

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**27 July 2015**  
**Agenda / Minutes**

1. Call to Order – Commander Carroll Owings called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

**Board Members PRESENT:** Carroll Owings, Ed Hall, Joe Bellville, John Barron, Jim Harbison, Doyle Boggs, Ted Hemenway, Leah White,

**Board Members ABSENT:** Lenard Zywacki, Doyle Boggs, Avery Taylor (immediate past commander).

**Office Staff/Committee Chairs PRESENT:** Ken Barton,

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2. Opening ceremony: Attention to colors, Invocation (Chaplain Bellville).

3. Commander's Remarks:

- Commander Owings has become involved in several community outreach efforts.
  - He is now a member of the *Upstate Veterans Alliance Network (UVAN)* – a collaboration of community organizations across Anderson, Greenville and Spartanburg Counties dedicated to creating stability in all aspects of the lives of the Veterans and Family Members that we serve.
    - There are five (5) focus areas:
      - Health & Wellness;
      - Basic Needs Assistance;
      - Educational & Vocational Training;
      - Employment;
      - Continued Support.
    - Goals:
      - To increase awareness of services and referral criteria between and among Veteran support organizations;
      - To facilitate more efficient, effective referrals for Veterans to meet their needs;
      - To identify unmet needs and work to fill those gaps
      - To foster partnerships between and among organizations
    - Objectives:
      - Conduct bi-monthly meetings with UVAN at-large Member Organizations
      - Organize Focus Groups (Based on the five focus areas above) to inform UVAN
      - Offer organizations opportunity to showcase their programs and educate fellow members
      - Develop a comprehensive Veteran Resource Directory.
    - The group would like to have a meeting at Post 28 and also have a tour of the Post and the Museum. Commander Owings will follow up on this request.
  - He is also now a member of the Search Committee to hire the new VA representative. This group would also like to have one of their meetings at Post 28 and have a tour of the Post and the Museum. Commander Owings will also follow up on this request.

4. **Post Operations Reports**

- a. Minutes Review – not voted upon
- b. Finance – Doyle Boggs
  - Since the finance officer was not present, Leah White, John Barron and Jim Harbison discussed certain financial situations when they gave their respective reports.
- c. Administration
  - i. Dept. & District Events – The District 5 meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on 15 August 2015 at the Chesnee Post across the street from the shooting range. Lunch will be served. Donations will be accepted.
  - ii. Office – need more ink for the printer. It goes fast.
  - iii. Membership
    - Leah has submitted a check to National for \$1,026 which is half of the assessment fee for the Post.
    - About half (150) of the membership dues are done.
    - 7 members have died since 1 July 2014
    - Have taken in about 11 new and/or transfer members.
    - National dues will probably be going up \$5 per member. The membership still has to vote on it but it seems likely to pass.
    - Paid Up For Life (PUFL) members means paid up for national dues. Members should still be paying local dues (\$10/year). Leah has a list of PUFL members and will remind them about the local dues.
    - Ed Hall(?) made a motion that other veteran organizations hosting events at the Post should pay a minimum fee. After much discussion, the motion was amended to change the wording of the policy to include the possibility that other veterans organization may be assessed a fee to use the Post for an event but not to name the fee in the policy. This will leave the Board open to be able to charge a fee or not without having to change the policy every time. Leah seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of it. Leah will make changes in the policy and bring back to the board for final approval.
  - iv. General Meeting Agenda Items
    - Breakfast coordinators are set for the August meeting (Curtis and his wife and a new member).

