



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023

With eighteen (18) members present

Don Happy, Julie Barron Happy, Mike Edwards, Larry Allen, Tina Petterson, Paul Ellison, Ray Creswell, Robert Beatty, Bud Taylor, Jeff Watt, James Hare, Tim Jefferson, Donald Hodge, Jim Elliott, Sam Leonard, G. Ray Nichols, and Robert Emery

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson proceeded to open the meeting at 18:58 HRS

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the Post in salute to the colors.

Post 95 Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked for reading the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting.

Larry Allen made a motion to forgo reading of the minutes Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Guest: No guests were found to be present.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Commander Tina Peterson asked for the finance report from Post Finance Officer Don Happy.

March

Beginning Balance	\$	7984.73
Deposits:	\$	2846.25
Withdrawals:	\$	4439.39
Service Charge	\$	3.00
Ending Balance:	\$	6388.52

Post Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following:

Eleven hundred (\$1100) dollars in funeral stipends

Four thousand (\$4000) dollars for Missouri Boys and Girls State

Jeff Watt said more MGS and MBS sponsor monies coming in.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to accept the finance report as given. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported the paid up membership was one hundred sixty eight (168) members so far with a 2023 membership goal of one hundred ninety one (191).

Honor Guard:

Post 95 honors Team Commander reported the team has been very busy with funerals.

Post 95 honors Team Commander reported he had a request for presenting the colors at Manheim Auto Auction on May 24th at 08:00 HRS



Flag Etiquette:

Mike Edwards reported he had not yet received any requests yet for presentations.

Boys and Girls State:

Robert Emery reported all applicants had been sponsored and accepted to his years sessions.

Sickness and Distress:

G. Ray Nichols reported on Frank Henderson and Bob Beeks

Old Business:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson reported Tim Jefferson had repaired the honor team bugle.

Memorial Day Weekend the Avenue of Flags will be put up at 06:00 HRS and withdrawn at 20:00 HRS a Fairview New Hope Cemetery.

Don Happy reported having issues getting flags and finding a vendor to make the name tags for the flag poles.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson no correspondence to be read.

New Business:

Jeff Watt talked about the following items:

The top Flag Pole pulley broke and Jeff Watt got the Fire Department to have a training session and replace the pulley.

Three (3) new benches will be installed at the cemetery

A new scout troop will be help the Post with the Avenue of Flags this year

Jeff Watt reported he had received a request from the Garrison School for color guard at their Juneteenth veterans room dedication at 10:00 HRS and the school was looking for uniform donations.

Jeff Watt asked if the Post was going to hold a ceremony on Memorial Day.

Post Elections:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported it was time to elect officers for the 2024 Membership year.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson made a motion to keep the current Post officers for another year. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The following members were elected for 2023 – 2024 membership year.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy

Post 95 Vice Commander/Membership Chair Jeff Watt

Post 95 Vice Commander James Hare

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols

Post 95 Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Petifurd

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson appointed Robert Emery to Post 95 Adjutant position.



Department Convention:

Post 95 Adjutant said that since Ron McBee had to work the Department Convention he would designate Ron McBee as a Convention delegate for the Post at the Convention.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to give Ron McBee one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars to help with convention related expenses.

Don Happy said that last Ron McBee returned last years check since Department of Missouri covered his expenses for the convention. So G. Ray Nichols recommended we ask him if he wanted the money or not. The motion was withdrawn from consideration.

Post Honor Team:

Don Happy reported need to order a new set of magnetic signs for funeral honors tea and plastic presentation cases for spent casings.

Jim Elliott made a motion to authorize Don Happy to purchase items needed, Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

50/50 Drawing:

Post 95 Vice Commander James Hare held the 50/50 drawing with thirty (\$30) dollars collected and split would be fifteen (\$15) dollars to the Post and fifteen (\$15) dollars to the winner. G. Ray Nichols won the drawing and donated his winnings back to the Post.

Mike Edwards said that he would be hosting a flag disposal ceremony in June.

Julie Baron Happy reported that Sunday would be Don Happy's 80th birthday

And there would be a driveway party at their house on Sunday 16:00 HRS to 19:00 HRS.

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols gave the closing Prayer.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson closed the meeting in due form at 19:26 HRS

Submitted _____ Approved _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Tina Peterson - Commander