

Ron Asby North Cobb American Legion Post 304

General Meeting Minutes August 15th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander John Dowdy.

Voting officers present:

Post Commander John Dowdy
Jr. Vice-Commander Social Quarters Don Akers
Jr. Vice-Commander Assembly Hall Todd Wilson
Jr. Vice-Commander Programs Jack Kimmich

A quorum being present the meeting was declared official.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Financial Officer Ed Jackson. He reported a current balance of \$5,500 with a surplus of slightly less than \$2,000. We are current on all our financial obligations.

The Post Commander deviated from our standard meeting format in order to present his vision of the coming year, this being his inaugural meeting as Post Commander. He first spoke of the upcoming fundraising programs including the Taste of Acworth scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12th, the Car Show scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26th and the Post Barbecue scheduled for cooking on Thursday, Nov. 14th and serving on Saturday, Nov. 16th.

As to the Taste of Acworth, Dan Harr is Chair of the sub –Committee and is actively seeking volunteers to help with set-up, cooking, serving, and tear-down. The City of Acworth is supplying a 30' Tent, tables and chairs as well as a live band. We will have an Oktoberfest theme and will be cooking bratwurst and serving Miller Lite, Blue Moon and Sweetwater 321 beer. Dan reported that a volunteer sign-up sheet would be placed in the bar area and the need for volunteers was stressed.

As to the Car Show, Todd Wilson reported that Steelhorse Law is donating the trophies for the Show. Being so close to Halloween the Show will include a Trunk or Treat for kids attending the Show. Dan Harr was tasked with getting posters and hand-outs printed to be distributed around Acworth, Kennesaw, and Woodstock.

As to the Post Barbecue, Jack Kimmich reported there appeared to be sufficient volunteers for the cooking team this year. Volunteers to help with serving are being sought.

The Post Commander then spoke at length about the many service projects needing to be done at the Post and the ongoing need for volunteers to help with them. We will have two Clean Up the Post Days on Sept. 21st and Sept. 28th from 9 AM 'til noon. The objective will be to clean-up and organize the closets, clean-up and organize the walls and clean-up outside the Post. All members are urged to mark those dates on their calendars and show up to help.

The Commander spoke of the current financial condition of the Post and the need to increase our surplus funds. Currently, we are operating with a very small financial surplus and we need to do all we can to increase it. Most importantly, the Commander noted that our Liquor License is up for renewal in December and will cost \$4,800. Members are urged to visit the Post and spend some money. The Commander reminded everyone that this is their Post and they need to support it. Our annual Oktoberfest Dinner is coming up on October 5th and everyone is encouraged to come for dinner.

The Commander concluded his remarks with a request that every member of the Post be encouraged to increase their Post visiting.

Todd Wilson reported that Lee Satterfield will be entertaining at the Post on August 24th and again on October 19th. There will be both musicians and a comedian.

A special election for Sr. Vice-Commander was held and Don Wilkolaski was elected to the position.

A representative from District was present to greet our new Post Commander and offered a few comments about the Post. He first encouraged everyone to fully support our new Post Commander and to remember that the American Legion is primarily a service organization and we need to continue to be of service to our veterans.

He reported on the new membership requirements for the American Legion to wit: Anyone who served on active duty since December 7th, 1941 to the present is eligible for membership. He also stressed the need for everyone in the Post to be trained on the new defibrillator.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Kimmich
Acting Adjutant