



Hopewell Memorial Post 146, The American Legion

Summary of Previous Meetings

April 16, 2024 General Membership Meeting and the May 7, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting

May 15, 2024

The following is a summary of the April 16, 2024 General Membership Meeting and the May 7, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting.

April 16, 2024 General Membership Meeting

1. Summaries of the March 19, 2023 General Membership Meeting and the April 2, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting were provided for member review on the Post website and presented at the meeting. Summaries were accepted with no corrections.

2. Officer Reports:

a. Membership (1st Vice):

- Presented four new applicants to consider for membership: David Young (US Army), Brian Edkin (US Army), Kenneth Hines (US Navy), and Kevin Buchter (US Navy).

b. Presented three transfer applications: Martin Powroznik (from Post 25, Lake Placid, FL), Sandy Eickmeyer (from Post 141), and Lawrence Williams (from Post 141).

★ ACTION: A motion was made, seconded, and APPROVED to accept the aforementioned membership applicants as members of the Post.

- 2024 Membership Campaign: currently the Post has: 54 Online Renewals, 39 New Members, 43 PUFL Members, and 293 Post Renewals
- Post stands at 96.45% of the Department's 394 renewal target with 380 members in good standing.
- Members who have already renewed for 2024 but want to take advantage of the multi-year program to renew for 2025, 2026 and 2027, were encouraged to do so now before the national dues increase of \$5.00, takes effect on July 1, 2024. Members may renew their membership for a three-year period on the National website ONLY at: <https://www.legion.org/renew>.

c. Americanism/ Children & Youth Programs (2nd Vice): No report

d. Bingo/Gaming (3rd Vice): Gross Income in March from Bingo was \$60,266.00; the 10% Donation Requirement was \$6,026.60. Total Donations plus Other Uses for march was \$9,670.80. Gross Income as of March 31st was \$173,108.50. The Donation

Requirement was \$17,310.85. Total Authorized Uses at the end of March was \$21,817.03, which put the Post \$4,506.18 or 24 percent over target thus far for the year.

- e. Post Finances (Fin Off): For EOM March - Total Income: \$100,799.23. Total Expenses: \$82,444.72. Net Income: -\$18,354.51.
- f. House Committee:
 - The Post will support two community events in April. First, the Special Olympics of Virginia “Little Feet Meet” on Friday, April 19th at Hopewell High School where more than 100 Special Olympians will compete. We are looking for volunteers to help us serve lunch. Second, the Post is supporting The DuPont Elementary School Field Day on Friday, April 26th with a special cook-out. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, food service and clean-up.
 - An updated version of the Post’s House Rules will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval at their May 7th meeting.
 - The House Committee is still gathering bids from commercial roofing firms to determine how best to address the leaking roof.
 - This coming Friday is Schnitzel Night. Dinner includes Red Cabbage and German Potato Salad. Serving begins at 5:00 pm and costs \$13.00.
- g. Service Officer: No report
- h. Chaplain: Invited everyone to attend Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights each month. Completing the study of the Gospel of Matthew.
- i. Historian:
 - April 12, 1981 - **The first space shuttle flight occurred** with the launching of Columbia with astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen aboard. Columbia spent 54 hours in space, making 36 orbits, then landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California.
 - April 14, 1865 - **President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded** while watching a performance of Our American Cousin at Ford's Theater in Washington. He was taken to a nearby house and died the following morning
 - April 18, 1775 - **The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes** occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.
 - April 18, 1942 - **The first air raid on mainland Japan during World War II occurred as General James Doolittle led a squadron of B-25 bombers taking off from the carrier Hornet to bomb Tokyo** and three other cities. Damage was minimal, but the raid boosted Allied morale following years of unchecked Japanese military advances.
 - April 19, 1775 - At dawn in Massachusetts, **about 70 armed militiamen stood face to face on Lexington Green with a British advance guard unit. An**

unordered 'shot heard around the world' began the American Revolution. A volley of British rifle fire was followed by a charge with bayonets leaving eight Americans dead and ten wounded.

- j. Sgt-at-Arms: No report
 - k. Judge Advocate: N/A
 - l. Executive Committeemen: No report
- 3. Correspondence: None presented
 - 4. Old Business: (Cdr): None presented
 - 5. New Business (Cdr): None presented
 - 6. Good of the Legion (Cdr):
 - 50/50 Drawing (Sgt-at-Arms): Beau Tucker won \$11.00 in the 50/50 drawing.
 - Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$160. The number drawn was 302 belonging to Legionnaire _Larry Nesbitt. As Legionnaire Nesbitt_ was not present, the jackpot will be \$180 at the May 21, 2024 meeting.

