

Speaker 1:

Thank you.

Sergeant at Arms:

June 24th.

Speaker 1:

Before we start, I have a couple of announcements.

Kevin Owens:

We got our buckets over here. What we always like to do is we like to give you something back. if you put money in that bucket, we got a ticket over here. We'll give you a yellow ticket and when we draw for the PUFL we're going to give somebody a card. Don't be cheap and put a penny in there.

Speaker 2:

No, I bought that card.

Speaker 3:

When are you going to draw?

Kevin Owens:

We're going to draw before we start the elections.

Speaker 2:

Make a donation.

Kevin Owens:

Make a donation, get a ticket, get something back. That card's worth probably, what?

Speaker 2:

80 bucks.

Bob Huff:

80 bucks.

Bob Huff:

Also, there's tickets out there, if you want to buy tickets for the raffle for the pitcher, go see Lynn. We got a few tickets left. We'd like to get those sold. Thank you last night for the mixer. I hope everybody had a good time. Thank God I ordered double the food on some of that stuff because you people can eat.

Bob Huff:

So, thank you. Everybody won the cornhole. Is the cornhole champions in here? Who's one of the cornhole champions? I know Ralph's taking the silver back to-

Speaker 2:

There's a Marine back there.

Kevin Owens:

Ralph took the silver. Look at that.

Speaker 2:

Ah! He's taking it away from us.

Kevin Owens:

There you go. Okay. Fine. Here, here's 50 cents.

Speaker 1:

All right, thank you.

Speaker 1:

Call is in place, hand salute. Two. Call on the chaplain for an invocation.

Steve Schulenberg:

Gracious father, God, again, this morning we call upon you to be with us during our reconvening of our convention. Be with us father, let us learn. Let us glean what you have for us and especially be with our leaders today. And we pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Group:

Amen.

Gene Helixon:

Calling to Sergeant of Arms to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Phyllis York:

Ladies and gentlemen, facing the flag of our country, we all say together.

Group:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Speaker 1:

Cover.

Speaker 1:

Please be seated.

Sergeant at Arms:

[inaudible 00:02:45] This is the conviction.

Speaker 1:

I'd like to recognize a couple of special guests that we have with us, Ralph Bozella, National VA & R chairman.

Speaker 1:

Rick Fisi, Department of Washington commander.

Speaker 1:

Thank you.

Speaker 1:

Jessie Horton Department of Washington adjutant? Not here? Okay. Annie Semen from Washington, Dave Hochbroom and his wife, Rosemary.

Speaker 1:

Thank you.

Speaker 1:

Alternate Anne Semen from Washington, Bob Clark, and not here. Okay. Thank you. Thank you for joining us this week. We do have a lot of business to take care of today. We're going to try and keep this right on track. We've changed our award process a little bit, so we're going to have the committee reports come up and give their report. We're going to have the recipient stand and be recognized. And then we're going to ask them to go around through the members bar and come out over here on the deck, where we will get some group photos while the first vice is taking care of the next order business. So, hopefully we can save some time in our award process by doing that.

Speaker 1:

Okay, call on the Department Agent for roll call.

Speaker 4:

Roll call. Department commander, Don Weber.

Don Weber:

Here.

Speaker 4:

First vice commander, Larry Whitmeyer.

Larry Whitmeyer:

Present.

Speaker 4:

Second vice commander, Corey Brockman.

Corey Brockman:

Present.

Speaker 4:

Immediate past Department commander, Steve Adams.

Steve Adams:

Present.

Speaker 4:

Department adjutant, Flint Phillips. He's here.

Speaker 4:

National executive committeeman, Kevin Owens.

Kevin Owens:

Here. No presence.

Speaker 2:

Exception.

Speaker 4:

Alternate national executive committeeman, Gene Helixon.

Gene Helixon:

Here.

Speaker 4:

Department finance officer, Bob Huff.

Bob Huff:

Present.

Speaker 4:

Department Chaplain, Steve Schulenberg.

Steve Schulenberg:

Here.

Speaker 4:

Department historian, Dick Winders.

Dick Winders:

Here.

Speaker 4:

Department judge advocate, Gene Helixon.

Gene Helixon:

Here.

Speaker 4:

Department service officer Ed Van Dyke.

Speaker 4:

Excused, I believe.

Speaker 4:

Department service officer Jody Marsh.

Speaker 4:

Excused.

Speaker 2:

[Inaudible 00:05:40]

Speaker 4:

Department district, first vice commander is Susan Hughes.

Susan Hughes:

Here.

Speaker 4:

District two commander Juan Polacios.

Juan Polacios:

Here.

Speaker 4:

District three commander, John Morford.

John Morford:

Here.

Speaker 4:

District four commander David Applegate.

David Applegate:

Present.

Speaker 4:

District five commander is Robert Marvin.

Robert Marvin:

Here.

Speaker 4:

Vice. District six commander, Andy Malar.

Speaker 4:

I know he was here.

Speaker 4:

All right.

Speaker 2:

Six delegation chair. They've delegated.

Speaker 4:

Okay. District seven, first vice, Terry Brown.

Terry Brown:

Here.

Speaker 4:

District A commander, William Christofferson is absent. District nine commander, Larry Hill.

Larry Hill:

Present.

Speaker 4:

District 10 commander Daniel Burkes.

Daniel Burkes:

Here.

Speaker 4:

Department sergeant at arms, Phyllis York.

Phyllis York:

Present.

Speaker 4:

Department assistant sergeant arms, Warren Allen.

Ward Allen:

Present.

Speaker 4:

Department assistant sergeant at arms, Mike Morris. Excused.

Speaker 4:

We have a quorum, sir.

Gene Helixon:

Thank you.

Speaker 4:

Roll call of living past department commanders.

Gene Helixon:

Thank you.

Speaker 4:

Robert D. Scott Post 51, 1982 to '83.

Speaker 2:

Excused.

Speaker 4:

Patsy Nester Post 158, 1986 to '87.

Speaker 2:

Excused.

Speaker 4:

Richard A Sheffield Post five, 1993 to '94

Speaker 2:

Excused.

Speaker 4:

Robert D Limino Post six, 1996 to '97.

Speaker 2:

Excused.

Speaker 4:

Donald E. Emerson Post 61, 1997 to '98.

Speaker 2:

Excused.

Speaker 4:

George Toby Potter Post 12, 2002 and '03.

Speaker 2:

Excused.

Speaker 4:

Charles Schmidt, Post 63, 2004 and '05.

Speaker 2:

Excused.

Speaker 4:

Sid Carter Post 29, 2005 and '06.

Speaker 2:

Excused.

Speaker 4:

Kevin Owens, Post 34, 2008 and '09.

Kevin Owens:

Here.

Speaker 4:

Jackie Collison, Post 34, 2010 to '11.

Speaker 2:

Excused.



Speaker 4:

John Mars, Post 99, 2011 to '12.

Speaker 2:

Absent.

Speaker 4:

Robert Huff Post 192, 2012 to '13.

Bob Huff:

Excused and present.

Speaker 4:

Mike Morris Post 21, 2013 to '14.

Speaker 4:

Excused.

Speaker 4:

Andy Malar Post 24, 2014 to '15.

Speaker 2:

He's absent. I know he is in the area.

Speaker 4:

Yep. Gene Helixon Post 86, 2017 to '18.

Gene Helixon:

Present.

Speaker 4:

Tom Harris Post 119, 2018 to '19.

Tom Harris:

Your commander.

Speaker 4:

Steve Adams Post 51, 2019 through 2021.

Steve Adams:

Present.

Speaker 4:

That concludes sir.

Speaker 1:

Thank you. I'd like to call on the judge advocate for this standing rules of a convention.

Speaker 2:

Again, they aren't district commanders now, they're delegation chairs.

