



**The American Legion - Hopewell Memorial Post 146  
General Membership Meeting Summary**

February 24, 2022

**AGENDA**

1. Opening: Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm on February 21, 2023. The Quarterly New Member Initiation was conducted for seven new members. (Sgt-at-Arms)
2. Opening ceremony conducted in accordance with established procedures (Cdr).
3. Attendance: [Legend: P = Present E = Excused A = Absent X = Not Applicable]

Position	Name	Position	Name
P Commander	David Harless	P Sgt-at-Arms	Michael Bonneville
X 1st Vice Cdr	Vacant	P 3rd Yr Executive	John Whitehead
P 2nd Vice Cdr	John Owens	X 2nd Yr Executive	Vacant
P 3rd Vice Cdr	Gary Easter	P 1st Yr Executive	Larry Nesbitt
E Finance Officer	Rob Stepp	P Judge Advocate	Andy Pawlowski
P Chaplain	Fred Sissan	E Historian/Adjutant	Robert Brown, Jr.
P Service Officer	Larry Gammon	X Hse Cmte Chair	Vacant

Guests:

4. Summaries of the January 17, 2023 General Membership Meeting and February 7, 2023 Executive Committee Meetings were provided for member review on the Post website and presented at the meeting. Summaries were accepted as written.
5. Officer Reports:
  - a. Membership (1st Vice):
    - Candidates for membership were:
      1. NEW: Howard DiSavino (USA); Maleisia Hawkins (USA); Orville Clarkson (USA); Monica Dragone (USAF); Jerry LaPierre (USN); and Travis Roark (USN)
      2. TRANSFER: Bartholomew (Bart) Horan from Post 284 (Colonial Heights, VA)
    - Renewals are at 90% (340), 37 members shy of the 2023 goal of 377 members.

- b. Americanism/ Children & Youth Programs (2nd Vice): No Report
- c. Bingo/Gaming (3rd Vice): January EOM - Gross Income: \$46,339.50; Donations/Restricted Uses: \$8,396.26. Donation Target: \$4,63395. Post is \$3,762.31 above target. See Attached Financial Report (Encl1)
- d. Post Finances (Fin Off): For EOM January - Total Income: \$76,136.69; Total Expenses: \$65,806.27; Net Income: +\$10,330.42. See Attached Financial Report (Encl1)
- e. House Committee:
  - Weekend Operations: The Club Room is now open on weekends, but there is a critical need for volunteers to make this work. We remain short of cooks and servers, especially servers, so are asking folks to volunteer a couple of hours to help us remain open and servicing members.
  - Staff Shortages: Still trying to recruit additional Bartender/Servers. Currently, the need is for three bartenders/servers.
  - Four Chaplains/Post Everlasting: Scheduled for Saturday, February 18th. A Member Appreciation Day Dinner will follow the ceremonies.
  - Kitchen Dishwasher: In the process of installing an automatic dishwasher. Target to complete installation is the end of February. The equipment will clean dishes and utensils faster, more completely and guarantee the highest level of cleanliness.
  - Main stove and fire suppression system: Cleaning and, if needed repairing the burners and ovens on the main stove and having the fire suppression system checked, cleaned and certified so it meets current fire code requirements.
  - Power Outage: The Post experienced a power outage and electrical spike late on Monday, Feb 6th. Outage cause some damage to security cameras, the Hall's audio and video systems. All equipment is repaired and in service. Additional surge protectors and battery back-up equipment is being installed to protect, as much as possible, against future outages.
- f. Service Officer: No report
- g. Chaplain: No report
- h. Historian:
  - Hometown Heroes Program: The web site for ordering Hometown Heroes Banners is now active. Information about the banners will be advertised in the days and months ahead. Cost remains at \$95 per banner.

- Special Dates:
    - February 22, 1732 - **George Washington (1732-1799) was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia.**
    - February 23, 1942 - During World War II, **the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred** as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage.
    - February 27, 1991 - **In Desert Storm**, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces.
  - i. Sgt-at-Arms: No report
  - j. Judge Advocate: Informed membership of Fort Lee name change on 27 April 2023 with ceremony scheduled, new name is Fort Gregg-Adams
  - k. 1st year Executive Committeemen: Informed membership Fishing Flea market was a success. PVA made over \$1,000.
  - l. 3rd Year Executive Committeeman: No report
6. Correspondence: None received
7. Old Business (Cdr):
- a. As requested last month, a monthly financial summary is provided with the summaries of the previous General Membership and Executive Committee meetings.
  - b. Sergeant at Arms asked about building formerly Quick Lunch. Commander gave latest status of building going up for auction 28 February. Discussion followed and Sergeant at Arms made motion to proceed with Legion submitting a bid NTE \$26K; Service Officer 2d, motion APPROVED by membership.
8. New Business (Cdr): None presented
9. Good of the Legion:
- Member asked membership for special prayers for US military stationed in Poland.
  - 50/50 Drawing (Sgt-at-Arms): Clyde Powers won \$8.50 in the 50/50 drawing. Donated winnings to the Post.
  - Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$240. The number drawn was 176 belonging to Legionnaire Eric Baker. As Legionnaire Baker was not present, the jackpot will be \$260 at the March 21, 2023 meeting.

10. Closing Ceremony: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm in accordance with established procedures (Cdr).

⇒ NEXT MEETING: March 21, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Official Record of Meeting/Conduct of Business this date is attested by the undersigned.

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Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant

# Post 146 Summary Financial Report

January, 2023

## Post Business and Administration

### Income

Contributions	\$46,037.00	
Earnings	<u>\$30,099.69</u>	
Total Income		\$76,136.69

### Expenses

Donations	\$ 150.00	
Personnel	\$18,112.25	
Supplies and Equipment	\$	
Club Supplies	\$15,533.39	
Electronic Game Fees	\$17,795.55	
Rental Refunds	\$ 750.00	
Printing	\$ 385.82	
Reimbursement/Refund	\$ 1,847.51	
Maintenance/Utilities	\$ 5,484.91	
Membership Dues	\$ 872.00	
Insurance	\$ 701.00	
Sales Taxes	\$ 1,333.00	
Other Taxes	\$ 1,522.84	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,318.00</u>	
Total Expenses		\$65,806.27

Total Net Income      \$10,330.42

### BINGO MONTHLY RECAP – JANUARY

Month	Gross Income	10% Rqmt.	Donations	Other Uses	Total Donations	Donation Target
Jan	\$46,339.50	\$4,633.95	\$150.00	\$8,246.26	<b>\$8,396.26</b>	
As of 31 Jan	\$46,339.50	\$4,633.95	\$150.00	\$8,246.26	\$8,396.26	<b>+/- Target</b>
						<b>+\$3,762.31</b>



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

DATE: 21 FEB 2023

Nr.	Name	Hours	Miles
1	DAVID HARLESS	120	100
2	Larry Gamm	80	25
3	FRED MARKS		140
4	Clyde Powers		
5	Mike Bonnewille	20	0
6	GARY EASTON	35	
7	Don Tipton		
8	Beau Tackell		
9	ANDY PAWLOWSKI	16	8
10	MICHAEL DESEDES	12	
11	LARRY NESBITT		
12	FRANK KANOLIS/9	12	
13	BERT COLE		
14	KEN EMERSON	10	
15	A. B. Connelly		
16	John L. Reese Jr.	30	120
17	TOMMY WHOSE HEAD	10	40
18	Johnnie Owens	30	50
19	Roger Dupiere		
20	Steve Watts		
21	Robert Maxwell		
22	Fred Sims	80	
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Barnett  
Craw  
#176  
Eric Barker

50/50 817 - Clyde Turned it in