



Frederick. O Blankenship Post 117
413 South Main Street
Butler, PA 16001

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING

Adopted: 14 March 2022

27 APR 2023

A Meeting was held on 27 April 2023 to conduct Regularly Scheduled Business

Committee	David McLaughlin, Chairman -P	Bill McCoy, Secretary, P
as indicated:	Dean Noechel, Treasurer -P	Dave Orth, P
	Ron Fondark, Resigned	Joe Hoover, P
	Mark Schuler, P	

Guests:	Roleen Bookhamer (Finance officer)	Bob Fornadley
	Amy Doty	Bill Schiebel
	Linda Meinert	Ralph Baer

Dave McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 1900 hrs., and noted that enough members for a quorum were present.

The minutes from the 23 March 2023 meeting were distributed to committee members by e-mail and accepted in lieu of reading. They are also posted on the Post's website, www.butlerpost117.org on the House Committee page.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cochran parking lot update: Dave McLaughlin stated that there still has been no response to Attorney Pater's inquiry about obtaining the sign. Attorney Pater is sending them another inquiry letter.
- 5 May - The Post Office renaming and the Post will provide refreshments and snack after the ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ron Fundark resigned from the committee due to personal issues. Bob Fornadley who was attending the meeting as a guest, accepted appointment as his replacement and was thanked and welcomed aboard.
- Upcoming Events
 - 4 May – the Hall is booked.
 - 6 May - Flags will be placed on Veterans' graves at Calvary Cemetery. Volunteers to meet at the post at 9:30 AM and at the cemetery at 10:00 AM.
 - 3 May - Kentucky Derby party at 3:00 PM, and members voted to approve wearing hats at the last Membership Meeting. Amy and Roleen stated that mint julips and Kentucky Hot Brown special will be available.
 - 2 May - DJ (NO karaoke) by Lorn Busch.
 - 13 May - NRA Safety Course using laser handguns - \$20 per person; includes lunch.
 - 19 May will be the last night of Bingo until 8 Sep 2023.
 - 20 May – Armed Forces Day – lunch provided.
 - 26 May – National Poppy Day. Auxiliary handling; poppies at the bar and they are distributing at Lowes and other locations.

- 29 May – Memorial Day. Mark Schuler and Bill Schiebel will be cooking outside starting at 11:00 AM.
- 29 May and 3 Jul – NO Trivia.
- Reviewed previous discussions and updated procedures for guest sign-in for events such as band, Trivia, Pool League, etc. Basically, all guests will have to be signed-in. They can run a credit card *only* tab – NO cash purchases by guests during the events. There is no longer a five (5) guest limit.
- It was noted that the revenue for the kitchen/Canteen has increased when there are bands.
- Dave McLaughlin recommended that the kitchen open on Sundays from 3:00 to 8:00 PM. After a brief discussion, Dean Noechel motioned to implement the change, 2nd by Bill McCoy; passed unanimously.
- The popcorn machine has been provided and members appear to be enjoying it.
- There are no new maintenance issues; Mark advised that there is still no set date for the arrival and installation of the new furnace.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- People have been observed getting popcorn using their hands which is unsanitary. Bob Fornadley recommended that a sign be prominently posted advising patrons to *use the scoop!*
 - Bill Schiebel stated that various people have inquired about having a Wednesday “Bike Nite.” Roleen stated that every year, after a few weeks, the volunteers who run it stop showing up and it leads to problems. She also noted that the beer inventory is never right, and money collected doesn’t match beer consumed. ISSUES:
 - Bartender MUST be RAMP Certified and it is a *volunteer* job with no pay; tips only.
 - Bartender and anyone working as security, absolutely are *not* permitted to consume alcohol.
 - Accountability for both beer and money are essential if “Bike Nite” is implemented.
 - There must be assurances that volunteers for the event will show-up.
- Bob Fornadley suggested, and the committee concurred, the SAL needs to submit a written proposal. The committee agreed that the proposal must address the concerns, and must ensure the events are safe, orderly and comply with the House Rules By-laws, including any policy on guests.
- Bob Fornadley suggested and made a motion to change the House By-laws to remove the requirement that kitchen and Canteen employees be members of the Post; 2nd by Bill McCoy who noted that the hiring pool for qualified candidates would be expanded. The vote to change the By-laws was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attendees not actual Committee members were thanked and asked to depart.

- **REDACTED**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2023 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

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William R. McCoy, Jr.
Secretary