Speaker 4:

Oh.

Speaker 2:

That's okay.

Gene Helixon:

With the following modifications, [inaudible 00:08:55] newly revised shall be adopted for the convention. When a delegate desires to make a motion or address the convention such delegate shall rise, address the chair as comrade commander and state name and name and number of the Post before proceeding.

Gene Helixon:

Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker, provided upon the vote of the majority of the delegates then present, an extension of three minutes may be granted. Further extensions may be granted only upon the unanimous vote of the delegates then present.

Gene Helixon:

The floor shall be permitted, but once, to any individual delegate on any one subject, except by the consent of two thirds of the delegates then present. Provided that the proposal of any motion or resolution may have the floor once for rebuttal. A resolution offered on the floor of the convention shall automatically and without reading be referred to the appropriate convention committee, or in the absence of such committee to the resolution assignment committee or referral to the appropriate convention committee for proper consideration.

Gene Helixon:

All resolutions and memorials shall be presented in writing to the department admin signed by the author, no later than noon on the second day of the convention. Provided that a resolution or memorial may be presented after said time by consent of two thirds of the delegates then present at the convention.

Gene Helixon:

No person, not a dually accredited delegate shall participate directly or indirectly in a via-voice vote on any subject before the convention. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a roll call shall be demanded by at least three delegates from different Posts. On all roll calls, the chairman or acting

chairman of each delegation shall pull his delegation on the floor and shall announce the vote of the delegation.

Gene Helixon:

Nominations of department officers, national executive committeemen and alternate national executive committeemen shall be from the floor.

Gene Helixon:

Nominating speeches shall be limited to five minutes each. No more than one seconding speech shall be made for each candidate, not exceeding three minutes. In the events of two or more candidates are nominated for one office, the balloting shall continue until elected by majority vote of the delegation to the department convention who are present and vote for such office.

Gene Helixon:

Department elections shall be in the following order. One, Department Commander. Two, Department First Vice Commander. Three, Department Second Vice Commander. Four, Department Finance Officer. Five, National Executive Committeeman. Six, Alternate National Executive Committeeman. Seven, delegates and alternates to the National Convention.

Speaker 1:

Thank you, sir.

Speaker 1:

Okay. I'd like to call on second vice commander, Cory Brockman, to present the Americanism report.

Corey Brockman:

Good morning.

Group:

Good morning.

Corey Brockman:

All right. Hey, I'm Cory Brockman. I'm your department. Second vice commander. I was appointed the chairman of the Americanism convention committee due to the absence of the Americanism chair this year. The Americanism convention committee met at the Beaverton Elks on the 23rd of June at 2022. And that meeting convened at 1321 hours, chaired by yours truly and our recording secretary was Judy Johnston. Roll call was taken and we had 19 members in attendance. That was outstanding, representing all 10 districts of our department of Oregon. There were no resolutions brought to the committee for our review and recommendations and there were no resolutions brought from within our Americanism convention committee.

Corey Brockman:

We had a great round table discussion held. We went around the table and asked every member him or her to share examples of Americanism activities that are being held or conducted within their Post and

here's just a sampling. Oratorical, scouting, American Legion writers, honor guard and color guards, Legion baseball, Halloween safety, food and resources in support of youth, home and families, community and civic networking, sea cadets, boys state, and girls state, and other youth scholarships that are raised in fundraising activities, but given outside of our formal youth programs, funerals, parades, American Legion writer and Patriot guard escorts, patriotic holiday meals, law enforcement career camp, and more.

Corey Brockman:

We had a very good discussion on American Legion writers and Patriot guard and I raised the topic myself; had a very good discussion. There's differences in those entities. I think group's consensus was it would be an outstanding Legion college session or a DBC training session.

Corey Brockman:

Chairman Corey highlighted topical points of the scheduled Americanism luncheon slated for today about 11:30, 12. I believe we're still intending that to be outside or inside. I'll let Commander Don address that.

Don Weber:

It'll be inside.

Corey Brockman:

Chairman Corey also shared an Americanism in action idea for 2022-2023. That being simply that anytime you're conducting anything Americanism related, just take one or two pictures, email it to the Americanism commission chair with a very short what, when and where. So if we're not able to conduct the luncheon session inside, I've got a 60 slide presentation, half of those slides are examples of Americanism in action from the last year.

Corey Brockman:

What we want to do is showcase what all of the different Posts are doing and a simple picture of a very few words is the first start to then growing to articles in our Oregon Legion narrative, the official publication of the Department of Oregon.

Corey Brockman:

That convention committee recessed at 1405 hours. With that, we'll move into the awards presentations. To just echo commander Don's comments, I will announce the awards. I will ask you to stand and then ask for applause for that group, recognizing their great efforts this year. They will exit the hall to your left, my right, and just loop around the membership members.

Corey Brockman:

So with that, Americanism awards for Post size 15 to 100: Brownsville Post 184.

Corey Brockman:

101 to 250: Aloha Post 104.

Corey Brockman:

Just stand and be recognized.

Corey Brockman:

Albany Post 10, for 501 to 750 members.

Corey Brockman:

And these award winners are going to have their certificate presented and their photographs taken outside.

Corey Brockman:

The Back to God award. The award winner is Milwaukee Post 180.

Corey Brockman:

Boys State award, Post sizes 15 to 100, Wilsonville Post 65.

Corey Brockman:

Post size 151 to 500, Staton Post 58.

Corey Brockman:

Community Service awards, Post sizes 15 to 150, White City Post 192.

Corey Brockman:

Post size 251 to 500, Staton Post 58.

Corey Brockman:

Post membership sizes 500 and up, Albany Post 10.

Corey Brockman:

The community service awards, Post size is 15 to 150, white City Post 192.

Corey Brockman:

251 to 500, Staton Post 58.

Corey Brockman:

Post size 500 and up, Albany Post 10.

Corey Brockman:

Scouting, we have two awards. We have scouting troop 7184, which is Travis Moothart Troop 71 84 of Post 184.

Corey Brockman:

Then for the Cub Scouts, the award goes to Hillsboro Pack 195 of Post 6.

Corey Brockman:

Now I'm going to give you a shameless public service announcement. The Jim Willis law enforcement career camp is still taking applications. There were some restrictions this year on location at Oregon State Police Academy due to the backlog created by the pandemic to train officers. The camp's been relocated to Camp Rilea up in Warrenton, on the Northwest coast and cadre from the Oregon state police and the Sheriff's association will be working with our Legion committee, but we are still taking applications. Jump on [orlegion.org](http://orlegion.org), download the application, and get your young men and women signed up to attend that camp.

Corey Brockman:

As a delegate of this 103rd annual department convention and seeing no resolution brought before this Americanism convention committee, I make a motion to dissolve this Americanism convention committee.

Don Weber:

Resolve.

Speaker 2:

Resolve.

Gene Helixon:

Need a second.

Don Weber:

Need a second to [inaudible 00:20:28] that.

Speaker 4:

Second entered.

Gene Helixon:

No, [inaudible 00:20:28] not right. You don't say that. Okay. [inaudible 00:20:39]

Don Weber:

The next commission report that we will hear will be children and youth by Judy Johnston.

Speaker 3:

[Inaudible 00:20:49]

Don Weber:

We're going to skip that. The next one will be finance by Kevin Owens.

Kevin Owens:

Morning.

Group:

Morning.

Kevin Owens:

I say finance, you'd guys would be cheering up.

Kevin Owens:

Okay. Technology, you're wonderful. Maybe not. No, my phone.

Kevin Owens:

Well, let's just wing it. Yesterday at 1400 finance conviction committee met. We had attendees from almost every district. We had a discussion on the budget, which we'll give you some extra on that. We had no resolutions at that point. We're going to go into the budget.

