



**Membership Annual Meeting
American Legion Post 172
June 18, 2015**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. L. McMahon called meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. 2015-16 Board of Directors Election
 - i. Proposed Directors: President – Kelly Fritz; V-President – Mark VanDeusen; Secretary – Barb Lake; Treasurer – Diane Peebles; Directors (1 yr) – Dillon Kaesberg, Patrick Miesner; Directors (2 yr) – Racheal Cross-Kane, Angie Royal; Past President – Laura McMahon C. White made a motion to accept the change of the Treasurer appointment from Tom Cheatham to Diane Peebles; second by D. Kaesberg. Motion carried. A paper ballot vote was taken, the results were unanimous, the new 2015-16 Board of Directors will be as presented.
 - ii. Next Board meeting for new and retiring directors will be July 2nd at Sparky's Club 21
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 13 members present
 - b. Minutes: Two changes were noted to the minutes. PTC will be changed to PTT. Boy Scouts will be changed to Cub Scouts. R. Elser made a motion to approve the May 16th meeting minutes with the noted changes; second by C. White. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence:
 - i. Received confirmation of Change of Registered Agent/Office Address filing
 - ii. **Bill:** Schneidewind Insurance – Commercial Inland Marine – ECM Sign [5/21/15 to 5/21/16] \$248.00
 - iii. Invitation Cedarhurst of Sparta Grand Opening – Sunday July 12th 1-3pm
 - iv. e-Mail Jerry Costello's office – Sparta Shooting Complex Petition – help with petition to request Governor to reconsider his plans to close the complex
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. M. VanDeusen made a motion to approve the May 2015 Treasurer's Report; second by S. Cross. Motion carried.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **By-Law Review** – R. Elser
 - i. Last review was in 2011; R. Elser went over changes being made by the committee with the membership. R. Elser made a motion to approve the By-Laws as amended; second by M. VanDeusen. Motion carried.
 - b. **Anniversary Celebration Ad Hoc** – K. Fritz
 - i. Ordered items with new logo – stylus pens, tumblers & stadium cups – to be in later this month.
 - c. **Chamber Office Project** (203 N Main St) – J. Wright
 - i. Floor is finished; will need furniture pucks under heavy objects; finishing carpenter needed to finish up the trim work, in process of locating one still.
 - ii. Target is to hold first meeting here in August with open house in September.

- d. **Coal Festival Bingo** [June 12, 13] – C. DeMange
 - i. Approximate profit \$850; not many people playing either night
- e. **Coal Festival Float** [June 13] –
 - i. Took 1st place. Big Thank You to Jim Vasquez for building the float.
- f. **Coal Festival Wristbands** [June 11, 12, 13] – K. Neal
 - i. 221 bands were used. Had enough donations for this event to cover the cost.
- g. **Finance** – R. Elser
 - i. Most dues have been paid; sending reminder July 1st for those not yet paid
- h. **Golf Tournament** [July 25th] – S. Cross
 - i. Postponed to July due to weather; have a ton of hole sponsors for event
- i. **Membership** – D. Rushing – No Report
- j. **PR/Marketing** – D. Kaesberg
 - i. R. Elser made a motion to continue to split the Tourism Bureau annual \$700 bill with the Village and pay half (\$350); second by K. Fritz. Motion carried.
- k. **Scholarship** [April 3rd] – S. Huckfeldt
 - i. Winners were Brooke Inman and Samuel Scheid. Pictures and information have been posted on the Chamber website.
- l. **Toast of Marissa** – J. Wright – No Report
- m. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
 - i. New landscaping around Coal Miners Monument in front of park has been completed.
 - ii. July-August a crew will be coming out to smoke the sewers to try to locate problems
 - iii. Street chipping starts Monday, June 22nd
- n. **Yard of the Month** [May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct] – S. Cross
 - i. Skipped May; June – Carol Robertson on S Hamilton. An adirondack chair will be this years gift.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- a. **Insurance Liability** - M. VanDeusen stated “may want to review current insurance liabilities to be sure we are only paying for what we actually need”. This will be looked into further.
- b. **Shooting Complex Closure** – Jerry Costello’s office sent out an email with a petition to try and convince the governor to not go through with his proposed closing of the facility on September 1st. M. VanDeusen suggested the Chamber talk with Sparta Chamber and work together to run an ad and get the word out about the proposed closing and the economic impact it will have on this area. R. Elser made a motion to approve an ad budget of up to \$500 for this endeavor in conjunction with Sparta Chamber; second by A. Royal. Motion carried. L. McMahan appointed an Ad Hoc committee to meet with the Sparta Chamber of Commerce, talk with them about the proposal and see if it is something they would want to do. M. VanDeusen will head the committee and report back with the help of A. Royal.

IX. Attendance Raffle \$114

Marissa Food Mart was selected, but not present. \$127 will roll over to the next meeting.

X. Adjourn

C. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.; second by A. Royal. Motion carried.