**MINUTES OF**

**Slate Ridge Post 182, THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**DEPT OF MD**

**COMPILED BY** \_Jerry Barbour\_\_\_\_\_  **DATE** 12-12-2023

 ADJUTANT-

 **ATTENDANCE TIME**

**APPROVED BY \_\_**Mike McFadden**\_/s/RMM OFFICERS 8 CONVENED**  **1835**

 COMMANDER

 **MEMBERS 3 ADJOURNED 1935**

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The regular monthly meeting for Slate Ridge Post 182, The American Legion, was called to order by Commander Mike McFadden at 1835 hrs. on 12-12-2023.

**Roll call** was taken with 8 Post Officers and 3 members present.

 Commander: McFadden

 Adjutant: Barbour

 1st Vice Commander: Rob Kranz

 2nd Vice Commander: Engel

 Financial Officer: Bobby Smith

 Historian: Mallonee, Excused

 Sgt. At Arms: Ron Roberts, Excused

 Chaplain: Knaub

 Service Officer: Mark Arnold

 Judge Advocate: Scott Virden

Quorum declared for meeting.

**Minutes:** Minutes approved pending changes to clarify “No Alcohol” signs - approved to be posted in areas required. Also, regarding the container policy. At October’s meeting a motion was rescinded and replaced with the current policy passed at the November meeting. “A motion was made and passed to change the container policy to state that all containers coming in to the canteen must be empty and must be empty when leaving the canteen. This change does not apply to the other areas of the post”

**Membership:** Currently at 85.2% for 2024 year. We are in 16th place in Department. Motion made and seconded to raise dues to $40.00 for the 2025 membership year approved.

**Finance report:** In-$56,058.40. Out-$47,736.29. Total gain-$8,322.11. Audit is complete. One member would like to review the audit before voting. Commander McFadden stated we would wait until next meeting to vote, after anyone who would like to review the audit has had time to review it.

**Newsletter:** 15 Dec. 2023 next newsletter is due.

**Oyster feed:** 16 March 2024. The fall Oyster Feed made a profit of $6,573.46.

**Flag Disposal:**  08 June 2024.

**Grave decoration:** Week of 19 May 2024.

**SAL:** $23,659.87 available in SAL account. Last breakfast made a profit of $650.28, with 169 people being served. There will be no breakfast in January. The price of breakfast is being increased effective Mar2024 to $15/adults, seniors over 65 and veterans $12.00, kids will remain at $5.00. Looking at doing a bluegrass function on June 15th. Will be starting a gun and gun safe raffle.

**Riders:** Still working on the annual Perry Point VA clothing drive. Riders purchased a little mini Jeep to be raffled off starting in January.

**Bingo:** Power went out at last weeks bingo and we had to shut down. Games not played will be made up at next weeks bingo.

**Sick Call:**  Donny Williams, Bob Lloyd, Ron Roberts, Matt Moudry, Bill MaGlaughlin.

**Service Officer:** Working with veteran’s families on getting veterans benefits. A discussion was held about donating some of our excess medical equipment. Maryland Dept. of Aging will take the equipment, repair it and give to those in need of the equipment. A clarification was made on how long a person can keep medical equipment. Equipment can be kept as long as it is still needed, just keep us advised that it is still needed and we will update the sign out book. A simple phone call from the recipient is all that’s needed.

Bob Brown sent as email with answers to questions that were brought up when he visited us. This info will be distributed in the next newsletter.

**Judge Advocate:** Nothing at this time.

**Correspondence:**

 **-**Received thank you from Mason Dixon Community Services Christmas Fair, for our donation.

 -Received thank you card from Salvation Army for our donation.

 -Motion made, seconded and passed to donate $500.00 to Gold Star Mothers.

 -Motion made, seconded and passed to donate $500.00 to Special Needs Boy Scout Troop 4513.

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-A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase new chairs for the round tables for $599.88. The chairs will match our new barstools.

-There will be a Christmas Eve party in the canteen, with food. Hours for the party are 1:00pm-4:00pm.

-Christmas bonuses for bartenders. Each employee is to get a bonus based on what their highest pay period was in the past year. Motion made, seconded and passed.

 Respectfully submitted by,

 Jerry A. Barbour, Adjutant