



Hopewell Memorial Post 146, The American Legion
Summary of Previous Meetings

May 17, 2022 General Membership Meeting and
June 7, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

July 12, 2022

The following is a summary of the June 21, 2022 General Membership and July 5, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings.

June 21, 2022 General Membership Meeting

1. Summaries of the May 17, 2022 General Membership and June 7, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings were provided for member review on the Post website and before the meeting. The meeting summary was approved as presented.

2. Officer Reports:

Membership (1st Vice):

- The candidate for membership in the Legion and Post 146 was Brenda K. VanHuss (USN)
- ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the above listed candidate as a member in the American Legion and Post 146.
- Post closed the 2022 Legion year at 101% of the membership renewal goal.

Meeting was suspended for the official installation of officers for Post 146; Squadron 146, Sons of the American Legion and Unit 146, American Legion Auxiliary.

3. Correspondence: None received

4. Old Business (Cdr): None presented

5. New Business (Cdr): None presented

6. Good of the Legion (Cdr):

- The 2022 Department of Virginia Convention will be held July 13-17, 2022 at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel
- The 2022 Virginia American Legion Family Leadership College will be held July 29-31, 2022 at the Doubletree Hotel By Hilton Richmond-Midlothian. Details for

both the Convention and Leadership College are available at the Department website.

- 50/50 Drawing (Sgt.-at-Arms): Tucker Harless won \$10.00 in the 50/50 drawing.
- Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt.-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$80. The number drawn was 040 belonging to Legionnaire Donald Lauter. Legionnaire Lauter was not present, so the jackpot will be \$100 at the July 19, 2022 meeting.

July 5, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

1. Summary of Previous Meeting (Adj): A Read-Ahead Packet which included a summary of the June 7, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting was provided to all committee members prior to the meeting. The meeting summary was reviewed and approved.
2. Officer Reports -
 - Membership (1st Vice): Have not as yet received the LY 2023 membership cards.
 - Americanism and Children & Youth (2nd Vice): Ms. Daniele Milam is this year’s winner of the Post 146 Scholarship in Memory of Daniel Barbee. This is the second consecutive year Ms. Milam won the scholarship and repeat winners are very rare.
 - Bingo (3rd Vice):

BINGO MONTHLY RECAP – JUNE

Month	Gross Income	10% Rqmt.	Donations	Other Uses	Total Donations	Available for Donation
June	\$67,227.00	\$6,722.72	\$5,046.00	\$7,237.19	\$12,283.19	\$5,300.00
As of 30 Jun	\$334,387.25	\$33,438.73	\$10,056.60	\$26,835.15	\$36,891.75	+/- Target +\$3,453.02


The five week month saw substantial returns for Bingo. Donations and qualifying expenditures lifted the Post above the 10% donation goal for the year. The committee has \$5,300 available for donations this month.

- Post Finances (Fin Off): For EOM June - Total Income: \$82,476.75; Total Expenses: \$81,684.60; Net Income: \$792.15 Account Balances: ATM - \$9,901.59; VTAB -\$13,548.86; BINGO - \$28,122.82; Bingo Restricted – \$5,242.49; General - \$22,243.52 [ATM Holdings: \$9,901.59]. Total Cash-on-Hand: \$79,059.28

- House Committee: The committee has accomplished or is working on the following:
 - All parts of the Post hosting the 2022 Virginia Legacy Run Kick-Off went very well. Dinner on Thursday, June 23rd was extremely well done, as was breakfast the next morning. Staff and volunteers did an absolutely outstanding job. Donnie Barber and his band provided excellent music on Thursday afternoon. We received many, many thanks from riders and members of the Department leadership team. Cost of the Post's support for the Legacy Run Kick-Off totaled \$3,089.00. It is recommended that the cost for supporting the Legacy Ride Kick-Off be considered as the Post's donation to the 2022 Virginia Legacy Run.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to consider the cost of supporting the 2022 Virginia Legacy Run Kick-Off as the Post's donation to the event.
 - National Bingo Day fell on June 27th. Post celebrated it on Wednesday, June 29th with a "Player Appreciation Night" which included food and drinks.
 - Re-sealing and Marking the Parking Lot scheduled for July 2nd and 3rd, weather permitting. Rain Date tentatively set for August.
 - Friday, July 22nd marks the 47th anniversary of Post 146 receiving its charter. We plan to celebrate the event with a special "Old Fashioned Fish Fry" and a cake – perhaps some other surprises.