Kevin Owens:

Did everyone get a chance to look at the packet with the budget? No? Okay. Well, this year we have some major challenges, major challenges. It affects not just me and not just these folks up here, but it affects you. Our budget this year has a hundred thousand dollars shortfall. We have to come up with a hundred thousand dollars. The permanent finance commission, along with the administrative advisory board had been in discussion about what we are going to do and what options we have. I'll share some of the options.

Kevin Owens:

Option number one is we will lay off an employee. We'll lay off an employee.

Kevin Owens:

Option two, along with the employee, we're going to cut all travel for every officer in the department from the commander down.

Kevin Owens:

Third, sell our building. Sell our building.

Kevin Owens:

But the best option we have is membership. So we need your help to get membership.

Kevin Owens:

We've historically been losing around 1600 members and that's an historical data that we've been going through the last 11, 12 years. We approximately lose 1600 members that do not renew their dues. We heard that death is the problem. Death is not the problem in the department of Oregon; it's renewals. We allow people to sign up one year. We don't communicate with them. We don't buddy check them and they go out the back door. We need to do a better job at renewals.

Kevin Owens:

The National Commander set of goal of 90% of renewal rate. We get 90% and we'll make up that 10%.

Kevin Owens:

That's some of the options. We've also had an option, maybe going to a Post and renting space at a Post. We've talked about moving the Post headquarters out of Wilsonville. Wilsonville is a high red district in Oregon and it costs lot of money.

Kevin Owens:

Our biggest problem, and it has nothing to do with Flynn, because people will say, is administrative cost. Because everything else, inflation goes up, water, sewage, copiers, phones, salaries, paying some medical care for our employees, Postage. Just like at your house.

Kevin Owens:

So, what we're going to ask, and it should come out by July 15th, that we're going to ask each one of you and your members in your Post, to help support the department. One in membership, and two, we're going ask each member to donate some amount of money to help support the Post, as a plea letter.

Kevin Owens:

The idea was, we do a hundred dollars each member. If we got 5,000 people to do that, we'd be in great shape.

Kevin Owens:

I think the letter's going to change a little bit. We're going to ask you to donate just like they do on our fundraisers and that is to give what you can give. If it's \$5, we'll take it. If it's a dollar, we'll take it. We'll take your change. We don't care.

Kevin Owens:

I should back up a little bit. I want you to know that the department is sound financially on that part. We have our money due to our service office. We have money to do our programs. We have money invested. We're not broke. Don't take that we're broke. We're not. But the constitution, we have money that is required to be put aside for certain things.

Kevin Owens:

We're not broke, but each year the budget is for that one year. It's a one year budget. We don't want to cut employees. We don't want to get rid of our building, so we're going to need your help. It's a serious thing. If you want to get membership, and I think your membership chairman has said it before, if you would get two percent penetration into your district, in our districts all around, we would be about 20,000 members.

Kevin Owens:

We're currently sitting at 13,300 and something. We based the budget on 11,750. Some of you would say, why would we do that? The reason is because historical, is the drop. It's not what you finish, it's what we think we're going to end up at the end of the year. Our budget year starts October 1st. We're fine this year. We can ride about six, seven months to the spring until we have to do some major drastic cuts. We don't want to do that. We don't want to do that. So we need your help. We need your help. Any questions about the budget? Yes, sir.



Tim Troop:

Tim Troops, Post 511 Falls. Have you also considered, in addition to asking the membership to donate asking Posts to-

Kevin Owens:

That's what I was just saying.

Tim Troop:

The whole Post?

Kevin Owens:

The whole department.

Tim Troop:

Yeah.

Kevin Owens:

The whole department. Everybody will get a letter that's a member of our departments.

Speaker 2:

And no more fundraisers.

Kevin Owens:

And we're going to cut the fundraisers back. I know people complain about the fundraisers. We got about \$12,000 this year in fundraising. From everything we sent out, the raffle that we do, the raffle, we have people who send raffle tickets in with no money. We have to put the tickets in there because that's what the raffle said. We will lose \$3,000 on that raffle this year, again.

Speaker 2:

Again.

Kevin Owens:

Again, we lost 3000 last year. We'll lose \$3,000 again. Yes?

Speaker 3:

[inaudible 00:27:43] just want to verify the department is not going to raise their share of my dues. Is that correct? Is that what you're saying?

Kevin Owens:

At this point, we're not going to, but if we don't do something this year, we don't see... So the worst, we're going to say in the first 45 days that letter goes out, we're going to know where we're at. If it doesn't, if something doesn't happen, we're going to put a per capita raise in and it's not going to be five bucks. It's going to be about 10 bucks.

Speaker 3:

What's the process for raising that per capita rate?

Kevin Owens:

We would write a resolution. It would come to the department convention. The last time it was done, I happened to be the guy that did it. It was in a bad time because we thought we were the only thing that was going to happen, but national raised their per capita at the same time. We didn't have much fight on the floor about it, everybody understood why we're at. I mean, people complain about our dues being too high. That's not true. Go join another organization, join the Elks, go join the Moose, go join Rotary. Most Rotary is 175, 200 bucks to join rotary. 50 bucks, I'm pretty sure 50 bucks, everybody in this room has 50 bucks through the year. 50, 60 bucks, I mean \$6 lattes, \$120 for a carton of cigarettes.

Kevin Owens:

So money, I always think this. People talk, I've heard this and the national commander had this question. We talk about the price of PUFLs and it's too high. And we compared with other organizations. We're not other organizations. We're the American Legion, the largest veterans organization in the world. We do more for veterans than any other organization together. Done more. We continue to do more. You heard Ralph talk about V&R, what we do, the PACT Act, the GI bill. It's an investment in your organization. If you pay a thousand dollars for a PUFL, that's an investment in the future of this organization. It's an investment, to quote the national commander.

Kevin Owens:

It's not the price you pay to belong. It's the price you paid to become a member, to belong to become a member.

Kevin Owens:

Yes, ma'am.

Speaker 3:

And what's the department share of [inaudible 00:30:07]

Kevin Owens:

The PUFL?

Speaker 3:

Yes. So I know price on it for PUFL right now. What's the share of those [inaudible 00:30:18]?

Kevin Owens:

I couldn't even tell you because it's based on your age. It's based on your Post dues. When I joined to become a PUFL 300 years ago, my Post dues was \$25. They were going to raise the dues to 30 and I happened to be turning 35 at the same time, it was \$597. Well, they changed the tables and they're higher now, so I couldn't even tell you.

Speaker 3:

No, I'm not talking about [inaudible 00:30:47]

Don Weber:

Kevin, I don't think that's the question. Let me ask.

Speaker 3:

What shares?

Kevin Owens:

I have no idea.

Don Weber:

Let me answer the question. So the PUFL program is sponsored by national that money goes to national. They set it up in an account and then every year they send the current dues to the Post and to department for that year's dues.

Kevin Owens:

I cannot tell you, Don, can't tell you what that amount, dollar amount is. We know that you're going to get a portion and it all depends on your age and how much you're going to get. It's an actuary table and I have no idea how to figure that out. But we will get a portion.

Gene Helixon:

Every member can check online to get the cost.

Kevin Owens:

Yeah. So any other questions? I can't believe it's not questions.

Speaker 2:

I can.

Kevin Owens:

You are the easiest group I've ever seen.

Speaker 2:

We trust you.

Kevin Owens:

I can tell you just in an investment part that we've done on our part, that we've done very well. We know that just like your own, it's going to go down and up and fluctuate with the stock market. We're moderate risk. We're still ahead where we would have been if we had to just left it where we were. We watch it very closely. Bob watches every dollar that goes... people send their travel claims in, every month we get a finance report from Lynn. I review it. Bob reviews it. If I see something I don't, and then I send it out to permanent finding commission, and then it goes out to the department offices and the

district commanders, the past department commanders. So it's double, triple checked every month. They see everything that I see. Everything. So we are so transparent.

