the auto auction. Don Happy said that he had not received any new orders for flags yet. But he would be ordering ten (10) flags from sam Graves's office just in case they were needed.

Jerry Head asked Don Happy to order a new POW/MIA flag of Cedars and he would pay for it. Don Happy said that he would get it ordered.

**Memorial Day Weekend:**

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about putting up the Avenue of Flags.

Don Happy said that he would contact the Boy Scout Troop about helping with the Avenue of Flags.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jerry Head to schedule with the Nursing Homes for the Memorial Day programs. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards to organize the Honor Team for the programs.



50/50 Drawing:

Robert Beatty held the 50/50 Drawing with twenty (\$20) dollar split. Jerry Pate won the drawing and donated the money back to the Post.

Paul Ellison 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 19:48 HRS

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