



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Baltimore, Maryland August 30, 2015

President Sharon Cherrette called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM at the Hilton Baltimore Hotel in the American Legion, Department of Alaska Hospitality Suite. Because we did not have enough Units present for a quorum, it was decided to go ahead and begin hearing Pre-Convention Committee reports while we waited for Sue Diaz to arrive. Her presence would give us the needed Unit for a quorum.

Committee Reports

Children and Youth and Liaison to Child Welfare Foundation; Past President's Parley – Penny Mazonna

There were no awards and only one amendment to the National Standing Rules presented that would be discussed at the Constitution and Bylaws committee meeting. The amendment that was presented would rename the Cavalcade of Memories Committee to National History Committee and add the National Historian as ex-officio member.

There were two proposed resolutions by the Department of Maryland that were dismissed on the advice of The American Legion Judge Advocate Onderdunk because they are unconstitutional so no action can be taken on them. The first resolution would require Advance Notice of Proposed National Appointments and the second resolution would give Departments the option to “opt out” of the Electronic Renewal Advice to its members from dues Notices.

There were only five candidates submitted for National Woman of the Year for 2015.

Cavalcade of Memories and Poppy – Colleen Newman

Cavalcade of Memories – no awards and the amendment tabled until Constitution and Bylaws. There was a survey circulated. Please see attached.

Poppy – No awards or citations for the Department of Alaska. No resolutions or amendments. The one good piece of information is that Emblem Sales has come up with a way to solve the problem of the poppy labels not sticking. The labels will now be perforated with three small holes so that the stem can be threaded through the labels.

Americanism, Education, Community Service – Marge Blankenship

Americanism – No awards, no resolutions.

Education – No awards, no resolutions.

Community Service – No awards, no resolutions.

Membership – Sue Waldhaus

There was one resolution regarding funding for the second phase of the strategic plan - \$1,000,000. No awards for Alaska. The Department of Alaska was on the low end of the award spectrum but that was a trend experienced nationally – there were a number of possible awards that no one won. Million member push-one major point is to grow the leadership.

Public Relations, Auxiliary Emergency Fund and Leadership – Connie Kullander

Public Relations – No awards, no resolutions.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – No awards, no resolutions. There was \$150,000 in grants available. Only five grants awarded in disaster grants.

Leadership – No awards, no resolutions. More mentorship for new members suggested.

Chaplains and Historians – Barbe Wolkoff

Chaplains – No awards, no resolutions.

Historians – No awards, one amendment as discussed in Penny Mazonna's report and that was brought up in Constitution and Bylaws renaming the Cavalcade of Memories Committee to the History Committee.

National Security and Legislative – Lori Fruhwirth

National Security – 100% reporting. No awards or resolutions. National will be promoting the e-mentoring program next year.

Legislative – No awards or resolutions. Lori signed up on the Legislative counsel.

Credentials and Rules – Linda Schmitt

Credentials - 800 delegates total. No 2/3 or 1/2 count any longer due to the use of the keypads and every vote being counted.

Rules – There is one rules change to Rule Number 24 on Page 131 of your Convention Guide under the Proposed Convention Standing Rules. The Rule now reads: The National Parliamentarian with the approval of the National President, National Vice President, National Secretary, and National Treasurer, is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the voting delegates in connection with the revision considered at this convention."

The change is as follows:

Please strike the words "the revision considered" in the very last line of the rule. Insert "any amendments to the governing documents adopted".

The last line Rule 24 will now read "...intent of the voting delegates in connection with any amendments to the governing documents adopted at this convention."

Finance and Foundation – Lisa Williamson

Finance – There was one resolution presented for finance, there is \$494,000 that is being carried over from the first year of the Centennial Strategic Plan and National is requesting an additional \$496,000 for a total of nearly \$1,000,000 to fund the second year of the plan through 2017. The finance committee recommended the adoption of this funding. The recommendation was passed unanimously.

Foundation – The Foundation is introducing their connections with #GivingTuesday that is held around the world in the month of November and also their new collaboration with Amazon Smile. The Foundation is also announcing a new corporate American Legion Auxiliary Credit Card through USAA.

VA&R – Sharon Cherrette

VAVS Reps and Deps Report – Sue Caswell, VAVS Honorary Life Member; Marge Blankenship, VAVS Representative and Marjorie Noble, VAVS Deputy. The Auxiliary does their report 1 April through 31 March. The annual report for the Auxiliary is every November. If Auxiliary members were to be paid an hourly wage for their volunteer hours, they would make \$22.55 per hour. Since 1960 that equates to 6.8 million dollars and 7.7 million hours donated in time! No awards, no resolutions.

The Quilts of Valor project was introduced.

Resolutions – Sue Caswell

Please see attached report. (Sue was at the Pages meeting that was being held at the same time as our DEC meeting).

Junior Activities and Girls Nation – Yvonne Lamm

Please see the attached report. (Vonn was at the Pages meeting that was being held at the same time as our DEC meeting).

