



BRONSTED – SEARL – INGMAN POST 93

General Membership Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2025

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

II. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Commander: Tom Garrigan√
2nd Vice Commander: Paul Bishop*
Adjutant: Larry Beaumont√
Chaplain: Robin Gray√
Service Officer: Bob Buschmann*

1st Vice Commander: Bruce Pfingsten√
2nd Vice Commander: Mike Mackin *
Finance Officer: Alvin Ericksen√
Historian: John Wolff*
Sergeant at Arms: Terry Hagar* & Karl Hofmann√

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- None

IV. REVIEW & APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- **Motion** to accept the 1/28/25 meeting minutes, made by Al Raatz and seconded by Bruce Pfingsten.
APPROVED

V. REPORTS

- District Commander's Report
 - Oratorical contest complete at Park Falls. One contestant is moving on to regional competition in March.
 - The Department is doing a cash raffle. Each Post is asked to sell 50 tickets, \$20/ticket. Mike Mackin is selling our Post's allotment of tickets. Some Posts have refused to sell them.
 - District 11 Spring conference will be held Apr 26 in Fifield at the Town Hall. Lunch is \$10 and catered by Country Cafe. Registration is at 10am and is \$5. Deadline for RSVP is April 2.
 - Department Spring meetings will be in Portage on May 9-10.
- Commander's Report
 - Reminder that the Fundraising season is just around the corner. Please come forward with any ideas, tactics, or just plain volunteering.
- Adjutant's Report
 - Completed Bar account financial analysis for Executive meeting.
 - Processing memberships.
 - Continuing to update the website.
 - By-law updates are complete and have been emailed to the Post. Hard copies are also available at the Post. Looking to get final approval by the Executive Committee and Membership in March.
 - Legion College classes are being offered by the Department in March and April. Go to wilegion.org/legion-college. If you miss the spring semester the classes will be available in the fall.
- 1st Vice Commander's Report
 - No report
- 2nd Vice Commander's Report
 - No report
- Finance Officer's Report

- Alvin Ericksen provided an overview of current account status.
- **Motion** to accept the Finance Officers report made by Bruce Pfungsten and seconded by Sandy McCrory. **APPROVED**
- Chaplin's Report
 - No report
- Service Officer's Report
 - No report

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- House Committee (Bruce Pfungsten)
 - The kitchen electrical is mostly roughed in except for the drops for the lights (location TBD). Old conduits and circuits have been removed to make way for the new.
 - Discussed a completion date for the kitchen, shooting for Fall Ride. Noted that once the electrical is complete the rest will go quickly. Will work on developing a task list for kitchen completion.
 - Discussed colors for the Boy Scout room renovation. It was decided to go with a light gray on the floor and an even lighter gray for the walls.
 - Working on the last 2 items from the fire inspector punch list of improvements.
- Bar Committee (Al Ericksen)
 - The bar manager has been working with Merrill Distributors on food selections (AutoFry) and pricing.
 - Beer prices have been reviewed, and a price increase will occur for 2 brands.
- Finance Committee (Larry Beaumont)
 - Held a special set of e-meetings to get approval to release \$2600 from the Youth account for the Boy Scout meeting room renovation:
 - On the morning of Jan 31, it was announced that the Thrift Shop would be donating \$13,000 to the Post for: Boy Scout room renovation \$5000, Boy Scout cabin renovation \$5000 and Girls Softball \$3000
 - Note that the Thrift Shop donated \$1000 in 2024 for the renovation
 - Background: Dietrich Painting submitted a proposal for \$8600 to complete the Boy Scout Room renovation. The work was priced at a winter season discount and had to be completed by April 1. With the Thrift Shop donating \$6000, an additional \$2600 would need to be provided by the Post to satisfy the Dietrich proposal.
 - L. Beaumont requested, through email, that the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee vote to approve \$2600 from the Youth fund so that Dietrich Painting could start work on the renovation ASAP. This emergency approval was necessary so that Dietrich Painting could complete the job by April 1 according to their proposal.
 - Both Committees approved the request.
- Membership Committee (Larry Beaumont)
 - 189 renewed for 2025
 - 32 need to be renewed for 2025
 - 84% to our goal of 224 goal for 2025
 - State average is 87%
 - District 11 average is 85%
- Fundraising Committee (Tom Garrigan, John Wolff)
 - Raffle fundraising is currently in the winter pause.
 - Please bring forward any Raffle or other fundraising ideas.
- Children & Youth Committee (Gerry Johnson, Byron Lange)
 - Byron reported on the new Girl's Softball team.
 - Players age group is high school freshman-seniors.
 - 2025 graduating seniors can play this year.
 - Must be Tomahawk students.
 - June – August season.

- Discussed establishing a separate account for the Girl's Softball team. **Motion** to create a separate bank account for the Girl's Softball team made by Larry Beaumont and seconded by Gerry Johnson. **APPROVED**
- Discussed establishing a yearly donation to the Girl Scouts. **Motion** to create an annual donation to the Girl Scouts made by Larry Beaumont and seconded by Sandy McCrory. **APPROVED**
- Discussed donation ideas for 2025:
 - Backpack \$300-\$500 (Trig's gift cards)
 - Every Wednesday a backpack is filled with food, for the children, for the weekend.
 - Currently about 40 families in the program.
 - The gift cards are used by the program to purchase food for the kids. The cards do not go directly to the children.
 - Boy Scouts \$300
 - AL Baseball \$300
 - Student Lunch debt relief \$300
 - Girl Scouts \$300
 - Soup Kitchen \$250 (move to general fund)
 - Food Pantry \$250 (move to general fund)
 - Girls Softball TBD (will need a separate account)
 - Badger Boys State \$400 (paid)
 - Scholarship \$500 (already committed)
 - Looking for a March approval

VII. TOMAHAWK AREA VETERANS HONOR GUARD REPORT

- Honor Guard Meat raffle was held at Castaways Bar & Grill on February 15. A very successful event that resulted in a donation to the Honor Guard of \$2760. THANK YOU TRISH AND THE CASTAWAYS TEAM!!!

VIII. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Some Merrill AmVets members are looking to join the Tomahawk Area Veterans Honor Guard or Northwoods Honor Guard. All are welcome in Tomahawk.