



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

July 19, 2022 General Membership Meeting and
August 2, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting
August 10, 2022

The following is a summary of the July 19, 2022 General Membership and August 2, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings.

July 19, 2022 General Membership Meeting

1. Summaries of the June 21, 2022 General Membership and July 5, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings were provided for member review on the Post website and before the meeting.
2. Officer Reports:
 - a. Membership (1st Vice):
 - The candidate for membership in the Legion and Post 146 was Timothy Spence (USN).
 - ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the above named candidate as a member in the American Legion and Post 146.
 - b. Americanism/ Children & Youth Programs (2nd Vice): No report
 - c. Bingo/Gaming (3rd Vice): The five week month saw substantial returns for Bingo. Donations and qualifying expenditures lifted the Post above the 10% donation goal for the year. For June, Gross Receipts: \$67,227.00; Total June Donations: \$12,283.19. As of the end of June, Total Bingo revenues were: \$334,387.25; Total Donations were: \$36,891.75 against a mandated target of \$26,835.15 putting the Post at 37% over the mandated target by mid calendar year. The 3rd Vice, Gary Easter, asked for more people to assist with Bingo on Wednesday nights.
 - d. 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
 - e. House Committee:
 - The Post's 47th birthday will be celebrated on Friday, July 22nd with a Fish Fry Dinner starting at 5:00 pm.

- The current security system (interior and exterior cameras) is aging out with a number of cameras working poorly and three not working at all. A new system with a sufficient number of high-definition cameras and a large screen monitor may be obtained for approximately \$3,700.00. Members will install the equipment and the new monitor will be wall mounted. The House Committee recommends purchase of this equipment.
 - ★ ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVE to allocate not more than \$3,700.00 to purchase equipment necessary to improve the Post security system.
 - The Club Room continues to experience a shortage of staff, both cooks and bartender/servers. All members were requested to refer any person they thought might qualify for either position to a member of the House Committee.
 - The committee has been working with Michael Bonneville to develop a plan for refurbishing the Post administrative offices. The committee is exploring all options (especially low cost options) for improving the flooring, lighting and ceiling; repainting, and replacing furniture.
 - There is a possibility that the Post may be able to obtain a used commercial dishwasher sometime in the fall. Such equipment would greatly improve the kitchen's effectiveness and better standardize sanitation.
- f. Service Officer: No report
- g. Chaplain: Bible Study continues with the next meeting on Monday, July 25th at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.
- h. Historian: No report
- i. Judge Advocate: No report
- j. Executive Committeemen: No reports
3. Correspondence: Received a 'Thank You' note from the Virginia War Memorial Foundation for the Post's recent donation.
4. Old Business (Cdr): None presented
5. New Business (Cdr): None presented
6. Good of the Legion (Cdr):
- Commander noted that he and the Post Adjutant had attended the Department Convention in Herndon. Legionnaire Richard 'Rick' Oertel (Post 284, Colonial Heights) was elected as the new Department Commander.

- 50/50 Drawing (Sgt.-at-Arms): Michael Bonneville won \$14.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Legionnaire Bonneville donated his winnings to the Post.
- Progressive Attendance Drawing (Sgt.-at-Arms): The jackpot stood at \$100. The number drawn was 456 belonging to Legionnaire James Campen. Legionnaire Campen was not present, so the jackpot will be \$120 at the August 16, 2022 meeting.

August 2, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

1. Summary of Previous Meeting (Adj): A Read-Ahead Packet which included a summary of the July 5, 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): Membership cards were received and those who have renewed will be receiving them soon. Many members do not realize that the Legion Year is different from the calendar year. The Legion Year begins on July 1st. Members should renew their membership not later than December 31st. If dues are not paid by then, the member is carried as "LATE". If dues not paid by the following June 30th, the member is listed as "DELINQUET". If the member doesn't renew by the following December 31st, they are dropped from the rolls.
 - Americanism and Children & Youth (2nd Vice): Past 2nd Vice, Bob Horneck, and new 2nd Vice, John Owens, are meeting on Thursday, August 4th to handover materials and contact information.
 - Bingo (3rd Vice):

BINGO MONTHLY RECAP – JULY

Month	Gross Income	10% Rqmt.	Donations	Other Uses	Total Donations	Available for Donation
July	\$55,449.75	\$5,544.98	\$3,100.00	\$4,058.11	\$7,158.11	\$7,500
As of 31 July	\$389,837.00	\$38,983.70	\$13,156.60	\$30,893.26	\$44,049.86	+/- Target
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July was a pretty good month with two weeks over \$14,000 and two weeks over \$13,000 for a total of \$55,449.75. The Post is now more than \$5,000 over the required 10% donation target.

