



## BRONSTED – SEARL – INGMAN POST 93

### **General Membership Monthly Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2025**

#### **I. OPENING CEREMONIES**

#### **II. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Commander: Tom Garrigan√

1st Vice Commander: Bruce Pflingsten √

Adjutant: Larry Beaumont√

Chaplain: Robin Gray√

Service Officer: Bob Buschmann\*

2nd Vice Commander: Mike Mackin \*

Finance Officer: Alvin Ericksen\*

Historian: John Wolff√

Sergeant at Arms: Terry Hagar\* & Karl Hofmann√

#### **III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

- New member Cheyeann Eastman

#### **IV. REVIEW & APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

- **Motion** to accept the 2/18/25 meeting minutes, made by Buzz Schoone and seconded by Al Raatz.  
**APPROVED**

#### **V. REPORTS**

- District Commander's Report
  - Oratorical regional competition March 29, one contestant from Park Falls will be attending.
  - Mike Mackin is selling our Post's allotment of the Department's cash raffle tickets. Each Post is asked to sell 50 tickets, \$20/ticket. See Mike for your tickets!
  - District 11 Spring conference will be held Apr 26 in Fifiield at the Town Hall. Lunch is \$10 and catered by Country Cafe. Registration is at 10am and is \$5. The deadline for RSVP is April 2.
  - Redcross blood drive March 25.
- Commander's Report
  - No report
- 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 approved at this month's Executive Committee meeting. Looking to get final approval by the Membership. **Motion** to approve the 2025 By-Law update made by Terry Baldowsky and seconded by Bruce Pflingsten. **APPROVED**
  - Have been attending Legion College classes; My Legion website, Adjutant, Commander, and Social Media. Two big takeaways are Post Incorporation and Community Involvement.
    - Posts should be Incorporated to provide legal protection for its Officers and members. Contacted the WI Department of Financial Institutions and found that our Post was Incorporated in 1937 and the Auxiliary was Incorporated in 1942. However, in both cases our names have changed since the original Incorporation. Will be following up with the state to determine how to complete a name change.
    - Community involvement is the primary way for our Post to remind our local citizenry of who we are and what we stand for. We have a very successful Youth program, lead by

Gerry Johnson, but we can do more. There are numerous other programs like EMT of the Year, Fireman of the Year and Policeman of the Year that we could implement with minimal cost to the Post. Another example is starting a Junior Shooting Sports club (air rifles) in Tomahawk.

- Discussed the current state of our SAL squadron. Currently we have 5 active members out of a possible 39 with no active officers. Pat Gryskiewicz, active SAL member, volunteered to be the interim commander to get the squadron revitalized. **Motion** to name Pat Gryskiewicz the acting SAL squadron commander made by Gene Sickels and seconded by John Wolff. **APPROVED**
- 1st Vice Commander's Report
  - No report
- 2nd Vice Commander's Report
  - No report
- Finance Officer's Report
  - Report tabled to the April meeting.
- Chaplin's Report
  - No report
- Service Officer's Report
  - No report

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- House Committee (Bruce Pfingsten)
  - The kitchen electrical is 90% complete, just waiting for Art to terminate the wires.
  - The Boy Scout room renovation is complete. New LED lights will be installed soon. Two areas of water intrusion have been found, and repairs are being carried out.
  - Fire inspector punch list is 95% complete.
  - Working on understanding the camera system playback features and live view. Also looking for volunteers to help monitor the system.
  - Will be updating the electronic marquee sign on the front of the building.
  - Door issue with the wind causing nuisance alarm trips.
  - Discussed purchasing additional drywall to ensure that the meeting room walls remain at least partially "finished".
- Bar Committee (Al Ericksen)
  - The bar manager provided a financial overview at the Executive meeting.
- Finance Committee (Larry Beaumont)
  - No report
- Membership Committee (Larry Beaumont)
  - 193 renewed for 2025
  - 86.16% to our goal of 224 goal for 2025
  - State average is 89.31%
  - District 11 average is 88.05%
- Fundraising Committee (Tom Garrigan, John Wolff)
  - Gun raffle tickets are available.
  - Discussed using punch cards to raffle off the donated guitar, fishing raffle, Green Egg raffle.
  - Please bring forward any Raffle or other fundraising ideas.
- Children & Youth Committee (Gerry Johnson, Byron Lange)
  - Discussed 2025 Youth Fund donations:
    - Happy Kids Backpack \$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 \$500

- AL Baseball \$500
- Student Lunch debt relief \$500
- Girl Scouts \$500
- Girls Softball \$500 (will need a separate account)
- **Motion** to donate \$3000 (as proposed above) of the Youth Fund made by Buzz Schoone and seconded by Gene Sickels. **APPROVED**
- Discussed the separate bank account for the Girls Softball team that was approved at the February meeting. It was stated that we need to establish who will have access to the account. **Motion** to establish Gerry Johnson, Byron Lange, and Morgan Roberts as signators on the Girls Softball team account made by Robin Gray and seconded by Sandy McCrory. **APPROVED**
- The baseball team's schedule has been released: first game June 16, last game July 22, 8 home games.
- Will be meeting with Morgan Roberts on the Girls Softball team.
- Roadside cleanup is currently being planned for the April/May timeframe.
- Boy Scout food drive March 29.

## **VII. TOMAHAWK AREA VETERANS HONOR GUARD REPORT**

- The Loophole is interested in hosting this year's flag retirement ceremony.
- The Honor Guard will present colors at the softball and baseball home games.
- Two new VFW members will be joining the Honor Guard.
- Developing By-Laws for the Honor Guard. The By-Laws are the first step in creating a separate 501(c)(3) organization.
- Upcoming funerals in May and July at Harshaw National Cemetery.
- Red, White, and Blue days at the school in May.
- Tom Garrigan donated entertainment at Castaways to thank them for their support of the Post.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussed concessions at the baseball and softball games. It was noted that we do have the opportunity to work the brat tent at the Farmers Market this summer.
- Reviewed SAL eligibility requirements.
- Discussed using the Post as a meeting place for teenagers.
- Discussed Memorial Day event planning.