Kevin Owens:

What do you want me to ask?

Speaker 2:

Yeah, if somebody dies and leaves money.

Kevin Owens:

Yeah, if you want to do like other organizations, if you want to put a little thing in your will, that you'd like to give us about 2 million, we'll take her. Tim Troops going to put the first million in.

Speaker 2:

All right man.

Tim Troop:

I just got to win the lottery.

Kevin Owens:

I'm sorry, my report. I sent it to my phone and it's doing that. Probably, when I get down it will work. So we close the meeting about 2:35. With that, acting Commander, I'd like to vote on the budget. As a dually elected delegate to this convention, I so vote we pass the budget.

Barb Davis:

Second.

Don Weber:

Do we have a second?

Gene Helixon:

You have to be recognized.

Don Weber:

Oh, sorry. We have to recognize who made the second.

Barb Davis:

Barb Davis, 1-5-8.

Speaker 2:

Barb Davis, 1-5-8.

Speaker 2:

Sergeant, will you get the mic so people can come up.

Speaker 3:

They're right there.

Don Weber:

That's good. Barb Davis, 1-5-8.

Speaker 3:

Let them know that they have to go to the mic to be recognized. We can't [inaudible 00:33:54]

Speaker 2:

I got it but I'm not in charge.

Don Weber:

Okay, so I don't think it's necessary at this point, but from now on, when you're recognized, please come to the microphone and state who you are and all that. We have a second. Do we have any discussion?

Don Weber:

I recognize Tim troop.

Tim Troop:

There was a motion, a measure that was taken to the resolution assignment committee yesterday at four, I think approximately 4:05. It was referred to the finance committee. Has that resolution been reviewed by the finance committee? Because, at this point you said you had no resolutions.

Don Weber:

I've not received a resolution.

Tim Troop:

Then at that point I would state that there's still business pending for the finance committee and they cannot be dissolved.

Don Weber:

I didn't ask to be dissolved. I didn't ask to be dissolved. I just asked to pass the budget for next year.

Gene Helixon:

What's the resolution?

Don Weber:

Okay, so we have a resolution on the floor. I mean a motion on the floor, excuse me. We have a second and we've had discussion. Any further discussion? All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

Opposed? Opposed?

Don Weber:

Motion passes.

Speaker 2:

Commander, I don't...

Speaker 2:

Do you know where that resolution went?

Terry Brown:

I don't. I think...

Terry Brown:

Terry Brown, District Seven. I Think That Was Dan Burke's Proposal For The Change In The Membership Dues For Four Months Or Three Months. It was read yesterday. No, yeah, it was read yesterday.

Don Weber:

Again, that never came up in our packet even. Our meeting was over by then.

Terry Brown:

Yeah.

Speaker 2:

Might want to confer with him, how we... I would confer with you.

Don Weber:

Gene, do you have any comments concerning where we stand with regard to a resolution that was in the resolution committee, did not get to the finance committee, therefore the finance commission is still in advance until. What do we do? Your [inaudible 00:36:38]?

Gene Helixon:

Well, [inaudible 00:36:40].

Don Weber:

Yeah, I know.

Gene Helixon:

I would say that if it is possible that it be given to the committee today, so they have time to review it and present it at a later time, if our schedule allows. If not, it's going to have to wait until either the post convention DEC or the next regularly scheduled DEC after that, which would be in about October, September, October.

Don Weber:

I would comment that if it is a finance issue, it has to be passed by the convention. Is that correct?

Gene Helixon:

If it involves the partner funding, yes. And if it affects the budget, then it is going to have to be at a convention.

Don Weber:

Okay. Then the best thing we could do is get that resolution to the finance committee and have them review it.

Speaker 2:

Ward has that.

Don Weber:

Ward, you've got it? Okay. Get it to the finance committee after you reviewed it. Possibly we could do something at the post DEC.

Don Weber:

That wouldn't be a DEC either.

Gene Helixon:

But, I have to correct myself.

Gene Helixon:

Jim, in my book. No, excuse me, my iPad. Sorry. I think I'm...

Don Weber:

Okay.

Gene Helixon:

I believe I spoke too soon.

Speaker 2:

[inaudible 00:38:26]. Why not? [inaudible 00:38:37] We need to get out of here. [inaudible 00:38:44]

Gene Helixon:

Okay.

Gene Helixon:

Article 15, amendments with the constitution and bylaws. The department [inaudible 00:38:56], not less than 45 days prior to the opening of such conventions forward a copy of each proposed amendment to each post and in the post, the proposed amendment on the department website and Facebook. The department [inaudible 00:39:12] caused the proposed amendment to be published in the Oregon Legionnaire prior to such convention. A copy of each proposed amendment shall be furnished to each delegate with the convention package. All proposed amendments shall be in the form of written resolutions and shall specifically refer to the article and section sought to be amended. Therefore, we can't do anything with that amendment because it was not Posted. It was not sent in in time to make it into the Legionnaire. And that is article 15 of the Constitution of the Department of Oregon Title Amendments.

Don Weber:

Thank you.

Gene Helixon:

So it's dead, for now.

Don Weber:

According to the Adjutant then, this resolution is dead because it was not Posted in the Legionnaire. It wasn't received soon enough to be Posted in the Legionnaire for everybody to read it.

Speaker 2:

Is that an amendment to the constitution [inaudible 00:40:22]

Don Weber:

Yeah, that's right out of bylaws.

Speaker 2:

Okay.

Don Weber:

That's out of bylaws.

Kevin Owens:

Commander, I request as a duly elected delegate to this convention that the finance committee be dissolved.

Don Weber:

Consider yourself dissolved.

Kevin Owens:

Thank you.



Don Weber:

Thank you.

Kevin Owens:

[inaudible 00:40:31] ten pounds right there.

Speaker 2:

Commander, I second this motion.

Don Weber:

Okay. That finance committee dissolved. The next committee we will hear is children and youth with Judy Johnson.

Judy Johnson:

I may be short, but not that short.

Judy Johnson:

The children and youth committee met at three PM at the Elks lodge in back of the bar. We had six members of 10. We talked about programs available for children, Halloween pamphlets, and haunted house, Easter, Christmas, sports events, veterans [inaudible 00:41:31], gifts and food for families and the temporary financial assistance was discussed in the Post. For several years we've had over \$25,000 given out to families in Oregon under TFA. And I think you should be very proud of your fact that you've been assisting all these families.

Judy Johnson:

Any Post can submit TFAs for a family but you can get the form, call department and they have the forms available. Follow the instructions, because the family must have a veteran and a child under 18 that is living in the house. Also discussed was setting up an area for children for the Post to play and have fun and games for the Post that have homes.

Judy Johnson:

Go to the community centers, schools, stores, give out the pamphlets that the children, child safety, say no to drugs, and other information that is available at the national website under pamphlets.

Judy Johnson:

I'm sorry, you're going to have to pay to have them printed yourself. National no longer prints and sends them out to you free. You just need to go to the national website, [legion.org](http://legion.org).

Judy Johnson:

There was no resolutions presented to the committee and the meeting closed at 3:40. Then, I have awards.

Judy Johnson:

Okay. The children and youth awards for 15 to 500 goes to Travis Mooseheart of 184. 500 and up goes to Aloha 104.

Don Weber:

Do you wish to have your commission dissolved?

Barb Davis:

I will resolve the...

Don Weber:

Dissolve your committee?

Barb Davis:

Yes.

Don Weber:

All right.

Barb Davis:

Thank you.