- Post Finances (Fin Off): For EOM July - Total Income: \$79,387.10; Total Expenses: \$73,761.77; Net Income: \$5,616.33 Account Balances: ATM - \$10,780.00; VTAB - \$5,882.97; BINGO - \$30,255.60; Bingo Restricted - \$5,242.49; General - \$24,372.11 [Kiosk Holdings: \$12,860.00]. Total Cash-on-Hand: \$89,393.17.
- House Committee: The committee has accomplished or is working on the following:
 - Security System: General Membership approved the purchase of a new security system at a cost not to exceed \$3,700. Cameras were ordered. Looking for assistance to install new cameras when the equipment arrives. Installation Work Day TBD.
 - Trivia Night: Looking for a "Quiz Master/Coordinator" to initiate a Trivia Night at the Post.
 - Condensation at HVAC Supply Vents: Hot, humid weather causes condensation to form at the edge of air supply vents which eventually drips onto ceiling tiles or (worse) Club Room patrons. Investigating ways and costs associated with insulating the vents to stop condensation.
 - Admin Offices Refurbishment: Applying to the state for surplus office property to improve the office area.
 - Staff Shortages: Still trying to identify and employ additional cooks and Bartender/Servers.
 - Weekend Club Room Operations: If at all possible, we hope to re-open the Post on weekends beginning in September.
- Service Officer: Gave a short presentation on the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) with an emphasis on Title 38, Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans Relief, Part 3 (Adjudication), Part 4 (Schedule for Rating Disabilities, and Part 14 (Fiduciary Activities) as the parts of the CFR which directly impact veteran benefits.
 - Chaplain: Happy to report no deaths or major illness have been reported this month.
- Historian:
 - Special dates/events:
 - August 2, 1990 - **The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait** amid claims that Kuwait threatened Iraq's economic existence by overproducing oil and driving prices down on the world market. This resulted in Desert Shield, the massive Allied military buildup and later, the 100-hour war against Iraq, Desert Storm.
 - August 6, 1945 - The **first Atomic Bomb** was dropped over the center of **Hiroshima** at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber Enola Gay. The bomb detonated about 1,800 ft. above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city.

- August 7, 1990 - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered **Desert Shield**, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances.
- August 13, 1961 - **The Berlin Wall** came into existence after the East German government closed the border between east and west sectors of Berlin with barbed wire to discourage emigration to the West. The barbed wire was replaced by a 12 foot-high concrete wall eventually extending 103 miles (166 km) around the perimeter of West Berlin.
- August 14, 1945 - Following the two Atomic Bomb drops and believing that continuation of the war would only result in further loss of Japanese lives, **delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms** originally issued at Potsdam on July 26, 1945, with the exception that the Japanese Emperor's sovereignty would be maintained. Now known as **V-J Day**, commemorating President Truman's announcement that Japan had surrendered.
- Sergeant-at-Arms: No report
- Judge Advocate: Traveling to the new National Museum of the United States Army to check requirements for bring a tour group to the museum.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year Executives: No reports

5. Correspondence:

Post 146 received a "Thank You" card from Brooks Lee, Chief, Sales Officer, Grover Gaming for the lunch and tour of the Post he recently received."

6. Donation Requests (Donation Coordinator):

- a. **VFW Post 637 Annual Golf Tournament:** Tournament scheduled for Sept 9th at the Country Club of Petersburg. Sponsor Rates:

Sponsor a 4 Person Team \$ 400

GOLD Sponsorship: \$1,000 SILVER Sponsorship \$ 500

BRONZE Sponsorship \$ 250 Hole Sponsor \$ 100

- ★ Recommendation: that the Post sponsor a 4-person team and sponsor a hole for a total donation of \$500

- b. **Hopewell Sheriff's Office – Bicycle Rodeo/Bikes for Kids Program:** The Hopewell Sheriff's Office is again sponsoring a Bikes for Kids Program in September. The SAL is coordinating donations from the Post. This year, each bike costs approximately \$60.

