

**American Legion Post #157  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 6, 2014**

Opening: Commander, Charlie Baker called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Old Business**

Minutes: Minutes were read with no issues/corrections: stand as read

Finance Report: Pat Downing read the balance on each account. Ray Baker moved that the report be approved. The motion was seconded by Lance Olson. Unanimous approval by the Board.

Membership Report: Charlie Baker reported that there were 134 paid members. (This was down from 136 due to the death notices for 2 members.)

Service Officer: There was a lower number of visitors and requests for assistance during the holidays. Ray Baker reported that he continues to be the legal guardian for 3 veterans at Cedar Creek. One of the 3, a Navy veteran, non-Legion member, John Collins, is going into Hospice. No other significant items to report.

**New Business**

Insurance: Charlie Baker presented the results of his research to date regarding alternatives to the current insurer, AIX Specialty Insurance. This company is no longer authorized to do business in the state of Texas, so in order to continue the current policy, additional administrative oversight costs are required. The new policy AIX provided is not designed for the Post's needs, but oriented toward a small business that has security, automotive, and other business operations requirements. Charlie is awaiting response from several Texas approved companies with plans that better fit our needs. Pat Downing moved that we cancel the current policy and start with a new company to address liability and facility coverage. Ray Baker seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Meet the Candidates Nights: Charlie Baker provided background information on the intent for the 2 proposed dates for "Meet the Candidates" nights co-sponsored with the Texas Ranchers and Landowners Association of Texas. Local candidates will present at the forum on February 8, 2014 (6:30 pm at American Legion facility). Statewide candidates will present on February 15, 2014 (6:30 pmm at American Legion facility). PR Chair, Susan Junker, will submit the announcement to the local newspapers and radio stations.

American Legion Website: Two invoices were submitted by Susan Junker for reimbursement; 1) Domain Name (\$13.47); and 2) initial payment to Web-Wagon (\$300). Ray Baker moved to approve payment and Lance Olson provided the second. Susan Junker provided the status on the website development, identified open items for discussion and suggestions/corrections were provided by various Board members. All changes/corrections will be incorporated into the design or an alternative plan provided. The next presentation will be at the General Membership meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> from the development website.

Adjournment: Ray Baker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Pat Downing seconded and unanimous Board approval followed.

Attachments:

- 1 - Attendees List. Melinee McComas, Historian, also attended and added.
- 2 - Finance Report
- 3 - Public Relations Website Status Presentation

Minutes taken by Susan Junker on behalf of Frank Keys, Adjutant