

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Floyd W. Magnuson, Post 30, Inc
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA
September 8, 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 and ten members and two guests in attendance. The opening ceremonies were completed.

Roll Call of Officers: COM _p_; VCOM _m_; 2VCOM _m_; ADJ _p_; FIN p__; CHAP _p_; SER _p_; SGTA _p_.

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes for June 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 reported the following: All bills have been paid to date and the September 9, 2011 Post 30 account balance is \$6,929.52; the SAL account balance is \$233.94, and the Legion Riders account balance was \$749.00. 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: Commander McMillon reported that no Veteran's had requested any financial assistance, which the Post could provide, however a veteran had asked for money to replace his clutch. Post 14 bought him a new clutch.

Post Membership: Mervin Gunderson reported that Post 30 has 234 paid up members for 2011, and 90 members paid up for 2012. Mervin also introduced Post 30's newest member – Ron Tuttle..

Sons of the American Legion: Mervin Gunderson reported that he the SAL Squadron has 76 members for 2011 and 20 members paid up for 2012.

Legion Riders: Commander McMillon commented that the Legion Riders will sponsor a Steak Fry at Club 30 on September 30th. The meal will include steak and a baked potato but no drinks are included; and all interested parties are to contact Club 30 or Commander McMillon to reserve their steaks. Commander McMillon also commented that the Legion Riders will participate in the Belgrade Fall Festival Parade as well as the Antique Military Vehicle group.

Color Guard: Commander McMillon commented that the Post 30 Color Guard will participate in the fall festival and that they could use some more interested personnel to join the Color Guard. Also discussed was the need for Post 30 to have it's own Honor Guard and after a brief discussion, Roger Durham was nominated to be the Chairman for this group.

Boy Scouts Committee: Commander McMillon reported that Post 30 had completed the purchase of a trailer for the Scouts to store their equipment in. Mervin Gunderson agreed to take the title for the trailer and go to the Court House to purchase the license plates for the trailer.

Antique Military Vehicles Committee: no report.

House Committee: Mo Volkman commented that Club 30 is doing well and that Club 30 would open at 8:00 am the day of the Fall Festival.

1-163rd National Guard return: Commander Clements commented that the members were not returning as one single group, instead they would be coming into the Belgrade Airport at different times and days and that he would contact various Post 30 members prior to the return flights so Post 30 would have a presence at the various return flights..

Old Business:

American Legion National Convention: Commander McMillon reported that Mervin Gunderson had been elected to a National Vice Commander position for the Western American Legion Region and would now be representing several states during his tenure. This position will require that Mervin Gunderson be on the road for 180 to 200 days each year. He also reminded the attendees of the articles on Mr. Gunderson that were on the front page of both the Belgrade News and the Bozeman Chronicle.

1-163rd Appreciation Day: Commander McMillon reported that Post 30 was planning on a special barbeque to honor the returning veterans and their families but it would not be held until next spring.

9/11 Remembrance Day: Commander McMillon reported that he would attend the Belgrade Senior Citizens 9/11 Remembrance Day luncheon on Monday September 12th and would provide a special 9/11 Power-Point presentation. He also encouraged all attendees to attend, and reminded them that if they were going, they should contact the Belgrade Senior Center and reserve a plate for the presentation.

New Business and correspondence:

District 7 Fall Meeting: Commander McMillon reported that the Fall meeting will be at Post 14 in Bozeman on Sunday, October 9. Registration will be at 9:00 am with the meeting starting at 10:00 am.

National Vice-Commander Fund Raising activities: Commander McMillon reported that the new position that Mervin had been elected to involved a lot of personal expense as well as time and that the American Legion had limited funds to provide Mervin and suggested that Post 30 begin to assist him in raising funds by donating \$1.00 for each Post 30 member. After a brief discussion the attendees unanimously voted to approve the motion. He also commented that a special American Legion Coin had been produced as a 9/11 Remembrance and they could be purchased for \$10.00 per coin.

Brenda Baker Fund Raiser: Mervin Gunderson commented that a special fund was needed to assist Mrs. Baker in paying her bills. Mrs. Baker has been very active in the Gallatin Valley assisting Veterans and this was our way of thanking her and her husband for all their special efforts on behalf of Veterans. A motion was made and unanimously passed that the Post would provide \$404.00. Several members also committed to providing money for this fund.

Other Post Business:

Club 30 Activities for September: Commander McMillon reminded the attendees that College Football was available every Saturday and the NFL games on Sunday and Monday nights were also available. He also commented that Club 30 would have special Belgrade Fall Festival drink specials that Saturday.

Good of the Legion:

Adjournment:

Ken McMillon adjourned the meeting at 2010 hours, reminding the members that the next scheduled Post 30 Executive meeting is Thursday October 13 at 1200 hours at Club 30; and the next Post 30 meeting is October 13 will be at the Army National Guard Readiness Center on Airport Road, Belgrade, Montana.

Submitted:

Approved:

Ron Patterson - Minutes

Ken McMillon, Post 30 Commander