



BRONSTED – SEARL – INGMAN POST 93

General Membership Monthly Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2025

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

II. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Commander: Tom Garrigan ✓

1st Vice Commander: Bruce Pfingsten ✓

Adjutant: Larry Beaumont ✓

Chaplain: Robin Gray ✓

Service Officer: Bob Buschmann ✓

16 members present

2nd Vice Commander: Mike Mackin ✓

Finance Officer: Alvin Ericksen ✓

Historian: John Wolff ✓

Sergeant at Arms: Terry Hagar* & Karl Hofmann ✓

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Award recipients: Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Tomahawk School District student lunch relief, American Legion Boys Baseball, American Legion Girls Softball, Happy Kids Backpack

IV. REVIEW & APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- **Motion** to accept the 3/18/25 meeting minutes, made by Alvin Ericksen and seconded by Bruce Pfingsten.
APPROVED

V. REPORTS

- District Commander's Report
 - 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. The deadline for RSVP is April 2.
 - District elections will be at next year's conference; all positions are open.
- Commander's Report
 - Officer nominations tonight
- Adjutant's Report
 - Completed Bar account financial analysis for Executive meeting.
 - Processing memberships.
 - Continuing to update the website.
 - By-law updates have been sent to Department.
 - Developed a set of processes for bar operations.
 - Developed a rental agreement for special events.
 - Working on a name change to our incorporated name. (add Ingman)
- 1st Vice Commander's Report
 - No report
- 2nd Vice Commander's Report
 - No report
- Finance Officer's Report
 - The current financial status of the Post is not very good. One area of improvement is bar operations. Bar hours will be scaled back to Fridays, Saturdays and Special Events.

- Generating income is critical at this time. Please consider donating some time to selling raffle tickets at Trigs (or any other location). Note: Before setting up check with the staff to make sure it is ok.
- The account registers were presented for membership review.
- **Motion** to accept the Finance Officers report made by Sandy McCrory and seconded by Gene Sickels. **APPROVED**
- Chaplin's Report
 - No report
- Service Officer's Report
 - No report

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- House Committee (Bruce Pfingsten)
 - Repairs to prevent the water intrusion into the basement are still in the planning stages.
 - New LED lights will be installed soon in the Boy Scout meeting room.
 - Electrical inspection complete; passed. THANK YOU, BRUCE AND DEWEY, FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!
 - With the electrical inspection complete, the drywall can now be finished in the kitchen.
 - Electrical terminations will be paid for by the Auxiliary. THANK YOU, LADIES!
 - Discussed ensuring that the meeting room walls remain at least partially "finished" to support Special Events.
 - Mike Mackin did a cleanliness check of the building and found conditions poor. He spent 16 hours cleaning the rooms; he will be taking over the janitorial duties and any other volunteers are welcome. THANK YOU, MIKE!
 - Camera access has been given to several members to enable better monitoring of the building.
- Bar Committee (Al Ericksen)
 - Deleted the janitor and backup bartender positions.
 - Bar hours will be scaled back to Fridays, Saturdays and Special Events.
 - Union meetings will continue as scheduled.
 - Tomahawk Mainstreet after-hours event scheduled for May.
 - The special event rental agreement has been updated.
 - Mike Mackin worked with WJJQ to get on-air advertisements for Special Events at the Post. Five ads a day for a month straight, no charge. THANK YOU WJJQ! THANK YOU MIKE!
- Finance Committee (Larry Beaumont)
 - No report
- Membership Committee (Larry Beaumont)
 - 194 renewed for 2025
 - 88.39% to our goal of 224 goal for 2025
 - State average is 91.07%
 - District 11 average is 89.60%
- Fundraising Committee (Tom Garrigan, John Wolff)
 - Gun raffle tickets are available.
 - Starting guitar raffle.
 - Please bring forward any Raffle or other fundraising ideas.
- Children & Youth Committee (Gerry Johnson, Byron Lange)
 - Roadside cleanup Sunday May 4 at 1pm at the Lincoln County garage.
 - Girls Softball bank account in-work at the bank.
 - Girls Softball schedule released.
 - Girl Scouts declined using the Scout room for meetings.

VII. TOMAHAWK AREA VETERANS HONOR GUARD REPORT

- Loophole will be hosting this year's flag retirement ceremony on June 14.
- The Honor Guard will present colors at the softball and baseball home games.

- Two new VFW members will be joining the Honor Guard.
- The initial draft of the By-Laws is complete, will be meeting with the lawyer shortly.
- Will be holding a rifle training session in May.
- May 1 is the World Day of Prayer, service at Memorial Park Pavilion at 10am.
- Thursday May 15 at the National Cemetery for military rights.
- Flags will be posted at the cemetery on May 16 for Memorial Day remembrance.
- May 20 blood drive.
- Red, White, and Blue days at the high school auditorium at 1pm on May 22.
- May 24 at Prairie Rapids cemetery followed by the ceremony at Union Grove in Harshaw.
- May 26 Memorial Day ceremonies.

VIII. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- Incorporation name change
 - Our last name change was in 1942 when Searl was added to our name (Bronsted-Searl). Since then, Ingman was added locally to the Post' name but never updated in our incorporated name. Request Post approval for the name change.
 - **Motion** to change our corporate name from “BRONSTED-SEARL POST #93 THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN” to “BRONSTED-SEARL-INGMAN POST #93 THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN” made by Bob Buschmann and seconded by John Wolff. **APPROVED** (unanimous)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations for Officer elections:
 - Commander: CheyeAnn Eastman
 - 1st Vice Commander: Bruce Pfingsten
 - 2nd Vice Commander: Mike Mackin
 - Adjutant: Larry Beaumont
 - Finance Officer: Alvin Ericksen
 - Service Officer: Bob Buschmann
 - Chaplain: Robin Gray
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 - Sergeant at Arms: Terry Hagar
 - Sergeant at Arms: Karl Hofmann
- Nominations for Executive Committee Members-at-Large:
 - Sandy McCrory
 - Tom Garrigan
 - Al Raatz
- Request for volunteers to help hang sheetrock.

X. SICK CALL

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

XII. CLOSING CEREMONIES