Don Weber:

So the next rule here is from constitution and bylaws and internal affairs, Ward Allen or Steve Adams.

Steve Adams:

Nope, Commander. Commander.

Don Weber:

Sorry.

Steve Adams:

There was no vote to dissolve that commission.

Don Weber:

Oh, Christ you right? Sorry.

Speaker 2:

There was no second either.

Steve Adams:

I second it.

Don Weber:

Okay.

Speaker 2:

Steve Adams seconded.

Don Weber:

We have a second motion to dissolve. All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Speaker 2:

I can't...

Don Weber:

Consider it dead. It's your turn.

Ward Allen:

It's my turn.

Don Weber:

Sit down. [inaudible 00:45:10]

Ward Allen:

Good morning.

Group:

Good morning.

Ward Allen:

Constitution bylaws and internal affairs convention committee. We convened at 1400 hours for you Navy, four bells, on June 23rd, 2022. We adjourned at 1520. There was nine people present, which is good turnout. We had some good discussion. We had announced awards for American Legion writers during that committee and they were Writer of the Year, Robert Baker Post 144.

Ward Allen:

Writer group large, Eugene Post 83.

Ward Allen:

Writer group small, Staton Post 58.

Ward Allen:

The next resolution to come in front of us was resolution C22-01, the merger between district seven and eight. Resolution was read by myself and there was a lot of discussion. Lot of good discussion in that group. I would like to thank the members that were there for the discussion. They brought out things that were just incredible, really a good job.

Ward Allen:

When the discussion lasted over an hour and the recommendation was not to approve to the convention was not to approve the merger. Vote was unanimous. Some of the reasons for that was it did not allow in the resolution, in the resolved part, for grandfathered Posts. Membership issues in that resolution were not addressed for either district. The membership did not feel, the committee members did not feel that the problems that were addressed were not the problems that needed to be solved in those two districts. It was voted upon to the convention, not to accept it.

Ward Allen:

There was some recommendations made that to come back to the convention. The commander could form an ad hoc committee to assist district seven and district eight in solving some of their issues, not to solve it for them, but to assist them in solving and working with them to solve it, solve some of their problems.

Ward Allen:

Every district in the state has got problems. I would recommend that any district commander, if you've got problems in your district, reach out, get some help. When more people are working on the problem to solve it, the quicker it gets solved and usually the better it gets solved.

Ward Allen:

I make a motion to dissolve constitution, bylaws, internal affairs convention.

Susan Hughes:

I second it.

Speaker 2:

Stand and be...

Don Weber:

Who was that that seconded? Come up to the microphone and identify yourself.

Speaker 2:

This has been recorded Susan.

Susan Hughes:

Susan Hughes Post 104, I second it.

Don Weber:

You second it?

Don Weber:

Do we have any discussion?

Speaker 2:

Yeah, Commander, are we going to read those resolutions even though they didn't approve the resolution, we still need to read the resolution and resolve and vote on those. Just because of their recommendation, doesn't make the resolution [inaudible 00:50:00].

Speaker 2:

That's right's.

Don Weber:

So that resolution is...

Speaker 2:

He can read it.

Don Weber:

We'll recognize Ward Allen to read those resolutions.

Tim Troop:

[inaudible 00:50:12] parliamentary procedure.

Don Weber:

I didn't recognize you yet.

Tim Troop:

Why?

Don Weber:

I recognize you.

Tim Troop:

Tim Troop, Post 511, Falls. I rise and appoint a parliamentary procedure in that this measure, if it is referred back to its point of origin, it does not come to the floor because it was not referred to the floor or the general convention.

Don Weber:

Thank you.

Speaker 2:

Just because the committee rejects a resolution doesn't mean that it doesn't come to the floor.

Don Weber:

Right.

Speaker 2:

It still has, it should have, I mean, it's a resolution.

Don Weber:

Right?

Don Weber:

So, I recognize that...

Speaker 2:

You got that right? I mean, that's...

Don Weber:

Correct. I think you're right.

Speaker 2:

Because, if you have a money issue that has membership and all that, one committee could reject it or two committees, that still has to come to the floor, because it's a resolution, it was published as...

Don Weber:

Jean keep saying that. Yeah. Correct, Gene?

Gene Helixon:

I guess. I was trying to get something else that I missed the first part of that.

Don Weber:

Okay, what he's saying Gene, is that just because in a convention committee does not forward a resolution to the floor to be voted on doesn't mean that that resolution shouldn't be read and come before the floor for a vote. Just because the committee doesn't forward it, it's still a viable resolution until the convention votes against it. Correct?

Gene Helixon:

It's just a recommendation [inaudible 00:52:06].

Don Weber:

Yeah, that's just a recommendation. The next point is that we would hear those resolutions from Ward Allen constitution and bylaws.

Don Weber:

Yeah and that's one at a time Ward. We will vote on them one at a time.

Don Weber:

What's going on?

Speaker 2:

He's coming up here.

John Morford:

John Morford.

Don Weber:

I didn't recognize you yet John. Come on.

Don Weber:

I recognize you.

John Morford:

John Morford, Post three. I believe we have a resolution on the floor that we need to discuss before we go on to...

Don Weber:

Which is which resolution?

John Morford:

We have a resolution to close the committee?

Speaker 3:

No, a motion.

Don Weber:

No.

Ward Allen:

I withdraw.

Don Weber:

No, he went through it.

Speaker 2:

Get it right.

Ward Allen:

I withdrew.

Don Weber:

He withdrew it.

Gene Helixon:

Excuse me.

Don Weber:

Okay. Okay. I recognize Gene.

Gene Helixon:

Was the motion seconded?

Don Weber:

For what? Which, for a dissolving the committee?

Gene Helixon:

Okay.

Don Weber:

No.

Speaker 2:

Yes it was.

Speaker 2:

Yes it was.

Gene Helixon:

Okay. Once a motion has been seconded, it then becomes the property of the DEC. He can no longer dissolve it.

Gene Helixon:

The body has to disapprove.

Don Weber:

Okay. In that case [inaudible 00:53:40], with the catch 22, what we need to do is, we need to go back and we can't dissolve the committee.

Gene Helixon:

All we've got to do is have the DEC vote, the convention vote to and the [inaudible 00:54:01] this is a different subject.

Don Weber:



Yeah, that's a different subject.

Gene Helixon:

[Inaudible 00:54:06] I mean [inaudible 00:54:08] the body has to, in this case...

Don Weber:

Vote to dissolve the committee. [inaudible 00:54:16].

Speaker 3:

Can we take a break?

Don Weber:

[inaudible 00:54:20].

Gene Helixon:

That's correct.

Don Weber:

Okay.

Gene Helixon:

You can't withdraw something that hasn't been seconded.

Don Weber:

Yeah.

Gene Helixon:

Yeah, [inaudible 00:54:33].

Don Weber:

Okay, so the solution is that the dissolving of the commission was seconded. So we need to vote on that. Okay. So all those in favor of dissolving that commission, that is...

Speaker 2:

No means we don't [inaudible 00:54:51]

Don Weber:

That is the...

Speaker 2:

I want it dissolved.

Speaker 3:

Constitution.

Speaker 2:

[inaudible 00:54:55]

Don Weber:

Oh [inaudible 00:54:56]. Just, it goes...

Val:

[inaudible 00:55:03]

Don Weber:

I did not recognize you. Val, what is it?

Tim Troop:

Tim Troop Willamette Falls, post Five. If we dissolve the commission, does that point mean that then there is no reading of the motion that was going to follow. And it is at that point, it's held in advance?

Don Weber:

No, it does not in my opinion, because those resolutions, regardless of in what committee they're at, those resolutions are before the DEC and they need to vote on them.