May 7, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting

- 1. Summary of Previous Meeting (Adj): A Read-Ahead Packet which included a summary of the April 2, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting was provided to all committee members prior to the meeting. The meeting summary was reviewed and approved.
- 3. Officer Reports:
 - Membership (1st Vice):
 - 387 members are current for the 2024 campaign
 - Four new members and three transfers were accepted into membership at the last General membership Meeting.
 - The Post currently stands at 98.22% of the 2024 target.
 - The Post has received two new applications for membership: Kenneth Walton (Army) and Devin Clinevell (Navy) and one transfer application: Joseph Blackmon (Post 141)

- Members who have already renewed for 2024 but want to take advantage of the multi-year program to renew for 2025, 2026 and 2027, please do so now before the national dues increase of \$5.00, takes effect on July 1, 2024.
<https://www.legion.org/renew>
- National membership renewal notices went out the week of April 15th. Members are reminded that the mailing list is pulled about six weeks in advance so anyone who renewed in April or thus far in May, is likely to get a notice even though they have already renewed.
- Americanism/Children & Youth (2nd Vice): No report
- Bingo (3rd Vice): Gross Income in April from Bingo was \$47,447.00; the 10% Donation Requirement was \$4,744.70. Total Donations plus Other Uses for April was \$7,276.00. Gross Income as of April 30th was \$220,555.50. The Donation Requirement was \$22,055.55. Total Authorized Uses at the end of April was \$29,093.03, which put the Post \$7,037.48 or 31 percent over target thus far for the year.
- Finances (Fin Off): Report for EOM April - Total Income: \$83,938.64. Total Expenses: \$69,865.89. Net Income: +\$15,072.75. A detailed Financial Report is attached at Enclosure 1.
- House Committee: The committee has accomplished or is working on the following:
 - The member Appreciation Gaming Night on April 15th was quite a success. More than 40 people participated and no one left empty handed courtesy of Grover Gaming and their local representative, Ms. Kelly Guthrie.
 - Community Activities:
 - At the Special Olympics Small Feet Meet (Apr 19th), Post members fed more than 100 Special Olympics athletes and their families.
 - At the annual DuPont Elementary School Field Day: [Sponsored by the SAL] SAL, ALA and Legion members provided hot dogs and drinks for more than 650 elementary school children, their teachers, and school staff.
 - To celebrate National Public Works Week (May 19-25) the Post is tentatively planning to host a breakfast for Hopewell's Department of Public Works employees on Friday, May 24th. We anticipate about 40 employees coming to the Post for breakfast from 8 to 10 am.
 - Roof Leaks: The committee has reviewed two proposals and will provide recommendations for Executive Committee review and concurrence (see Old Business). Because of the large expenditure of funds involved in the project, the work and payment schedule must be approved by the general membership.
 - The committee presented recommended changes and updates to the Post House Rules (see New Business).

- The committee recommends that the Post be closed the week of July 1 through 7 to accommodate staff vacations. Additionally, should the roofing project be approved, this week would afford the roofing company sufficient time to complete repairs and installation unhindered by safety and other concerns which would impact Post business operations.
- Service Officer: No report
- Chaplain: A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 11:00 am at Merchant's Hope Cemetery, North Prince George on Monday, May 27th. All members should plan to attend.
- Sergeant-at-Arms: No report
- Historian: Special dates and events:
 - May 2, 2011 – US Navy Seals killed **Osama bin Laden** during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of al-Qaeda. Bin Laden had ordered the coordinated aerial attacks in New York and Washington, DC on September 11th, 2001.
 - May 4, 1970 - At **Kent State University**, **four students were killed by National Guardsmen who opened fire on a crowd of 1,000 students** protesting President Richard Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia.
 - May 5, 1961 - **Alan Shepard**, then a US Navy Commander, became the first American in space. He piloted the spacecraft Freedom 7 during a 15-minute and 28-second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles (186 kilometers) above the earth.
 - May 7, 1945 - In a small red brick schoolhouse in Reims, Germany, General Alfred Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of all German fighting forces thus **ending World War II in Europe, effective May 9th**. Jodl was then ushered in to see Supreme Allied Commander, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who curtly asked Jodl if he fully understood the document. Eisenhower then informed Jodl that he would be held personally responsible for any deviation from the terms of the surrender.
 - May 10, 1869 - The **newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah**. A golden spike was driven by Leland Stanford, president of the Central Pacific, to celebrate the linkage.



