

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
May 20, 2014

Opening: Commander, Charlie Baker, opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: Adjutant, Susan Junker, read the minutes from April 15, 2014. There were no corrections; minutes stand as read.

Finance: Finance Officer, Patricia Downing, provided the finance report. Bandera Honors Veterans Chair, Marshall Considine, provided an update on the results of the Bandera Honors Veterans May 17th fund-raiser. With the \$8000 from the fund-raiser and the \$1000 grant from Bandera County, the balance was \$12,211.93. Frank Jeys moved to accept the Finance Report subject to audit. Lance Olson provided a second. Unanimously approved.

Membership: Charlie Baker reported that membership was at 148 not counting the recent deaths that were transmitted to Department. [(A short discussion followed regarding delayed VA appointments, the South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS) meeting on May 29th, and the need to effectively apply the strength of numbers in the American Legion to local veterans issues.)]

Veterans Service Officer Report:

- VSO, Ray Baker, identified that Mr. Greeley was still at Hilltop, but that Mr. Nussman had passed. The following veterans are at Cedar Creek: Elden Moore and Mr. Cockerham. Mr. Elden Brown returned home.
- A \$60 donation was provided to an employed, local, non-veteran after his visit to address emergency family issues and assist with his rent.

Memorial Day Ceremony: The Boy Scouts and FFA students will be unable to participate as the Bandera Schools are utilizing May 26th as a school make-up day.

OLD BUSINESS

C. Roberts Judicial Status: Charlie Baker had an empathetic discussion with Sheriff Butts: no change in status.

Chair Safety Incident: Charlie Baker identified that the insurance company continues to work the resolution of the chair incident; will continue to provide updates.

Frontier Days Parade: Caps and poppies will be sold along the parade route on May 24th. The 1400 flags on hand will be distributed by the Boy Scouts escorting the Legion float. Special seating on the float will be confirmed by May 21st.

Bandera Honors Veterans/Legion Accounts: A.J. Hodges moved that \$1500 be transferred from the BHV account to the Legion account. Pat Downing provided the second. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2014-2015 Officers: Commander identified that in 2004, there were 32 members in Post 157 with barely 3 attending meetings. Today, there are 148 members and 21 at the meeting. The Post is also financially healthier with stronger community support. The slate of nominees was announced and there were no further nominees for write-in. Victor Strickland moved that the slate of officers be approved as read and Frank Jeys provided the second. The motion unanimously passed. The gavel was passed to the new Commander, Raymond Baker. Installation of officers will be held on June 17th at 6 pm, catered by member/owner of Sid's BBQ, and District Officer will conduct the ceremony.

New Members: Three new members, John Cressey-Neeley, Joe Haekel, and Dan Main were introduced and welcomed to the Post.

Adjournment: Pat Downing moved to adjourn and Lance Olson provided the second. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Attachments:

- 1 – Attendee Roster
- 2 - Finance Report

Raymond E. Baker, Sr.
Commander

Susan L. Junker
Adjutant