

MINUTES OF THE SPRING DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD APRIL 13, 2025, AT LA PINE, OREGON POST #45

52532 Drafter Rd. La Pine, OR 97739-0590

The meeting was opened in due form by Dept. Commander S. Flynn Phillips at 8:30 AM.

Roll call of officers, all present except the following and they were excused. List attached.

Immediate Past Dept. Commander Cory Brockmann

National Executive Committeeman Kevin Owens

Asst. Sept. Service Officer Mike Surrect

District 3 Commander Steve Adams

District 9 Commander Eric Stallings

Roll call of Living Past Dept. Commanders, the following were present.

Robert D. Liebenow

Charlie Schimdt

Bob Huff

Don Weber

Motion to seat District 3 Vice Commander Norm Simms in place of District 3 Commander Steve Adams was made by District 4 Commander Tim Sakraida seconded by District 2 Commander Mike Speers. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Mid-Winter DEC held on January 12, 2025, was made by Dept. 2nd Vice Commander Fred Broadwater and 2nd by Dist. 5 Commander Allan Alderman, motion passed.

Introduction of guests.

PNC Charlie Schmidt

PNVC Robert Liebenow

SAL NEC Marc Chaney

SAL Detachment Commander Robert Liebenow

Remarks by Dept. Commander S. Flynn Phillips

Standing rules of the DEC by Dept. Judge Advocate Don Weber

Ratification of Commission and Committee Members

Motion was made by Dist. 6 Commander Randy Tye and 2nd by Dist. 1 Commander Wendy Berger-Wood to add Don Bond to the A&A committee to replace Gene Hellickson who resigned. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Dist. 1 Wendy Berger-Wood and 2nd by Dist. 6 Commander Randy Tye to add Dept. 2nd Vice Commander Fred Broadwater to the Oregon American Legion Foundation to replace Gene Hellickson who resigned. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Dist. 2 Commander Mike Speers and 2nd by Dist. 10 Commander Robert Hornbeck to add Steve Shollenburg to the Training and Development Commission as Chairman to replace Steve Adams who resigned. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Dist. 2 Commander Mike Speers and 2nd by Dist. 6 Commander Randy Tye to add Steve Shollenburg to the vacant 4-year position on the Legionnaire Committee as Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Dist. 2 Commander Mike Speers and 2nd by Dist. 10 Commander Robert Hornbeck to add Wendy Berger-Wood to the Permanent Finance Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Post Charters

Suspension of, or cancellations of charters.

Dist. 5 Commander Allan Alderman presented the following Post Charter to be cancelled.

Post 73, 48, 131, 135 and 164.

Motion was made by Dist. 10 Commander Robert Hornbeck and 2nd by Dist. 5 Commander Allan Alderman to proceed with cancelling these charters. Motion was passed with one abstention. Packets turned over to Dept. 1st Vice Commander Rene Ohler to look over.

Reports from Chairs of Standing Commission we accepted.

A&A Commission Don Weber report on the search for a new Dept. Adjutant.

Americanism Mike Speers report on Children and Youth, Baseball, Boy Scouts, Jr. Shooters, Law Enforcement Career Camp and Oratorical.

Motion made by Dist. 8 Commander Tim Troupe and 2nd by Dist. 6 Commander Randy Tye to permit Carol Bova-Rice to speak on the Oratorical Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Convention Commission Chairman was absent. Motion was made by Dist. 1 Commander Wendy Berger-Wood and 2nd by Dist. 8 Commander Tim Troupe to allow Susan Hughes to speak on his behalf. Motion passed unanimously.

Internal Affairs Commission Richard Ramey Chairman reported on Constitutions & By-laws, American Riders, Resolution Assignment, Sons of The American Legion, Training & Development and Trophy and Awards.

Chairman Ramey asked that Detachment Commander Robert Liebenow be allowed to speak on the Sons DEC meeting held on April 12th at La Pine Post 45.

Commander Liebenow reported that Detachment Alt. NEC Larry Horne had resigned, and the Detachment Executive Board had appointed Robert D. Liebenow to fill out Mr. Horne's remaining term. Motion was made by Dist. 10 Commander Robert Hornbeck and 2nd by Dist. 4 Commander Tim Sakraida to ratify Robert Liebenow to the position of Detachment Alt. NEC through National Convention 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Awards.

Commander Phillips presented certificates of appreciation to the following members for the outstanding dedication to The American Legion and its programs. Dist. 5 Commander Allan Alderman, Post 45 Commander Scott Anderson and Dist.1 Commander Wendy Berger-Wood.

Unfinished Business.

Dist. 6 Commander Randy Tye ask what the status of the merger of lone and Heppner will be looked into.

New Business.

The following Resolution were brought before the floor.

Department Officers and Employees acknowledge the Ethics and Professional Conduct policy Resolution. Motion made by Dist. 6 Commander Randy Tye and 2nd by Dist. 10 Commander Robert Hornbeck to accept the resolution. Vote was 10 to 0. Motion passed.

Resolution 16-09-010 to change milage reimbursement was returned to the committee for clarification, will be brought to convention.

Garay Baldwin presented the budget for 2025-2026. Motion was made by Dist. 10 Commander Robert Hornbeck and 2nd by Dist. 5 Commander Allan Alderman to approve accept the budget and send it forward to convention. Moton passed unanimously.

Good of the Order.

Adjutant's Report.

Robert Liebenow reported on the great work the finance officer and bookkeeper are doing.

Year end reports need to be in from all posts.

Year-end awards will be sent out to the chairman, and they need to select the winners and make the certificates. This is their responsibility not departments.

Time and place of the next Department Executive Committee meeting will be the Pre Convention DEC June 18th Wednesday Afternoon.

No further business to come before the DEC, Commander Phillips closed the meeting in due form at 10:55AM

Respectively Submitted

Robert D. Liebenow

Department of Oregon

Interim Adjutant