- May 12, 1949 - **Soviet Russia lifted its blockade of Berlin.** The blockade began on June 24, 1948 and resulted in the **Berlin airlift.** For 462 days - from June 26, 1948, until September 30, 1949, American and British planes flew about 278,000 flights, delivering 2.3 million tons of food, coal, and medical supplies to two million isolated West Berliners. A plane landed in Berlin every minute from 11 Allied staging areas in West Germany.
 - May 14, 1607 - **The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia,** by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.
 - Judge Advocate: N/A
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year Executives: No report
3. Correspondence: A 'Thank You' card and letter were received from the Fort Gregg-Adams Holiday Helper Association in response to the Post's donation to their program.
4. Donation Requests (Donation Coordinator):
- a. The Post received a request from Hope and Healing for Heroes (AKA: the Cookie Ladies) for a donation to provide cookies for veterans at the Richmond VA Hospital and the Sitter Barfoot Veterans Care Center
 - b. recommended annual donation to the Children's Hospital of Richmond of \$1,000
 - c. recommended annual donation to the Virginia War Memorial Foundation of \$500.
 - d. recommended annual donation to VFW Post 637 (Hopewell) a donation of \$250 to the Bobbie Jo Lazlo Scholarship Fund
- Total Recommended Donations: \$2,250.00
- ★ A motion was made, seconded, and APPROVED to take the following actions:
- 1. Donate \$500.00 to Hope and Healing for Heroes to support cookies and treats at the Richmond VA Hospital and the Sitter Barfoot Veterans Care Center
 - 2. Donate \$1,000.00 to the Children's Hospital of Richmond
 - 3. Donate \$500.00 Virginia War Memorial Foundation
 - 4. Donate \$250 to VFW Post 637 (Hopewell) for the Bobbie Jo Lazlo Scholarship Fund
5. Old Business:
- Roof Repairs: The House Committee recommends the Executive Committee select Roof Services/Tecta America as the vendor for repairing the roof. The estimated cost for repair is \$107,200.00. Mr. George Boothroyd from Roof Services presented his company's proposal and answered questions from committee members.

- a. The House Committee reviewed proposals from Richard Scott Roofing and Roof Services, a Tecta America Company. We are awaiting a possible third proposal.
- b. Although Richard Scott presented a lower bid (\$105,000.00), the Roof Services/Tecta America proposal includes a two-year warranty on contractor's workmanship and an overall 20-year warranty on material and labor. Richard Scott offered a one-year warranty on contractor workmanship and a five-year warranty on materials.
- c. Roof Services/Tecta America is willing to accept a mutually agreed upon payment over time approach because of the high cost. Details are yet to be finalized but it is proposed that the Post pay about half the cost (\$55k to \$60k from the Edward Jones account) with the balance in installments over six months (12 months if the company will allow that). If the Post cannot reasonably meet the Roof Services/Tecta America payment schedule, then it is recommended that the Post seek a 12-to-18-month business loan on monthly terms that are more financially manageable. More details will be provided at the meeting.

★ **ACTION:** The committee unanimously endorsed Roof Services as the vendor of choice for replacing the roof. Therefore, the committee will be placing this recommendation for approval before the membership at the May 21st General Membership Meeting.

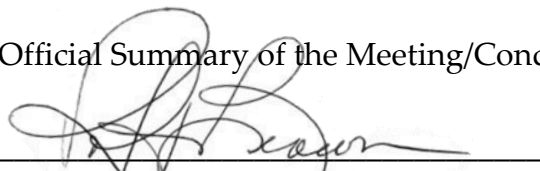
6. New Business:

Changes and Updates to the Post House Rules: A draft of an updated version of the Post House Rules was presented in a separate document. The House Committee requested that the proposed changes be accepted.

- ★ After review and some discussion of the proposed revisions, a motion was made, seconded, and APPROVED to accept all the changes and publish the revised House Rules.

7. Good of the Legion: None presented

Official Summary of the Meeting/Conduct of Business is attested by the undersigned.



Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant

Post 146 Summary Financial Report

APRIL 2024

Post Business and Administration

Income

Contributions	\$ 75.00	
Membership Dues	\$ 1,000.00	
Gaming	\$55,461.00	
Earnings	<u>\$28,402.64</u>	
Total Income		\$84,938.64

Expenses

Bank/Credit Card Payment	\$ 8.00	
Donations	\$ 1,750.00	
Personnel	\$13,875.51	
Club Supplies	\$15,302.93	
Reimbursements	\$ 69.30	
Rental Refund	\$ 500.00	
Electronic Game Fees	\$26,169.64	
Printing/Postage	\$ 385.82	
Maintenance/Utilities	\$ 6,972.56	
Membership Dues	\$ 145.00	
Insurance	\$ 875.00	
It Services	\$ 815.46	
Sales Taxes	\$ 1,398.73	
Other Taxes	\$ 1,597.94	
Total Expenses		\$69,865.89

Total Net Income \$15,072.75

BINGO MONTHLY RECAP – APRIL

Month	Gross Income	10% Rqmt.	Donations	Other Uses	Total Auth Uses	
April	\$47,447.00	\$4,744.70	\$1,750.00	\$5,526.00	\$7,276.00	
30 Apr 24	\$220,555.50	\$22,055.55	\$11,250.00	\$17,843.03	\$29,093.03	+/- Target + \$7,037.48