



BRONSTED – SEARL – INGMAN POST 93

General Membership Monthly Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2025

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

II. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Commander: CheyeAnn Eastman✓

1st Vice Commander: Bruce Pfingsten ✓

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

- None present

IV. REVIEW & APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- **Motion** to accept the 5/20/25 meeting minutes, made by Buzz Schoone and seconded by Al Raatz.
APPROVED

V. REPORTS

- District Commander's Report
 - Camp American Legion celebration was a success.
 - Department convention in July.
 - Fall conference being planned for Park Falls.
 - 2026 membership cards are in.
 - Department is going through some issues with the loss of 4 staff members.
- Commander's Report
 - The Pizza Ranch in Rhinelander has an impact night on July 14. They are asking for 4 people to bussers and general help. The Post would receive all of the tips and 20% of the profits.
 - The community is very confused by the name Kilroy's Klub and how it relates to the American Legion. Can the name be changed back to the American Legion bar? **Motion** to change the name of the bar made by Mike Mackin and seconded by Terry Baldowski. **APPROVED The new name is "AMERICAN LEGION POST 93 CLUB"**
 - Bar hours are now determined by the discretion of the bar manager.
 - The team reached out and asked if we would be interested in providing concessions for the Girls Softball games. Future available dates are June 24, July 8, and July 16. All games are double headers: game 1 at 5pm and game 2 6:30pm. Food has already been purchased, just need volunteers.
 - The Post has been offered \$5000 (negotiable) to sell a portion (23') of it's land behind the building. The buyer wishes to build a larger garage on the land. The area of interest has been marked with paint. A. Ericksen took the action to check with the bank to see if there are any issues/restrictions.
 - Trig's gave the Post a \$600 check from the profits of the cupcake sale. The money is designated for nursing homes and hospitals. This event is supposed to be manned by VFW and Legion members, however this year we did not support it. Need to make sure we support the 2026 cupcake sale.

- There will be a Legion/VFW Meet and Greet at the VFW on June 22 from 1-3pm. If you wish, bring a dish to share.
- Adjutant's Report
 - Completed Bar account financial analysis for Executive meeting.
 - Processing memberships.
 - Continuing to update the website.
 - Submitted the CPR and Post Officers Report.
 - Attended Tomahawk Main Street meeting on the Fall Ride.
 - Pig Roast committee meeting.
 - Working on a name change to our incorporated name. (add Ingman) DFI website still shows the name change as "In Process".
- 1st Vice Commander's Report
 - No report
- 2nd Vice Commander's Report
 - Have not been checking voicemail on a daily basis. Other officers commented that they are checking.
 - Working on a master password list.
- Finance Officer's Report
 - The account registers were presented for membership review.
 - Discussed rents and rental agreements.
 - **Motion** to accept the Finance Officers report made by Terry Baldowski and seconded by CheyeAnn Eastman. **APPROVED**
 - The Girls Softball account is approximately \$4500.
 - The Post received a check for \$5000 from the widow of Dan Reiter in thanks for the Post renaming the annual High School scholarship in Dan's name.
 - **Motion** to place the money in savings and hold it for an emergency made by Gerry Johnson and seconded by Terry Baldowski. Ensuing discussion led to the **motion** being **retracted**.
 - **Motion** to place the money in the General Fund, under normal financial control, made by Mike Mackin and seconded by John Wolff. **APPROVED** by a 12 to 3 hand vote.
 - The Post received a check for \$18,000 for the sale of the make-up air unit which was being stored at Malbrit Mechanical.
 - Background: The original purchase of the unit was for \$24,500: \$15,000 was provided by the Auxiliary and \$9500 by the Post. The unit was stored at Malbrit in Wausau. After the decision not to have a commercial kitchen, the make-up air unit was no longer needed. The Post asked Malbrit and the Architect (Stacy Ness) to shop the unit at a reduced price to garner a partial refund. Stacy Ness found a buyer.
 - The Post's share of the \$18,000 is 38.78% (9500/24,500) or \$6,980.40.
 - **Motion** to place the Post's portion of the refund against the Line of Credit principle made by John Wolff and seconded by Bruce Pfungsten. **APPROVED** by unanimous hand vote.
- Chaplin's Report
 - No report
- Service Officer's Report
 - Two home visits and two nursing home visits.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- House Committee (Bruce Pfungsten)
 - Framing and drywall is complete above the cooler.
 - The last of the NRP wall panels must be installed and then the ceiling can go up.
 - Nada Pfungsten painted the bench, flower boxes and picnic tables on the patio. She also painted 2 walls in the bar.
 - A 7" hole was drilled through the exterior wall to support the exhaust piping for the stove.
 - The "sink hole" under the gas meter will be investigated further and probably filled with dry Portland cement.