Tim Troop:

Actually, this would be the convention, not the [inaudible 00:55:31]

Don Weber:

The convention, but at that point...

Tim Troop:

The secondary part to my point is the process of the committees is to recommend where they go.

Don Weber:

We've got their recommendation.

Tim Troop:

Well, I understand that. At that point, if the recommendation is to refer it back where it came from, then that would mean it is not moving forward. Therefore bringing it to the floor is not in order.

Don Weber:

We didn't get a referral back to committee.

Tim Troop:

No, from the committee to refer it back to the originators of the thing. Because this measure's going to come up again with other committees that reviewed it. It also with resolution assignment. So we're reading this and we're going to have to read it again and vote on it multiple times, following the format that you're currently doing.

Ward Allen:

Commander can I make clarification, commander? The resolution signing committee sole purposes to assign resolutions to the committee's that it touches.

Don Weber:

Not approve them.

Ward Allen:

If membership has a thing that does with money, it has to go to membership. If you're going to merge a district, touches three things, right? It touches finance. It touches membership. If it comes from internal affairs. Any commission or any resolution that comes through the resolution signed committee, their purpose is to assign those to each committee that that resolution touches. That's the sole purpose.

Ward Allen:

Once a committee takes the resolution, they make a recommendation to the body. The body has the right to revoke what they want, not what the committee wants. That's the right of this body.

Ward Allen:

It's the convention because you are changing the constitution the seven-eight merger is a constitutional change. It realizes our department areas. Body has the right to vote. Whether the committee agrees or not.

Don Weber:

That's correct.

Ward Allen:

It wasn't referred back to anybody. It does not get referred back to the resolution assignment committee because that is not their purpose.

Tim Troop:

The point that I'm trying to make in this information is that it was referred by resolution assignment, not to any of the other committees. It was referred back to the originators of the submission, which would be seven and eight districts. Therefore it was not moved forward to the other three.

Ward Allen:

Because it was a public resolution. Any changes to the constitution of bylaws have to be published. It was a published resolution.

Don Weber:

The bylaws control here.

Ward Allen:

Look, I mean, I'm missing something, but...

Gene Helixon:

Are we on the district seven or eight [inaudible 00:58:07].

Don Weber:

Yes.

Ward Allen:

Yes.

Gene Helixon:

Okay.

Gene Helixon:

It was a recommendation of the committees [inaudible 00:58:16].

Don Weber:

All right.

Gene Helixon:

That's true. [inaudible 00:58:20]

Gene Helixon:

As a point of word that resolution because it affects the department constitution and bylaws did not meet the requirements of article 15 of the constitution. Therefore it should be ruled out of order.

Don Weber:

That's your reading.

Gene Helixon:

Yes, sir, it is.

Don Weber:

Okay.

Gene Helixon:

According to the department of Oregon's constitution and bylaws, the ruling of the judge advocate is final. I'm...

Don Weber:

No, no, that's right.

Gene Helixon:

I'm just repeating what it says. It is final, unless it is overturned by the DEC or the convention. What I'm telling you is what it says in the book. It should be ruled out of order. That is my ruling.

Gene Helixon:

If there is a motion to overrule mine, then I would request a motion be made to overrule my ruling.

Don Weber:

Right. Okay. Thank you.

Don Weber:

You all have heard what the judge advocate says, so I hereby rule...

Speaker 3:

No [inaudible 00:59:55].

Speaker 2:

We couldn't hear.

Speaker 3:

He didn't use the microphone.

Don Weber:

He, he stood here and used the microphone. What's the problem folks.

Group:

We couldn't hear [inaudible 00:59:58] in the back.

Don Weber:

Okay. Do you want to, Gene?

Gene Helixon:

That's why we were supposed to have mics, but anyway. What I was trying to get at is this resolution to merger district seven and eight has not met the requirement stated in the constitution and bylaws that... You want to give me that my book again, I will give you the...

Don Weber:

Here I'll hold your mic.

Gene Helixon:

This is what we read earlier. Any resolution that affects the constitution or the bylaws of this convention or this department... I'll just read the whole paragraph.

Gene Helixon:

Article 15: Amendments, section two: this constitution may be amended at any department convention, department convention not at DEC affirmative vote of two thirds of the delegates present and voting provided that such proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the department commander or adjutant, excuse me, not less than 60 days prior to the opening of such department convention and provided that the proposed amendment shall have been read at said convention the day before the vote there on.

Gene Helixon:

The department, adjutant shall... this is where it gets into the department part we're looking at. The department, adjutant shall, not less than 45 days prior to the opening of such convention forward a copy of each proposed amendment to each Post in the... It's bad English here. Forward a copy of each proposed amendment to each Post in the end Post the proposed amendment on the department website and Facebook. It's supposed to be that there, okay. The first Post is capitalized. The Post should be Posted into the department, the... I'm sorry. This is just poorly written.

Gene Helixon:

The proposal is supposed to be Posted on the department website and Facebook. The department adjutant shall cause the proposed amendment to be published in the Oregon Legionnaire prior to such convention, which it was not. A copy of each proposed amendment shall be furnished to each delegate with his convention package. They were not. All proposed amendments shall be in a form of written resolutions and shall specifically refer to the article and section sought to be amended. As the judge advocate, my ruling is that this resolution be called out of order.

Gene Helixon:

I went on to state that the ruling of the judge advocate, according to the department's constitution and bylaws, the judge advocate's finding is the final authority unless overwritten or overruled, excuse me, overruled by the convention committee. The convention, excuse me.

Don Weber:

Yes.

Gene Helixon:

Not a committee, the convention.

Don Weber:

The body as a whole.

Gene Helixon:

The body as a whole has to override the findings of the department judge advocate. Therefore I rule that it is out of order and it's up to you to declare it that way.

Don Weber:

So it's up to me to declare it out of order and I declare it out of order.

Gene Helixon:

Take the gavel. That makes it official

Don Weber:

And going on to the next resolution. [inaudible 01:04:48] Ward?

Don Weber:

Okay. I...

Richard Ramy:

[inaudible 01:04:48] Commander Richard Ramy Post 122.

Don Weber:

I recognize you.

Richard Ramy:

You have a motion on the floor to dissolve the committee.

Don Weber:

That's fine, we will dissolve the committee as soon as we finish that business committee. Okay. Thank you.

Don Weber:

Now we have a motion to dissolve the committee and we have a second. All those a favor.

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

Passed.

Don Weber:

Oh, they don't have [inaudible 01:05:32]

Gene Helixon:

Let's move on to the membership post activities.

Don Weber:

And now that we've resolved, we've dissolved that committee, but we're going to hear other resolutions from Ward.

Don Weber:

Rick?

Gene Helixon:

As long as they don't affect the constitution.

Don Weber:

Okay. That's right.

Don Weber:

The resolutions that we're going to hear, we'll hear because they don't affect the constitution. Ward?

Ward Allen:

Ward Allen, Post 180 resolution number S-01-19 submitted by the convention commission. Whereas the 103rd Annual American Legion convention was held from June 22nd through June 25th, 2022 in Beaverton, Oregon. And whereas the City of Beaverton is opened their doors and rolled out the red carpets by offering their full cooperation. Therefore be it resolved that the City of Beaverton be notified by a copy of this resolution with sincere appreciation and thanks of the American Legion department of Oregon for having the 103rd Annual Department Convention in Beaverton, Oregon on June 22nd through 25th, 2022.

Gene Helixon:

We got a bunch of...

Don Weber:

Do I hear a motion to approve this resolution?

Ward Allen:

Ward Allen Post 180, hence a duly authorized delegate, I move to accept the resolution or make a motion to accept.

Don Weber:

Do I have her second?

Gene Helixon:

Oh, he's coming.

Don Weber:

Yup.

