



**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
Detachment Executive Committee
March 20th, 2021**

1. Commander Hendee (DH) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and the opening prayer was given by Chaplain England (SE). Sgt-At-Arms Jamie Westcott reported no visitors for the meeting. DH reported SAL Advisor PDC Bruce Paquin (BP) was attending. The POW/MIA banner and Blue Star banner were previously posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sr. Vice Commander Jeremy Revell (JR).

2. Adjutant Marc Colety (MC) read the roll call and a quorum was announced.

3. Motion was made by NEC PNVC John Waite (JW) and seconded by JR to dispense of the reading of and to accept the minutes from the previous meeting because they had already been distributed to and reviewed by all the officers. The motion passed.

4. Finance Office Norm Scolaro (NS) was present to answer questions on the previously distributed finance report to the DEC. NS read the line item changes from the previous year for the new budget aloud. There was some discussion about cosponsoring an endowment fund with the Department, but we are still missing some information as the Department continues to work out the details. A motion made by accept by JR and seconded by SE to accept the report as read. A motion was made by SE and seconded by MC to approve the new budget as presented. Both motions passed.

5. Sick Call and Relief. No update on PDC Paul post surgery. No new SC&R.

6. Notes and Correspondence. None

7. Committee Reports:

Activity Committee Report given by ALTNEC PDC Henry Cleveland (HC).

Golf tournament update, Sothern Area Commander Bill Brothers (BB) has 9 sponsorships to date, there are no others reported yet. Raffle ticket sales have been coming in slowly but steadily. HC reminded all that we should publicize the donations we make from this event (Scholarships, Veterans Place, Law Cadet Program, Veterans Assistance Fund and OCW). To date HC estimated we have raised and donated close to \$300,000 over the years the golf tournament has been in existence.

A motion was made to accept the report by JR and seconded by Elwood Bourne, Chittenden County Commander (EB). The motion passed.

Advisory Committee report not presented.

Americanism Committee Report submitted by BM.

HC thanked BM, NS and MC for participation in the Oratorical program at the district levels and in the final competition.

A motion was made to accept the report by MC and seconded by JW. The motion passed.

Awards Committee report not presented.

There was discussion about upcoming end of year reports which must be distributed to the squadrons no later than May 1. JW said we would get them to MC in time for distribution. JR said we need to remind squadrons if they need help completing these, to let a DEC officer know.

No motion was made or required.

Children and Youth Committee Report given by District 1 Commander Mike Felber (MF).

JR discussed that C+Y is more than just CWF which has been the focus. JR also mentioned that April is C+Y Month.

A motion was made to accept the report by SE and seconded by PDC Harold Trombley (HT). The motion passed.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report submitted by NEC/PNVC JW.

JW reminded everyone of an upcoming by-law change that we would vote on at convention. From there it is given to BP to take to the Department for review and approval. JW reported he had only about 19 squadron constitution and by-law updates. John will send out an updated status report.

A motion was made to accept the report by JR and seconded by MF. The motion passed.

Legislative Report was not presented by Historian LH as it was distributed during his updated mailing a week ago.

LH did mention the recent change to the Governor's COVID guidance allowing our posts to reopen under restaurant guidance restrictions. JW asked about presenting LH for the National Legislative Committee.

No motion was made or required.

Membership Committee Report submitted by Sr. Vice Commander JR.

Some discussion about the expected membership renewal bounce because of clubs opening back up starting next week.

A motion was made to accept the report by MF and seconded by SE. The motion passed.

Public Relations Committee Report submitted by Adjutant MC.

No discussion or objections were noted on the report as submitted.

A motion was made to accept the report by MF and seconded by LH. The motion passed.

Scholarship Report submitted by AltNEC HC.

HC reported all information has been sent out to the schools, the submission deadline is May 15th, no applications have been received to date.

A motion was made to accept the report by MF and seconded by JR. The motion passed.

S.A.L. Advisor Report was presented by Bruce Paquin.

Bruce introduced himself and talked about his 37-year history with the American Legion. He is a native Vermonter, a dual member currently from Middlebury Post 27. He is a past Commander for the Detachment of Maryland in 1995-1996, was an aide to S.A.L. National Commander Joe Gladdon in 2013-2014 and has held all offices in his squadron back in Maryland. BP asked for representation at the upcoming Adjutants & Leadership Training and asked if there was anything we wanted him to take back to the Department at their next meeting. Hearing nothing, BP concluded his discussion.

VA&R Committee Report was not submitted by MC.

VAVS Committee Report was not submitted by BB.

8. Old Business.

Summer DEC was inquired about by HT. JR commented that he had no specific plans yet, but he was hoping to have a campout at his home. He will begin working out the details and report when he has something concrete. No motions were required.

9. New Business.

DH brought up membership again and commented we needed to motivate people now that the posts will begin to reopen, that should help.

JR discussed his recent committee interest request and reiterated we need to work on bringing in new members at the DEC level and committee membership is a great way to get new folks' exposure to all the great things the DEC coordinates. No motions were required.

10. Other Business:

DH again thanked those that had continued to work some activities like take out dinners during these difficult times.

11. Chaplain Steve England read our closing prayer.

12. Commander DH adjourned the meeting at 10:02 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Colety

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