- The exterior patch (previously installed) held the previous rain events from draining into the basement.
- Reminder that all facility changes are run through the House and Bar committees.
- C. Eastman proposed some changes to the bar: wood paneling (donated material) on the south wall and building bench seating along the south wall. This wood improve the entry appearance into the bar and provide more space efficient seating in the bar area. This is a DIY project with little to no cost. Membership did not motion on this item but were ok with the project, proceeding under House committee control.
- Mike Mackin arranged for donated parking lot surfacing materials.
- Bar Committee (Al Ericksen and CheyeAnn Eastman)
 - C. Eastman gave a report on bar sales.
 - John Wolff found a potential SAL candidate who would be interested in volunteering at the bar.
- Finance Committee (Larry Beaumont)
 - No report
- Membership Committee (Larry Beaumont)
 - 200 renewed for 2025
 - 91.07% to our goal of 224 goal for 2025
 - State average is 94.26%
 - District 11 average is 92.14%
- Fundraising Committee (CheyeAnn Eastman, John Wolff)
 - Fall Ride can koozies have been ordered.
 - Suggestion to raffle an electric bike.
 - Mike Mackin will order service bracelets to sell at the Fall Ride. (2 sizes)
 - The gun show is June 21 from noon-5pm. The Auxiliary will be selling hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Need volunteers to man the show.
 - Pig Roast July 12 from 2-7pm. The Eastman's have donated a pig. Need volunteers to man the Post.
 - Should we move forward with the Queen of Hearts? Table for now.
- Children & Youth Committee (Gerry Johnson, Byron Lange)
 - Boy's Baseball and Girl's Softball seasons have started.
 - Byron reported game scores.
 - 50/50 raffle earned \$70 for the Post.

VII. TOMAHAWK AREA VETERANS HONOR GUARD REPORT

- Loophole donated \$1000 to the Honor Guard for this year's flag retirement ceremony. The guard members did an excellent job performing the ceremony.
- The Honor Guard presented colors at the softball and baseball home games.
- The Prairie Rapids cemetery board donated \$100 to the Honor Guard for this year's Memorial Day service.
- All of the Incorporation paperwork has been submitted to the state of WI.
- The Auxiliary participated in the Memorial Day and flag retirement ceremony. They has been invited to participate in future events.

VIII. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- None presented

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- B. Pfungsten reported that a local gentleman, who runs a volunteer fishing outfit on Lake Tomahawk, would like to make a small presentation to the Post at the next meeting. He is looking for volunteers to help with his charitable work in providing fishing activities for veterans and kids.

X. SICK CALL

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Note: The Auxiliary joined the meeting during this portion of the meeting.
- C. Eastman read an anonymous letter that she received. The letter was written in a disparaging/belittling manner towards her and her ability to lead the Post.
- After reading the letter C. Eastman responded to each point in the letter.
- The entire membership stood in solidarity with commander Eastman.
- This portion of the meeting was also used to brief the Auxiliary on the latest Fall Ride news that after consultation with Tomahawk Main Street and the VFW, no band will be playing on the West end. The Post (TAL & Aux) had offered to provide \$1500 for a stage but there were no additional funds available from TMS or the VFW for a band.
 - After discussion the group agreed that the Post will not pursue obtaining a band for the 2025 Fall Ride.
 - **Motion** to mirror the 2024 Fall Ride operations (daytime Post entertainment, food, pudding shots...), with the addition of DJ Mackin, made by Larry Beaumont and seconded by Alvin Ericksen. **APPROVED**
- The Auxiliary was briefed on the name change for the bar.
- The Auxiliary was briefed on the sale of the make-up air unit. The Auxiliary responded that they will decide on their share of the money at the July meeting.

XII. CLOSING CEREMONIES