

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Floyd W. Magnuson, Post 30, Inc
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA
August 11, 2011

Post 30 Commander Ken McMillon called the meeting to order at 1900 hours at the National Guard Readiness Center in Belgrade, Montana. There were five officers, eleven members and one guest in attendance. Post 30 welcomed two new members; Stan Milesnick and Tom Vanderbeck to the post. The opening ceremonies were completed.

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes for July are posted on the Post 30 Web-site, motion made and seconded to approve minutes as posted, motion passed unanimously..

Finance Officer's Report: The Post 30 Finance Officer - Merv Gunderson provided the following: All accounts are up-to-date, bills are paid and the accounts are in good order. Current Post 30 account balance is \$7,617.25; the SAL account balance is \$246.44, and the Legion Riders account balance is \$710.00. A motion was made and seconded that the Financial Report be accepted as read; the motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Service Officers Report: Bill Payton was in attendance and provided a negative report.

Post Membership: Merv Gunderson reported that we have 123 members for the 2012 membership year, and that we are ahead of last year's renewal rate. Keep up the good work, recruiters!

Sons of the American Legion: Merv reported that the SAL added 2 new members this week.

House Committee: Mo Volkman commented that Club 30 is doing well for the summer. Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, 12 Aug at the Big Timber golf course. He also encouraged members to stop by and support the Club.

Legion Riders: Riders Commander Paul Reilmann reported that the July Poker Run was conducted with limited attendance, but that it was a great ride (Belgrade to Big Sky to West Yellowstone to Ennis and then back to Belgrade). One of the highlights of the ride was watching a very large cinnamon black bear foraging near the road on the north entrance to Yellowstone Park. Focus for next year's Poker Run will be "getting the word out" for better support by the Gallatin Valley riding community.

American Legion Boy's State: Colonel Carlton reported that our focus for 2012 will include local home-schooled students that meet educational requirements (completion of their Junior Year of High School). We are looking for even better things for our 2012 delegates.

Scouting Committee: Committee Chair Mike Koosman reported that Cub Scout Pack 3648 had a great campout at Moose Creek, in the Gallatin, during their July campout. They will be holding a recruiting/kickoff event at the Belgrade Pond, River Rock, on 30 August. If you would like to attend contact either Mike (Cell: 209-6561) at email mkoosman@mt.gov and let him know so that he can plan the head-count – he wants to make sure that he has enough food for the attendees. Mike also reported that he's working very hard to recruit committee members and den leaders for the upcoming year.

Belgrade Bandits: Karl Mahn reported that the team did very well this year – winning the District Tournament and going to State. They played about 90 games this year. Karl thanked the Legion for its sponsorship, financial support, and the color guards that were provided this year.

Old Business: None to Report.