Motion was made by Margaret Blankenship to dispense with the opening ceremonies. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Rehta Foster to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

ROLL CALL

OFFICERS	NAME	P	A	E	TOTALS
PRESIDENT	SHARON CHERRETTE	X			
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	SUSAN WALDHAUS	X			
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	BARBE WOLKOFF	X			
SEC./TREAS	LINDA SCHMITT	X			
CHAPLAIN	JANE LARSON			X	
HISTORIAN	COLLEEN NEWMAN	X			
SGT-AT-ARMS	DIANA ESTRADA			X	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMEN	TERRY ARCHIBALD			X	
	LAURIE SCOTT			X	

TOTAL OFFICERS					5
STANDING COMMITTEES					
AMERICANISM	ZONA GREGG		X		
AUDIT	SUSAN DIAZ	X			
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND	SUE COUP		X		
CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES	COLLEEN NEWMAN	X			
CHILDREN AND YOUTH	SUSAN DIAZ	X			
COMMUNITY SERVICE	YVONNE PORECCA		X		
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	LAVONNE COLLIER			X	
DISTINGUISHED GUEST	BEVERLY EADS	X			
EDUCATION	LORI FITZSIMONS		X		
FINANCE	RUTH JOHNSON		X		
GIRLS STATE	YVONNE LAMM			X	
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	ADRIENNE HUFF		X		
LEADERSHIP	EVA AULSTON		X		
LEGISLATIVE	LORI FRUHWIRTH	X			
MEMBERSHIP	BARBE WOLKOFF	X			
NATIONAL SECURITY	BEVERLY EADS	X			
PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY	PENNY MAZONNA	X			
POPPY	MARGARET BLANKENSHIP	X			
PUBLIC RELATIONS	PATTY MAZONNA- JONES		X		
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION	SUSAN WALDHAUS	X			
TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES					11
UNITS		P	A	E	TOTALS
JACK HENRY	UNIT 1			X	
KETCHIKAN	UNIT 3		X		
SEWARD	UNIT 5	X			
MERLIN ELMER PALMER	UNIT 6		X		
DORMAN H. BAKER	UNIT 11	X			
LYNN CANAL	UNIT 12		X		
SITKA	UNIT 13		X		
MAT. VALLEY	UNIT 15		X		
GENERAL BUCKNER	UNIT 16		X		
ROBERT G. BLAIR	UNIT 17	X			
NINILCHIK	UNIT 18			X	
NOME	UNIT 19		X		
GEO. H. PLUMLEY MEM.	UNIT 20	X			
GLADYS M. HEINTZ MEM.	UNIT 27		X		

SPENARD	UNIT 28	X			
MULDOON	UNIT 29	X			
CON MILLER	UNIT 30		X		
PETERS CREEK	UNIT 33	X			
CHAPPIE JAMES	UNIT 34		X		
SUSITNA VALLEY	UNIT 35			X	
C. RUSSELL HUBER	UNIT 57			X	
TOTAL UNITS					7
PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS		P	A	E	TOTALS
LYNN BASH			X		
CAROLYN NULL			X		
SUSAN CASWELL				X	
LAVONNE COLLIER				X	
BETTY RANDALL				X	
JILL PAWSON			X		
LISA WILLIAMSON				X	
JEAN CLAYTON			X		
REHTA FOSTER		X			
JEAN SHANDY			X		
FRANCISCA GUILFORD				X	
LINDA VAN HORN		X			
EVA AULSTON				X	
JUDY PUSTI				X	
BETTY PORTER			X		
SUE CHERRIER			X		
LORI FITZSIMMONS				X	
JUNE HAAS			X		
SUE DIAZ		X			
BEVERLY EADS		X			
MARGARET BLANKENSHIP		x			
TOTAL PDP'S					5

Linda Schmitt gave the Treasurer's Report as follows: Gaming Account – \$31,356.11; General Account – \$10,944.32; Girls State FNBA Account – \$5,154.68; Rehabilitation Account – \$6,248.77 balances as of 8/24/2015.

Linda Schmitt, Department Secretary read communications. Letter from one of the Girls State citizens mothers (Deanna Mitchell) thanking Vonn and Department for a job well done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to be discussed at this Department Executive Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Girls State Director, Co-Director and 3 – Year Board Member

Ratification of Department President Sharon Cherrette's appointees to the Girls State board - Director: Yvonne Lamm of Peters Creek Unit 33, Co-Director: Ann Robinson of C. Russell Huber Unit 57 and 3 – Year Board Appointee: Diana Estrada of Susitna Valley Unit 35.

Colleen Newman Robert G. Blair Unit 17 made a motion to ratify Yvonne Lamm as Girls State Director, Ann Robinson as Girls State Co-Director and Diana Estrada as 3rd Year Board Member. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Ratification of Additional Committee Chairmen

President Cherrette also requested that the following committee chairmen be ratified: Sue Coup George H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20 – Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Marjorie Noble Susitna Valley Unit 35 – VAVS Deputy, Darlene Sheldon General Buckner Unit 16 – VAVS Deputy for Kenai Peninsula based upon the teleconferencing issue as discussed regarding the VA. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Hospitality Suite

Department Adjutant wanted everyone to be aware that the funds for the Hospitality Suite are dwindling. There will be funding for next year and possibly the year after. We need to look at ideas for other fundraisers from Units, Posts and individuals. In the future we may have to ask for a room at the convention center. This needs to be brought up at the Department Executive Committee meeting. It has been suggested to increase our donation to \$1,000.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those who are planning in participating in the parade today will meet at 3:15PM at Jimmy John's around the corner from our hotel.

Fall Workshop is on 3 October with the Department Executive Committee Meeting and the Girls State Meeting on 4 October at Susitna Valley Unit 35. Registration fee to be announced.

Beverly Eads has tickets for Mary Davis' fundraiser. \$1.00 each.

Department pins for trading on the convention floor are available at \$1.50 each, 11 for \$15.00 or 22 for \$30.00.

Sue Waldhaus has tickets to bring guests to the hospitality suite.

Department Commander Scott Kline stopped in to see who did not yet have a commanders pin.

Kevin's Installation will be held in Hall C at the Convention Center where we had the Constitution and Bylaws meeting yesterday.

Colleen Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Schmitt
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Alaska
Secretary/Treasurer