



Hopewell Memorial Post 146, The American Legion

Summary of Previous Meeting

July 21st General Membership Meeting

August 18, 2020

The following is a summary of the July 21, 2020 General Membership Meeting. There was no Executive Committee Meeting in August.

July 21, 2020 General Membership Meeting

1. Officer Reports:

- Membership (1st Vice):
 - The Post is beginning a new Legion Year; membership cards are available. Annual dues remain at \$40.00
 - The following persons have applied for membership:
NEW
 - Dale Haak (USA) • Philip Girmus

 - TRANSFER
 - Robert Mickle from Post 284, Colonial Heights

Action: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the above-named applicants as members of Post 146.

- Americanism and Children & Youth (2nd Vice):
 - Boys State payment for the 2020 session was returned last month.
 - JROTC awards scheduled for this past May will be presented when school resumes in September
 - LTC Jason Pape is moving from Hopewell High School to take command of the JROTC Program at Prince George High School
- Bingo (3rd Vice): BINGO returned on July 15th. We had 55 players attend. Hopefully turnout will increase as we move through July.
- Post Finances (Fin Off): Beginning Balance: \$73,700.72; Gross Deposits for all accounts: \$72,985.13; Expenditures \$80,648.47. Net end of month balance for June was \$66,037.38.

- House Committee: The committee has accomplished the following:
 - Roof Repairs: Roofers have been working and project is nearly complete. Some minor corrections have been identified and once they have been addressed, roof work will be complete
 - Patio Fence: House Committee recommends that the Executive Committee accept the bid from Jared Bliss of Dark Horse Contracting – details attached to the Read-Ahead.
 - Patio Furniture: New furniture has been received and is being assembled. We have new tables, chairs, umbrellas and umbrella stands.
 - ABC Approval for Patio: The Post received approval to serve beer and wine on the patio. Patio will be re-inspected and approval finalized after a permanent fence is constructed.
 - HVAC Maintenance Contract: Contract in place and initial inspection, cleaning and maintenance was recently completed.
 - Countertop for coffee island: Countertop was installed on June 5th
 - Club Room Redecoration: Major items are complete. Service flags mounted with the US flag to be mounted soon. Still some details to be finished in the rest rooms, for example. House Committee has a punch list and is working it.
 - Beer and Wine License: Request for beer and wine license was approved in late June. We now serve:
 - Cabernet Sauvignon • Moscato • Pinot Grigio
 - Chardonnay • Red Blend • White Zinfandel
 - Choco Vine (dessert wine)Wines are \$3.00 with the dessert wine at \$4.00
 - New Menu: A new menu becomes effective Monday, July 13th. It includes modest cost increases we must make because of rising prices from distributors. Many distributors are just now coming back on line so draft beer choices, for example, are limited for the near future.
 - Additional Electronic Gaming Machines: Five (5) new machines were received and installed on July 1st. We also will receive four (4) “notebooks” which patrons may use to play electronic games at the tables or bar.
- Service Officer: No report
- Chaplain: Legionnaire Robert Shaw passed away July 4, 2020.
- Historian: No report.

- Sgt-at-Arms: Next New Member Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th at 6:00 pm. All new members who have not participated in an orientation are invited to attend. Working with the 1st Vice Commander to identify all members eligible for membership recognition and we plan to award membership recognition pins at that time.
- Judge Advocate: No report
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Executives: No Reports

5. **Old Business:**

Member asked for a progress report on identifying a “Smoking Area”. The JA, Andy Pawlowski, reported that the patio area has been designated a smoking area. There was discussion about the fenced and covered storage area to the right of the canopy being repurposed as a smoking area. The suggestion was taken under advisement and will be reviewed by the select committee tasked to identify/recommend possible designated smoking areas.

6. **New Business:** Permanent Fence for the Post Patio

The adjutant, speaking on behalf of the House Committee, reviewed the House Committee’s recommendation to contract for the installation of a permanent steel fence to enclose the patio area. Details were provided with the Previous Meeting Summary Report.

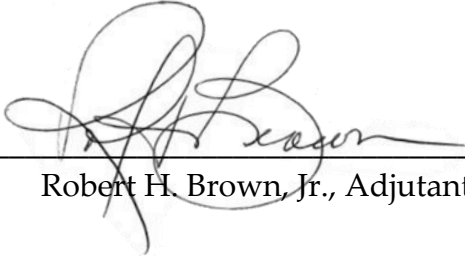
After discussion and questions about material, size, color and installation, a motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to award a contract for installing the fence to Dark Horse Contracting (Jared Bliss) for not more than \$2,992.00.

7. **Good of the Legion:**

- Post 146 Challenge Coins were awarded to:
 - *Michael Bonneville* for developing and conducting the New Member Orientation Program and recently completing a physical security review of the Post building.
 - *Lee Dixon* for his continued efforts coordinating activities between the Post and VFW Post 637; and for outstanding work in support of the Hometown Heroes Program.
- 50/50 Drawing winner (Sgt.-at-Arms): Floyd Moore won \$10.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

- Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt.-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$20. The name drawn was Member Nr. 014, Paul Hardy. As Legionnaire Hardy was not present, the jackpot will start with \$40 at the August 18, 2020 meeting.

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



Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant

PATIO FENCE RECOMMENDATION

**Bid from Dark Horse Contracting
(Jared Bliss)**

Design Details

- Uses square heavy wall, carbon-steel tubing
- 2" square vertical posts on 6' centers for strength and stability
- 1-1/2" square tube top and bottom rails
- 5/8" square spindles on 4" centers to meet code requirements
- Top rail continues at the same elevation (40" high) across the entire fence line
- 40" entrance opening, no gate
- 4" x 4" x 3/16" baseplates drilled to accept 3/8" stainless steel hardware to anchor vertical posts
- Black finish



Total price for work: \$2,992.00

Design for Patio and Patio Fence