- ★ Recommendation: that the Post donate \$180 for the purchase of three (3) bicycles [or 4 bikes @ \$240; or 5 bikes @ \$300, etc.]

c. **Virginia Veterans Services Foundation:** No specific amount requested. We have not directly donated to this foundation in the past. This foundation supports the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and has five primary programs: 1) Veterans Care Centers (of which Sitter & Barfoot is one), 2) Virginia Veteran and Family Support Program, 3) Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program, 4) Virginia Veterans Cemeteries, and 5) Veterans Benefits Program. The Virginia Veterans Services Foundation provides supplemental funding for designated Veteran programs and services when state and federal funds are not available. 100% of all contributions made to the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation provide direct support to our veterans in crisis or in need of assistance. Each dollar raised stays in Virginia.

★ Recommendation: that the Post donate \$500 to the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation

d. **John Randolph Foundation Annual Golf Tournament** – The Post supports this annual tournament as a SILVER Sponsor. Silver-Level sponsorship (\$1,000) allows the Post to field a four member team and sponsor one hole in the tournament. Of the \$1,000 fee, \$560 immediately comes back to the Post Scholarship Fund. Money raised at the tournament is divided amongst designated scholarship funds at the close of the tournament. Traditionally, the Post Scholarship Fund sees an additional \$200 to \$250 additional donation for a total of \$760 to \$810 added to the Post’s scholarship fund.

★ Recommendation: that the Post sponsor the John Randolph Foundation 23rd Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for Fri, Sep 30th at the Silver Level with a donation of \$1,000.

e. **District 4 Royal Arch Masons Alzheimer’s Golf Outing** – The District 4 Royal Arch Masons in Chester are holding Golf Outing the proceeds of which will benefit the Chester Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. The outing is scheduled for Sept 12, 2022 at the Brickshire Golf Club. Fielding a four-person team would cost \$340. Sponsoring a hole at the outing is \$100.00

f. **2022 Virginia Legacy Run** – The Post received donations from the SAL and ALA which paid for the support provided to Legacy Run participants at the two-day Kick-Off event. The recommended \$1,000 donation will be a special contribution which will bring the total of the money raised by the Run to \$80,000.

★ ACTIONS:

A motion was made seconded and APPROVED to make the following donations

1) for the John Randolph Foundation Annual Golf Tournament: \$1,000.00

2) for the VFW Post 637 Annual Golf Tournament: \$500.00

3) for the District 4 Royal Arch Masons Alzheimer’s Golf Outing: \$440.00

4) to purchase five (5) bicycles for the Hopewell Sheriff's Office Bike Rodeo:
\$300.00

5) for the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation: \$500.00

6) for the 2022 Virginia Legacy Run: \$1,000.00

Total distribution from the Bingo Account: \$3,740.00

7. Old Business: None presented

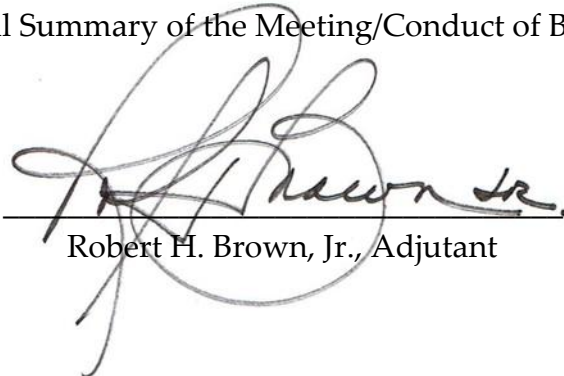
8. New Business: None presented

9. Good of the Legion:

a. The Commander reported that the Post recently hire a new cook and is in the process of hiring a part-time dishwasher. The Club Room floors will be scrubbed and buffed this coming weekend (Aug 7th & 8th) and request people come to the Post at 9:00 am to help move furniture.

b. The next regular meeting will begin at 6:00 pm rather than 7:00 pm. At that time, we will hold a join meeting with the executive committees/governing board members of the ALA and SAL to discuss programs which we might jointly operate.

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



Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant