



Sons of The American Legion



Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

**Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
Des Moines, Iowa
April 28, 2019**

Commander Alan Schenck opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplin Trevor Davidson offered opening prayer. Detachment Judge Advocate Mike Deacon stated the rules of the meeting.

The members decided not to go into closed session for the inquiry and hearing on Commander Schenck but have it in open session. Department Commander J. Scott Moline was asked to run the meeting. Vice-Commander Mike Monserud lead the discussion and read the reason for the meeting.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, that the \$500 that was available for the Washington Conference be rescinded, because the Detachment of Iowa's was not represented adequately, after discussion the motion was removed from the table with reservations to recall the motion if money is applied for.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg**, any communication, by any DEC to any member of the Detachment, needs to be sent to all the DEC members to prevent bullying and misconduct, 6 ayes 4 against; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, any travels not already authorized must be approved by the DEC; 5 ayes, 8 nays; motion defeated.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg**, to send a letter of apology to all the Squadrons that had their membership raised unjustly, 8 ayes, 2 nays motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg**, that yes, the DEC wants Bobby Jackson to go to spring NEC and all other meetings as assigned, 11 ayes, motion carried.

Members in attendance were Commander Alan Schenck; Vice-Commanders James Lastovka, Mike Monserud, James Dean, Jim Valentine and Robert Hill; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; Chaplin Trevor Davidson; Sergeant-At-Arms Devin Von Querner; Judge Advocate Mike Deacon; National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson; Alternate

National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz. District Representatives from 4th, 6th and 8th District were present. Six Chairman were present; six Past Commanders; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel and James Dean, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Richard Witt, Randy Freel, and James Dean. There were 16 Squadrons, 7 guests in attendance for a total attendance of 28.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to give District Representatives voice and vote for this meeting; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Bob Hill, **Council Bluffs**, to approve minutes of February 2 & 5, 2019 as printed; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 1st quarter (January - March 2019) with beginning balance of \$19,746.94, total expenses of \$9,176.51, total income of \$8,519.00, leaving a balance of \$15,921.71. Motion by Bob Hill, **Council Bluffs**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant** the Finance Report is accepted for audit, motion carried.

Commander Schenck introduced the guest attending the Conference. Commander J. Scott Moline brought greetings and discussed all the moving parts of the American Legion Family. Adjutant Derner brought his remarks on the programs that are happening at Department and brought up somethings that he is seeing as positives from the morning special session. PNC Dave Rehbie discussed the coins price is affordable for everyone, you don't have to buy the whole set. There are also videos on the history of the American Legion for their 100th Anniversary for which is open to everyone to get and have showings in the Post/Squadron.

Department Advisor Randy Freel presented his report and is file. In the 6th District probably will close Adel and Urbandale. 7th District with Pleasantville starting a squadron; Mr. Hill reported that he traveled to 5 Squadrons that have had no meetings. 1st District is goose egg free. 4th District is closing Charles City, and is working with other Squadrons to get them going; Cresco might start in 4th District.

Membership report was given by Membership Chairman Gary Bonesteel reported that we are 6th in the nation but doing very well and he also said he will be sending out Wanted Posters for membership.

Americanism Chairman James Lastovka read his report and is on file.

Veterans Employment & Education Chairman Mike Monserud gave his report and is on file.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald emailed his report and is on file.

Public & Media Communications Chairmen Timothy Zacharias gave his report.

Children and Youth 6th District Commission Chairman Rick Cross report that he is trying to get a handle on what is all happening.

Detachment Commander Alan gave his report and is on file. Alan talked about how things are going and ask the DEC what they thought about.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to accept all reports as

presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Tim Zacharias updated on his Dad Jim Zacharias and said he is improving slowly.

Unfinished business: Bob showed how to fill out the online calendar and said he feels we should keep it going for a year.

Wall of Honor nothing has been done tabled till Convention.

New business: Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg** to accept the resignation of Michael E. Sypherd Sr.; motion carried with one voting against.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to start the coverage with Legionnaire Insurance Trust for the 30 Detachment Officers for the price of \$97.20 a year, motion carried.

Motion by Bob Hill, **Council Bluffs** seconded by Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg**, to order the 3 membership watches, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to approve the Code of Conduct for the Detachment of Iowa with final approval by the Detachment at Convention; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Ames**, seconded by Jim Valentine, **Bondurant**, to only have the hospitality room at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Valentine, **Bondurant**, to give the registration fee to the parking lot project; motion carried.

Motion by Brian Kessler, **Lake Park**, seconded by Rick Cross, **Des Moines 731**, to do the calendar books again, motion defeated. It was recommended that the Adjutant to create the calendar book but put it online as PDF.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to set the National Convention rate \$500.00 for the possible 8 authorized for reimbursement; motion carried.

Motion by Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to present the 2019-2020 Detachment budget to the Department Finance Committee and the Detachment of Iowa for their approval, motion carried.

Motion by Bob Hill, **Council Bluffs**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to approve the 38th Annual Detachment Convention rules as presented; motion carried.

Ideas for the 100th reception table, the group was asked to start looking for things and have the Vice-Commander coordinate, and the Adjutant should work on the 5 minute pitch with input from the Squadrons.

Motion by Jim Valentine, **Bondurant**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to stay at Department Headquarters for Spring and Fall DEC, motion carried. it was also decided to stay the same weekends.

Under the Good of the Sons: Member of the year, Past Commanders Committee Mike Deacon, Gary Bonesteel, Jim Valentine. The adjutant should strip the names off the apps and assign them a number.

Those wishing to go to Department Leadership school: James Lastovka, Mike Monserud, Doug Honse, and Ray Went.

Those talking about going to 48th National Convention in Indianapolis Indiana: Dennis Theobald, Mike Deacon, Bobby Jackson, Ken Rochholz, Allen Schenck, James Dean, Mike Monserud, Brian Kessler, Gary Bonesteel, Trevor Davidson, Randy Freel, James Lastovka.

June 8th Muscatine is hosting a car show 1-5.

The next DEC meeting will be held on July 20th, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport and Conference Center starting at immediately following the Detachment Convention.

Chaplain Davidson offered the closing prayer, with Commander Schenck closing the meeting in proper fashion at 1:09 PM.

Brian Kessler

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