ACTION: It was suggested that the Fish Fry be considered as a member appreciation event and that the meal should be provided at no cost to members. After discussion it was recommended that members receive a \$5.00 discount (when showing their membership card) and that the meal include something additional such as a dessert. The matter was referred to the House Committee for action.
 - Considering a Trivia Night for the Club Room. Equipment to support this event available at minimum cost. Need a "Quiz Master" to plan and run events.
 - Employee Appreciation Event being planned for July 30th.
- Service Officer: No report
- Chaplain:
 - By schedule, a Bible study would be held on Monday, July 4th but, as that is a national holiday, both studies are rescheduled: to July 11th and July 25th. Time remains the same: 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
 - Joe Boros has been released from the hospital. He had been quite ill. The chaplain urged everyone to help him where and when they could.

- Historian:
 - a. Preparing the Annual Historical Report which is due at the Department Summer Convention in Herndon, VA
 - b. Special dates/events:
 - July 3, 1775 - During the American Revolution, **George Washington took command of the Continental Army** at Cambridge, Massachusetts.
 - July 8, 1776 - The **first public reading of the Declaration of Independence** occurred as Colonel John Nixon read it to an assembled crowd in Philadelphia.
 - July 13, 1787 - **Congress enacted the Northwest Ordinance** establishing formal procedures for transforming territories into states. It provided for the eventual establishment of three to five states in the area north of the Ohio River, to be considered equal with the original 13. The Ordinance included a Bill of Rights that guaranteed freedom of religion, the right to trial by jury, public education and a ban on slavery in the Northwest.
 - July 20, 1969 - A global audience watched on television as **Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon**. As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." 
 - July 27, 1953 - **The Korean War ended** with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.
- Sergeant-at-Arms: New member 'initiation' will be conducted at the September General Membership Meeting starting with a dinner at 6:00 pm.
- Judge Advocate: No report
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year Executives: No reports

5. Correspondence:

Post 146 received the **Historic Hopewell Foundation's Community Partner Award** recognizing the Post as "an invaluable partner to the Foundation and an asset to the Hopewell Community."

b. **American Legion Riders Certificate of Appreciation** was presented to Post 146 "in recognition and sincere appreciation of the Post's outstanding service and assistance to the Virginia Legacy Run 2022."

c. "Thank You" card from the Virginia War Memorial Foundation for the Post's recent donation.

6. Donation Requests (Donation Coordinator):

- a. No new special requests received to date
- b. The Donation Plan for July identified the following previous donations:
 - 1) VFW Post 637 Annual Golf Tournament – annual donation - \$380.00
 - 2) Club Room for Bingo Appreciation Dinner – approximately \$800.00
 - 3) Brighter Living Assisted Living Center (FYI - previously approved) - \$70.00
 - 4) Hopewell Kiwanis Annual Wine Tasting Festival (Sponsorship) - \$500.00

Total Donation: \$1,750.00

ACTIONS:

- a. In the absence of requests from the VFW or the Hopewell Kiwanis, no action was taken on those donations until a request or information is received.
- b. Bingo Player Appreciation Dinners were deemed part of Bingo Operations and not a specific donation, so no action was required by the committee.
- c. Support for the Brighter Living Assisted Living Center Luncheons were previously approved therefore , no further action was required.

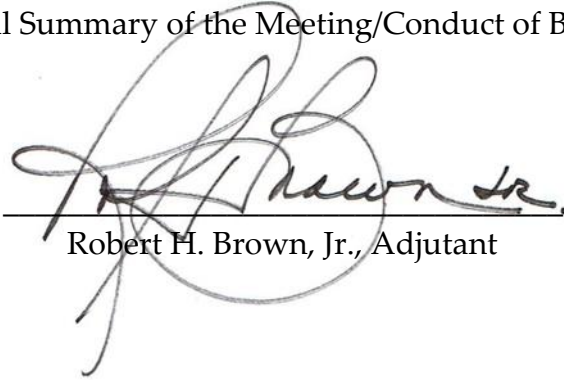
7. Old Business: Post Personnel Supervisor John Owens reported that he met with the Facility Manager and had an extensive conversation with him. An outcome of the meeting was that the Facility Manager was asked to provide a list of duties he was doing as compared to those duties listed on the job description. Mr. Owens reported that although the list was supposed to have been provided on or about June 24th, no list or report had been received. As the Facility Manager was currently on vacation, Mr. Owens stated that he would wait until Friday, July 8th before concluding that the Facility had failed to complete the required task. He will report further actions at the next committee meeting.

6. New Business: None presented

7. Good of the Legion:

- Commander Harless reported that Jim Althouse, Department Director, American Legion Riders was killed in a traffic accident on June 26th. A memorial service will be held on 23 July 2022, 1200 pm, at the American Legion Post 284, Colonial Heights, VA, and a military ceremony will be held on 25 July 2022, 3:00 pm, at the Amelia National Cemetery.
- The commander reminded everyone that the Department Convention will be on July 13-17, 2022 at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel in Herndon, VA and that the Department's Legion College will be held July 29-31 at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Midlothian. VA. The commander urged all committee members to attend the Legion College.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. H. Brown Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is highly stylized with large loops and flourishes.

Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant