

**ROY REED POST 252
THE AMERICAN LEGION
WINSIDE NE
Minutes July 2, 2024**

Commander Dan Jaeger called the meeting to order. Members in attendance included Commander Jaeger, Treasurer Dean Mann, Adjutant Bud Neel, Les Schultz, Eric Vahlkamp, Yancey Keiser, Gene Barg, Larry Hansen and Sandra Hansen. The meeting proceeded in regular order. (Bud Neel late arrival; Sandra Hansen took meeting notes.)

Finance reports were provided: **Gene Barg moved to accept the financial report, Les Schultz second. Motion carried.**

Minutes of the June 3, 2024 meeting were read and approved **by motion by Gene Barg, second Larry Hansen. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

--Pitch Tournament – There were 16 teams, went over well – less teams than usual – brought in \$778.

--Building Maintenance – the floor was refinished by Butch Edwards and Gene Barg, with 12 hours each. There was a **motion by Les Schultz, second by Yancey Keiser and carried.** (Not sure what the motion was on; but may have been payment for hours put into the project.)

--Hoskins 125th Color Guard – went well – those assisting included Darin Gruenke, David Gruenke, Kevin Andersen, Pete Keiser, Rich Behmer, Bud Neel and James Neel drove the Willy Jeep. All went well with a touch of rain before the parade. Had a nice crowd.

Unfinished Business:

--**Motion by Yancey Keiser, second Butch Edward to approve Tristate (presume the outdoor shed reconstruction project). Motion carried.**

--Presently, the jeep and trailer will be in storage in Yancey Keiser's shed.

New Business:

--**Motion by Gene Barg, second Yancey Keiser to renew the raffle license – utility funds manager**

--Color Guard for Friday, July 26, 2024 at the Wayne County Fair – time to be determined – need volunteers

--The five dollars (\$5.00) dues increase did pass at the 2024 Department Convention in Kearney NE.

--Dental screenings will take place November 15 & 16, 2024 in Mead NE, need to sign up for the screenings to include dentures, fillings, cleanings, etc. Check with Yancey Keiser, Wayne County Veterans Service Officer.

--The PACT Act now allows male Veterans to be treated for breast cancer.

--September 27 – 29, 2024 there is a Women's Symposium at Kearney NE. More details can be sought through the County Veterans Service Office.

--August 2024 will be the Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedication (unknown date and location)

- Boyd Yocum is the New Department Legion Commander with Judy Walters as Vice Commander
- August 10, 2024 there will be a Legion Family Leadership School open to all members at the Ashland Post, with the Homecoming event being held at the Yutan Post. See Bud Neel for details.
- There were 257 boys enrolled in the 2024 Boys State program. Down greatly from the 400 openings.
- Legion Posts in the area that have closed or are being considered for closure due to low membership number under ten paid members include Brunswick, Wisner, Belden, Pilger, Primrose. Opportunity to invite those members to transfer.
- Discussion was held on having a light on the main flag pole at Pleasant View Cemetery.
- Wayne County Veteran Service Officer Yancey Keiser did research on SSGT. Gary E. Beltz who has a marker in the Winside cemetery. Beltz was from Plainview NE, born 1962, died 2001 prostate cancer, was cremated, served during Desert Storm and stationed at Ft. Sill. Plainview NE also has a Pleasant View Cemetery so this may be a mix up due to the correction location.
- Motion by Yancey Keiser, second Gene Barg keeps the current slate of officers in place. Motion carried.**
- On "Sick Call" is fellow Legionnaire Kenny Hall from Carroll Post 165 who fell and has his arm in a sling. He was able to get back up after the fall.
- Volunteers for the Color Guard include Larry Hansen and Sandra Hansen.

Next Post meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 7 PM at the Winside Post Home.
Meeting adjourned.

Sandra Hansen (notes)
Bud Neel (transcribed)