## 5. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Facilities – Jim Harbison
  - There is a downstairs commode that is clogging. Otherwise, the Post is in good shape.
  - Jim presented a proposal regarding the possibility of installing a solar power system in the Post. See Appendix for details.
  - Ed Hall made a motion that the Board “assess” each member \$1 per month (\$12 annually) to go into the fund to help in paying the power bills. He also offered that we consider implementing it on a voluntary basis to begin with and see what kind of response we get. John Barron seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor. This will be on the agenda for Saturday’s meeting.
  - Jim reported that the bank balance as of today was \$17,142 – that would be before the membership check that Leah has written. Also, the balance of the Foundation fund

is \$11,294.65 which is the Anderson account for the Oratorical Contest.

b. Standing Programs

1. Legion Baseball – John Barron

- Although we had a losing season, the Post still had a net gain of \$1,669.12.
- John has been reconciling and closing out the books. He has had 50 transactions since the final game.
- He distributed a financial report for the program but commented that he still needs to make some adjustments within the categories. The bottom line will stay the same but within the categories there are some changes. One example was payment for the sign that the program paid for needs to be moved out of “equipment” and into “Duncan Park”.
- Ed Hall made a motion for John to be commended for an outstanding job with the Baseball Program. Although everyone joined in with congratulations, there was no formal second or vote.

2. Boys State – Doyle Boggs (absent – no report)

3. Flying Things camp – Ed Hall

- Although there were 11 who “registered”, only five showed up. T-shirts were awarded.
- Costs for this year were very low. No plans were ordered – Ed used the same ones as from last year and just made in-house copies of them.
- Ed has identified a new plane for next year that he thinks will fly better than the one he has been using.

4. Library/Museum – Ed Hall

- The Library has received a large donation from an estate in the Farmer Family
- The Museum continues to grow.

5. Service Officer – Ted Hemenway

- No report

6. Honor Guard – Ken Barton

- The Honor Guard has participated in 18 funerals for 2015.
- Ken announced that he is having mobility issues and feels that he can no longer continue as Captain of the Honor Guard. He nominated Ted Hemenway to take his place. Ted needs to discuss with his wife before giving the board answer.
- Ken commented that he can continue to assist the Honor Guard with making phone calls, cleaning rifles, etc. – anything that can be done while seated.

7. Legion Awards:

- Commander Owings will be working with Frank and the awards that have to be in place by 5 September 2015.

7. Legion Auxiliary – Geneva Padgett

- Need to confirm the following dates on the Post Calendar
  - Tupperware Party and Covered Dish Dinner – August 13 (6:00 p.m.)
  - Yard Sale – August 21-22
  - Bean Supper – October 9 (6:00 p.m.)
  - Upstate Standdown – October 17 (this is the same week as the fair – nothing we can do about that)
  - Flags on Graves – November 6 (9:00 a.m. – Heritage)
  - Veterans Day Parade and Dinner – November 11. It’s a Wednesday this

- year. Our Post is in charge of the Parade. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas Lights Grand Opening and Open House – December 10 (6:00 p.m.)
  - Post Christmas Dinner – December 18 (6:00 p.m.)
  - Although a specific date still has to be confirmed, the next visit to Campbell Veterans Home will be sometime in September.
6. Old business
- a. Walk of Honor Walk – Ed Hall – no report
  - b. Trip – Ed Hall
    - The trip to Dayton has been cancelled due to low enrollment.
  - c. Newsletter - Tony Messell (absent) – no report
  - d. WEB site – Charlie Lytle (absent)
    - Charlie continues to have health problems. Avery and Leah are the only other site administrators. Leah has been able to make some changes but the learning curve is steep.
7. New business
- a. Coupon books as a fund raiser. Commander Owings will pick up the coupon books on Thursday and have them ready for distribution to members at the meeting on Saturday. They include coupons for restaurants and other businesses. Books sell for \$20 each. If we sell 1 to 49, we receive \$8.00 per book; if we sell 50-99, we receive \$9.00 per book; and if we sell 100 or more, we receive \$10.00 per book.
8. Announcements and “Good of the Order”
- The men are going to have “Men’s Yard Sale” on October 24 – tools only.
  - New Post T-shirts are available for \$10 each. They have the American Legion seal on them and we have plenty available in Large, X-Large, and 2X.
9. Next BOD meeting
- **Next BOD will be 31 August 2015 at 6:00 p.m.**
10. **Next monthly meeting is Saturday, 1 August 2015.** Cody Horton will speak about his experience at Boys State.
11. Closing Ceremony
12. Adjourn (8:40 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by:  
Frieda Patrick Davison