David Soloman:

Commander, David Solomon Commander Post 10, I second the nomination.



Don Weber:

Thank you. Any discussion? Go back?

Speaker 2:

I would like to hear from the corporation chair on what Beaverton did and said, provided, otherwise to support this convention, sir.

Don Weber:

We can hear from Adam Getman from the corporation.

Adam Getman:

Adam Getman, locals 104, convention chairman. We notified and emailed Beaverton city council and city officials. We received no word back from any of them, so there really wasn't a lot of cooperation there.

Don Weber:

Okay. Thank you. Any further discussion? All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

All those opposed?

Group:

Nay.

Don Weber:

Okay. Now we'll do a hands vote. All those in favor? Up high. Opposed?

Gene Helixon:

Overwhelming.

Don Weber:

Overwhelming. Resolution does not pass.

Gene Helixon:

Thank you.

Don Weber:

Next. Oh.

Speaker 2:

Who made the resolution?

Gene Helixon:

It's normally part of the field [inaudible 01:09:16]

Ward Allen:

It's Ward Allen again, resolution S-02-17 submitted by the convention commission. Whereas the 103rd Annual American Legion convention was held from June 22nd through June 25th, 2022 in Beaverton, Oregon and whereas the Courtyard Marriott Hampton Inn and Suites, Home Too suites, Holiday Inn, Springfield suites have opened their doors and rolled out the red carpet by offering their full cooperation. Whereas the hotel and RV facilities provided for this convention have been the highest quality, therefore be it resolved the Courtyard Marriott Hampton Inn and Suites, Home Too, Holiday Inn, Springfield Suites be notified by a copy of this resolution of the sincere appreciation and thanks of the American Legion department of Oregon for having the 103rd Annual Department Convention in Beaverton, Oregon on June 22nd through June 25th, 2022.

Don Weber:

Do I hear a motion to approve this resolution?

Don Weber:

I recognize Adam Getman.

Adam Getman:

Adam Getman, Aloha Post 104 commander, I make a motion to approve this resolution.

Don Weber:

Thank you. Do I hear a second?

John Reesh:

Do you want to recognize me?

Don Weber:

I'm recognizing John Reesh.

John Reesh:

John Reesh, adjutan, Crook County post 29. I second the motion. Can you just read the resolve clauses since, whereas are the same?

Don Weber:

Okay. We have a second on that resolution. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

Opposed?

Don Weber:

Resolution passes.

Don Weber:

You want to read just the resolve?

Ward Allen:

Yeah, absolutely.

Ward Allen:

Resolution S-03-17 submitted by the convention commission. Therefore be it resolved that the Forrest Hills golf course be notified by a copy of this resolution of its sincere appreciation and thanks to the American Legion department of Oregon. And I'm [inaudible 01:11:29] that?

Don Weber:

Yeah, sure.

Ward Allen:

And as a dually authorized delegate, I so move.

Don Weber:

Do I hear a second?

Susan Hughes:

Susan Hughes 104, I make a second.

Don Weber:

Okay, any discussion? Call for a vote. All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

Resolution passes.

Ward Allen:

Resolution number.

Gene Helixon:

Did anyone vote nay?

Don Weber:

Oh, I forgot to ask it. Oh, I apologize. Did anyone vote nay? Thank you. Resolution passes.

Ward Allen:

Resolution number S-04-17. Therefore be it resolved that the American Legion department of Oregon assembled in Beaverton, Oregon at the 103rd Annual Convention expressed to the detachment commander, Karl Pollock, our grateful appreciation for his interest and recognition and be it further resolved, a copy of this resolution is presented to the detachment commander, Karl Pollock and to his home squadron, Post 61, squadron 61.

Ward Allen:

As a dually authorized delegate, I so move.

Don Weber:

Do we have a second?

Don Weber:

I recognize John Reese.

John Reesh:

John Reesh, adjutant, Crook county post 29, second.

Don Weber:

We have a second. Do we have any discussion?

Don Weber:

All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

All those opposed?

Don Weber:

Resolution passes.

Don Weber:

Do you have any more.

Ward Allen:

Absolutely. Yeah. [inaudible 01:13:18]

Ward Allen:

Resolution number S-0517 submitted by the convention committee. Therefore be it resolved that the American Legion Department of Oregon assembled in Beaverton, Oregon at the 103rd Annual Convention expressed to the department president, Deborah Godwin are grateful appreciation for her interest and recognition and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Deborah Godwin and her unit 21. I so move.

Don Weber:

Do I hear a second? .

Don Weber:

I recognize John Stop.

John Stop:

Thank you Commander. I, John Stop, [inaudible 01:14:02] post 104, I second that motion.

Don Weber:

Thank you. Any discussion?

Don Weber:

All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

Opposed?

Don Weber:

Resolution passes.

Ward Allen:

And, resolution number S-0617. Be it resolved that Adam Getman Post 104, Aloha, Oregon, contributed to the success of the convention and be notified by a copy of this resolution of the sincere appreciation and thanks of the American Legion Department of Oregon for hosting the 103rd Annual Department Convention in Beaverton, Oregon on June 22nd through 25th 2022. I so move.

Steve Adams:

Here. I second.

Don Weber:

Who are you?

Don Weber:

Well, I didn't ask for a second, but I got a second. And so I recognize Steve Adams, the second. I'm sure there's going to be some discussion.

Don Weber:

Having had no discussion. All those in favor.

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

Opposed? Resolution passes.

Speaker 2:

You did a great job, man.

Ward Allen:

Resolution S12-17. Therefore be it resolved that district one and Post 104 contributed to the success of the convention, be notified by a copy of this resolution, of the sincere appreciation and thanks of the American Legion Department of Oregon for hosting the 103rd Annual Department Convention in Beaverton, Oregon, June 22nd through 25th, 2022. I would like to make a motion to accept.

Don Weber:

Do I have a second?

Allan Buzzard:

Second.

Don Weber:

Would you come forward and recognize yourself, so we can recognize you.

Allan Buzzard:

Alan Buzzard, Post 184 commander. I second, the appreciation of Aloha Post 104.

Don Weber:

Thank you very much. I have a second. Do we have any discussion?

Don Weber:

All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

Opposed?

Don Weber:

Resolution passes.

Gene Helixon:

There you go, you're up.

Speaker 2:

I'm up. We said we're not doing seven and eight, right? That's been...

Gene Helixon:

No.

Speaker 2:

We got a... submitted from Willamette Falls, post five I enter community center, Oregon City, proposal to amend the POW MIA ceremony.

Terry Brown:

Commander? Terry Brown, district seven. I believe in the standing rule, didn't it talk about that it has to be submitted by noon on second day in order to be considered? That didn't come before the resolution assignment committee until after 2:00 PM yesterday.

Don Weber:

Out of order.

Speaker 2:

Out of order. [inaudible 01:17:23]

Don Weber:

That resolution is out of order.

Ward Allen:

Then commander, everything else that we have received has not met the requirements either. That would be the end of the resolutions that I have to read.

Don Weber:

Do you want to dissolve your commission?

Ward Allen:

I would like to dissolve that commission.

Don Weber:

Thank you. Your commission is dissolved and I got to get my glasses on.

Speaker 2:

Could we vote on it, commander? [inaudible 01:17:48].

Tim Troop:

Point of clarification.

Don Weber:

Do we have a second? Do we have a second on that? Sorry, I didn't recognize you yet. I recognize you.

Speaker 2:

I recognize him.

Tim Troop:

I recognize Tim Troop Post five. I rise in point of clarification. Can you clarify why measures that were submitted to the committee, I'm sorry to the convention, are being ruled out of order when the committees themselves, that they were submitted to did not convene until after 12 o'clock, even though they were submitted before 12 o'clock.

