

**American Legion Post #157
Executive Board Meeting
February 3, 2014**

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

Old Business

Minutes: Executive Board Minutes were read with no issues/corrections at the General Membership meeting on January 21, 2014: stand as read

Finance Report: Pat Downing read the balance on each account: see attached Finance Report as of February 3, 2014 (awaiting Bandera Honor Veterans bank statement. Charlie Baker conducted the annual audit of the Bandera Honors Veterans account: perfect result.

Membership Meeting Recap: Charlie Baker provided a synopsis of the key topics and decisions from the January General Membership meeting. These included: 1) Decision to switch to First Texas Agency (Houston) for better insurance coverage, deductible, and premiums starting 3/1/2014. Ray Baker provided an update on recently deceased veteran, John D. Collins. Due to confusion on legal identify and proof of military service, assistance was quickly provided to allow burial in the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery.

New Business

February General Membership Meeting: There will be 2 short presentations on Medicare and Odyssey Hospice. Encourage all members to attend.

Oratorical Contest: The Post 157 contestant, Scott Pofahl, competed in the Division level on February 1, 2014 in Kerrville. He won by a large margin and will participate at the Department level on February 17, 2014. Charlie Baker will accompany him to Blinn College in Brenham.

Boys State Update: Charlie identified that there are now 10 boys identified to attend Boys State 2014. Sponsors are committed for 6 individuals; still need 4 more. Charlie Baker will be contacting additional local businesses and Susan Junker will submit an article to solicit sponsors to the local newspapers. Transportation to and from UTA will be finalized by Charlie Baker and Allen Praytor.

Central Appraisal District: A new requirement has been established which now requires submission of a annual request for tax exempt status. The form is 30 pages, but there is no cost to submit it. This will be kept in the safe with other key "Property" related documents.

Bingo Account: The Bingo account at Bandera Bank requires updating to reflect recent personnel changes (Account # 042692). Ray Baker made a motion that Patricia Downing, Post Finance Officer, be added to the account. Allen Praytor seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the Executive Board. (Note: Due to death and departure respectively, Bert Buckley and Tom Garner names will simultaneously be removed from the account.)

Adjutant Vacancy: Ray Baker identified the need for an interim adjutant to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Frank Keys. He moved that Susan Junker fill the position as per the by-laws until annual elections are held. Pat Downing seconded the motion and all approved.

Facility Update: A new thermostat is on hand and installation will be scheduled with volunteers soon. Also, part of the spring projects is to construct a box around the HVAC return. Additional discussion of potential improvements was held.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. with a motion by Raymond Baker and a second by Allen Praytor.

Attachments:

- 1 - Attendees List
- 2 - Finance Report



Charlie Baker
Commander

Susan Junker
Interim Adjutant

Signed: February 4, 2014