

MINUTES
Membership & Post Activities Commission
Virtual MEETING
October 5, 202, at 8:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order 8:00 A.M: Chairman First Vice Commander Stan Oren opened the meeting of the Membership & Post Activities Commission
2. Salute to the Colors: The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation by Stan Oren, 1st Vice Commander
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Stan Oren, 1st VC Commander, led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Preamble – Department 2nd Vice CMD, Gary Cox Jr.
6. Roll Call: Sherry Yockey, Membership & Post Activities Manager: we had a quorum

DISTRICT	Membership Chairman	Post Activities Chairman
1 ST	Dean Boyers- Present	Bernie Rau- Present
2 nd	Tim Shaw- Present	Mike Homan- Absent
3 rd	Brian Fowle- Present	Michael White- Present
4 th	Champ Brown- Absent	Steve Baumann- Present
5 th	Milissa Rodgers-Present	Kenneth Parsons- Absent
6 th	William Little-Present	Keith Smigle- Absent
7 th	Vacant	Robert Wagoner- Absent
8 th	Scott Conn- Present	Ron Rutter- Present
9 th	Samuel Swoger-Absent	Antonio Crespo, Jr-Present
10 th	Thomas Barnett- Technical Difficulties	Debi Biggins-Present
11 th	David Taylor- Present	Ed Grimes- Absent
12 th	Suzette Heller- Present	Vacant
13	James Lockyer- Present	Kevin Conlan- Absent
14	John Life- Present	Jacob Marx- Present
Dept 1 st VC	Stan Oren- Present	
Dept 2 nd VC		Gary Cox Jr.- Present
MBR & PA Mgr		

7. Guest: Sherry Yockey, Membership and Post Activities Manager, 7th District Commander, John Conley- in place of Vacant 7th District 1st Vice. 8th District, Commander Mike Lincoln, 12th District Commander Mike Higgins in place of vacant 12th District 2nd Vice.
8. Reading of the minutes from the last meeting
 - a. The minutes from the last meeting were not provided, so this item was skipped.
9. Old Business
 - a. Department Tournaments- 2nd Vice CMD Gary Cox, Jr.
 - September 2024- Trap Shoot and Golf Tournaments were successful events
 - i. Trap Shoot: 78 Shooters, good turnout, hosted by Johnsville Post 0754
 - ii. Golf Tournament: 16 to 20 teams hosted by Beverly Post 0389. It was a terrific turnout.

Beverly Post provided a great event that night with a steak dinner and cornhole tournament.

1. Golf Commissioners held a meeting regarding the Golf Bid. They will revisit the bid at the Mid-Winter Conference in January 2025
- iii. Cleveland Regatta with incoming National Candidate Dan Wiley from Kansas. We watched the American Legion rowing team do very well.
- iv. Bowling Tournament – Upcoming February 2025 Hosted by Maumee Post 0320

10. New Business

- a. Revisit Resolution 24-05 Standing Commission Meetings: Dean Boyers, 1st District, 1st Vice CMD
 - i. Scheduling of the standing commission meetings
 - ii. The current by-law mandates that the standing commission meeting will be held two weeks after the convention. Still, flexibility is needed due to potential conflicts with other events, such as the DEC or membership workshops.
 - iii. A motion is needed to change the by-law to allow flexibility in scheduling the standing commission meetings.
 1. 12th District, 1st Vice CMD Suzette Heller motioned, seconded by 14th District, 2nd Vice Jacob Marx to approve resolution 24-05.
 2. Discussions: Send the resolution to Internal Affairs, the Finance Commission, the Adjutant, and the Commander for approval with a new number. It will then go to the DEC and then to the Convention.

MOTION PASSED

- b. Department Purchasing of Early Bird Stamps: Stan Oren, Dept 1st Vice Commander
 - i. Early Bird Stickers cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 every couple of years
 - ii. The department proposes to buy each Post a stamp and ink costing \$10,000
 - iii. One-time purchase and Post would replace it if lost or damaged
 1. John Life, 14th District, 1st Vice CMD motioned to purchase stamps, seconded by Jacob Marx, 14th District, 2nd Vice
 2. Discussion: Why buy stamps for every Post? Not all Post use early bird stickers
 3. Districts will contact their Post and report back how many Post want a stamp
 4. Posts can purchase the stamp if they want it
 5. Stamp with ink \$24.99, stamp without ink \$19.99 from Emblem sales
 - iv. John Life 14th District 1st Vice amended the motion to have districts find out who wants a stamp, and the Districts would report back to the commission, seconded by 14th District, 2nd Vice Jacob Marx.
 1. Discussion: The Department will no longer supply early bird stickers. If the Post wants one, have them purchase their stamp, and the Districts will help.
 - v. John Life withdrew his motion and his amendment
 1. Discussion: The Department will notify members through the OLN that we will no longer supply early bird stickers and that the Post will have to order a stamp from Emblem Sales with a link.
 2. Rubber stamp \$19.99 or self-inking \$24.99
 3. The Department doesn't have sufficient stock for the following membership year.
 - vi. Tim Shaw, 2nd District, 1st Vice, Motions for the Department to no longer supply early bird stickers and to turn it over to the Post, seconded William Little, 6th District 1st Vice

MOTION PASSED

11. Good of the Legion- Stan Oren, Dept. 1st Vice Commander
 - i. Asked the District to help with membership
 - ii. To explain to our veterans that belonging to the Legion is like an insurance policy. We need your membership to go to Congress so that veteran benefits will be there for you when you get older, too.
12. Benediction: Dean Boyer, 1st District, 1st Vice Commander
13. Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 A.M.