Don Weber:

I'm not going to answer your question. I'm going to ask...you may sit down.

Tim Troop:

My point of clarification...

Don Weber:

I'll get there. My question to the commission was, regardless of what time you met, did you receive that resolution after noon?

Ward Allen:

I do not know that, sir.

Don Weber:

You did not receive that resolution after noon. When was it received?

Ward Allen:

No, no, it was after noon.

Don Weber:

It was received, even if the chair received it past the time.



Ward Allen:

After noon, yes.

Don Weber:

I recognized Terry Brown.

Terry Brown:

Terry Brown, district seven, actually that was presented at the resolution assignment committee. We met after 2:30 and then we didn't finish everything until four o'clock, which brings up another issue about the timing of these committees and presenting them and things. That resolution plus some other ones didn't come up until we met at 2:30.

Don Weber:

But, you had them in hand?

Terry Brown:

No.

Don Weber:

Prior to the deadline?

Terry Brown:

No.

Don Weber:

Oh, you did not.

Terry Brown:

No. Tim presented that one plus another one. Which one is this one?

Speaker 2:

That was the [inaudible 01:19:48].

Terry Brown:

Amending the...

Speaker 2:

[inaudible 01:19:54].

Terry Brown:

POW MIA. Yeah, that didn't come before the commission until after 2:30. Plus the other one and several of them.

Don Weber:

All right. And then I continue...Go ahead Ward.

Ward Allen:

Regarding that, Ward Allen, Post 180. Did the adjutant receive these prior to noon?

Terry Brown:

Yes. It was emailed to him.

Speaker 2:

I don't remember to be honest with you.

Don Weber:

Well then how do we make a determination? Because if the adjutant doesn't remember if he received them and the committee says that they didn't get them, I can't rule them out of order, then.

Speaker 2:

So read them.

Speaker 2:

So read them.

Speaker 4:

Yeah, I can't rule them out of order.

Speaker 2:

Yeah.

Ward Allen:

Ward Allen again, Post 180. We were talking about the proposal to amend the POW, MIA ceremony.

Ward Allen:

Be it resolved by Post number five, district eight of the American Legion Department of Oregon in a regular meeting. One, that we move to propose a following addition to the POW, MIA ceremony after the line, page 42 second paragraph, line six of the American Legion officer's guide in 2022. "Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor", insert the line, remembering the USS Pueblo. Now being read as, let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor, remember the USS Pueblo.

Ward Allen:

Two, be for the resolved that a streamer remembering the USS Pueblo, be added to all legions, a. POW, MIA flags, national colors, if there was no POW MI, c. the streamer is four inches high and three inches long.

Don Weber:

Three feet long.

Ward Allen:

Three feet long in white premium. This resolution was rejected at the committee's.

Don Weber:

Do I hear a motion to approve this?

Steve Adams:

Commander?

Don Weber:

Recognize Steve Adam.

Steve Adams:

I make a motion that we...

Don Weber:

Come up to the mic.

Steve Adams:

Steve Adams, media past commander. I make a motion that we follow the recommendations of the committee and disapprove this. Thank you.

Don Weber:

We have a motion to follow the recommendations of the committee. Do we have a second?

Speaker 2:

Commander?

Bob Huff:

Bob Huff, delicate to this convention from Post 192, I second.

Don Weber:

We have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion? No discussion heard. All those in favor of...

Gene Helixon:

Rejecting.

Don Weber:

Of rejecting this resolution, signify by saying, aye.

Group:

Aye.

Sergeant at Arms:

Aye.

Don Weber:

Opposed?

Sergeant at Arms:

Nay.

Gene Helixon:

There was one.

Speaker 3:

One nay.

Speaker 2:

Nay.

Don Weber:

Resolution passes that we are going to reject it.

Ward Allen:

And also coming from Willamette Post Five, be it resolved that the following, whereas the membership of the American Legion Post is decreasing, whereas districts are having issues filling officer positions, whereas there are Posts that are grandfathered outside of their physical districts, whereas there's a need to realign the districts in the state of Oregon to better balance, be resolved that the following occur: one, that the American Legion department commander of Oregon designate a commission to convene, to review and submit results to the DEC in six months time, which would be December of 2022, the following: a. A plan to realign the number of districts to a smaller number, b. A timeline of change upon ratification by convention, c. this plan is to be reviewed by the DEC and then submitted to the Oregon Department Convention for ratification at the 2023 Department Convention.

Gene Helixon:

Point of order.

Don Weber:

Here for the Judge Advocate.

Gene Helixon:

Gene Helixson, judge advocate, as stated earlier, all resolutions that affect the constitution and bylaws have certain requirements of when there to be published and distributed. Again, this resolution has not made that timeframe and should be ruled out of order.

Gene Helixson:

[inaudible 01:25:09].

Gene Helixson:

There's no discussion. There's...

Don Weber:

I don't recognize you, Tim. Please sit down. There's no discussion concerning a judgment by the Judge Advocate. Thank you.

Tim Troop:

There can be an appeal to the chair.

Gene Helixson:

I didn't hear that.

Don Weber:

He says he wants to appeal that judgment.

Tim Troop:

Appeal to the chair.

Don Weber:

Okay, then we'll hear an appeal.

Tim Troop:

Tim Troop, Willamette Falls post five. The measure as written does not make any changes. It makes a request to do a review to then submit the changes at the next convention. There is no actual change to the constitution or bylaws. It is a request to do a committee, to do a research study on it and come back and give us information so we can make changes. Therefore, the decision the judge advocate ruling is out of order would in fact be out of order because he is mistaken in the purpose of the measure.

Don Weber:

I'll hear from the Judge Advocate.

Gene Helixson:

We have a constitution and bylaws [inaudible 01:26:25].

Speaker 2:

Microphone.

Gene Helixon:

We have a commission and bylaws committee. They should be the ones that review this, not form another committee to do the same thing that the constitution and bylaws committee is already tasked to do. [inaudible 01:26:51]

Don Weber:

Okay, the judgment of the Judge Advocate, this resolution should be referred to the constitution and bylaws committee. [inaudible 01:27:03] Oh, membership and post activities, sorry. Is that correct? Is that what you said?

Gene Helixon:

No.

Don Weber:

Okay. Come back up. Say it again.

Gene Helixon:

Constitution and bylaws.

Don Weber:

Constitution and bylaws, that's what I said.

Gene Helixon:

Yeah.

Speaker 2:

He didn't disagree.

Don Weber:

Oh, okay. All right. I looked at you and I thought you disagreed. Okay. What we're going to do is refer this to constitution and bylaws. Now, do I have a motion to do that?

Speaker 2:

No [inaudible 01:27:34]

Don Weber:

Can he make his own motion?

Don Weber:

Go ahead, Tim.

Tim Troop:

Tim Troop, Willamette Falls, post five. I wholeheartedly make the motion to refer it to said committee so they can take care of it and we not have extra stuff.

Don Weber:

Okay. Do I have a second? I recognize Bob Huff.

Bob Huff:

Bob Huff, delicate Post 192 to this convention I second that motion.

Don Weber:

Okay. Now that we have a second, do we have any discussion? All those in favor.

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

Opposed?

Don Weber:

Motion passes.

Ward Allen:

So Commander, can I re-dissolve my commission cause I think that's all of it.

Don Weber:

Your commission is re-dissolved.

Don Weber:

Okay. Where are we at?

Gene Helixon:

It was dissolved?

Speaker 2:

Can we take a break? [inaudible 01:28:41]

Don Weber:

Can we take a break? Okay.

Gene Helixon:

It's ten o'clock.

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Don Weber:

We're going to take a 10 minute break. This convention is in recess for 10 minutes.

Sergeant at Arms:

It is 10 o'clock recess.