American Legion Post 129 General Meeting May 4, 2023

Commander Joe Maichles called the meeting to order at 1900 and conducted the opening ceremony.

**Draping of the Charter**: Kenny Lovan

Chaplain Joe Tambaxco

Adjutant David Tarnowski conducted roll call of officers and certified a quorum was established. Roll call sheet attached.

Commander Maichle recognized Post 129 past and present commanders and department officers.

**Guest**:

**Reading of the minutes**: Minutes read from the E-board meeting from 5/4/23. 2nd & passed. The General Membership meeting minutes are posted on the website. 2nd and passed.

**Commander’s Note:** At this time, membership is at 100.01% and we made Department goals. I want to thank everyone who came out to do Buddy Checks and those who talked to other members to renew. It also helps that many new and transferring members joined us during the year. This should make Post proud as everyone, Riders, SAL, and Auxiliary all have made 100%. A feat that not many Posts Achieve. Thanks to everyone.

On Sunday, April 30th was the “Opening of the Beaches” Parade. A big thank you to those who came out and walked the whole parade. They helped hand out flags, bags, and coolies along the route. At last count we handed out over 1000 coolies over 600 flags, and a lot of bags. As always, the Beaches Honor Guard lead the parade with the Post right behind them.

On Saturday, May 13th the Jax Beach Police Department will hold their annual “Hooked on Fishing” tournament and we have been asked again to provide hot dogs for the event. Rich Miller and I will be taking care of the food but everyone is invited to attend. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A SAL member, George Harris, is in failing health. If you know George or not, he had his right leg amputated and has had many health problems since. Recently he fell at home and was placed in Woodlawn rehab. His wife had a heart problem and could barely take care of him at home because the medical insurance is running out. George asked if he passes, he’d like to be at home. This has put a financial burden on them. There was a meeting between Auxiliary, SAL, Riders and I attended to do some kind of a benefit to help them. I have checked and there is no assistance in the SAL program as in the Legion with Project Vet Relief. I pledged $500 to help get the benefit going. SAL had pledged all the receipts from their Kentucky Derby event to help and Auxiliary will decide on their donation at their meeting tonight.

Don’t forget to vote, if you haven’t already as voting will close 15 minutes after the meeting.

Anyone who wishes to be a delegate at the Convention in June in Orlando let me know at the end of the meeting. We are allowed 8 delegates and they have to be certified and registered before the Convention. The delegates are Joe Maichles, Jim Wineland, David Tarnowski, Danny Rodrigues, Mike Flanagan, Terry Stickles, Jeff Durdan, Chuck Nist, Dale Fish

**Finance Report**: Was read by Jim Wineland and is posted in the hallway.

Second and passed subject to Audit.

**House Committee Report**: Has been submitted. The meeting was called 1830 on 5/1/23. One member was excused. Present: Bar Manager, Joe Maichles, and Jim Wineland

Profits from Bingo, Lotto, Pull Tabs, and the Fish Game are posted in the House Committee Report.

Profitability was 69% with a profit of 6%.

Inventory will be conducted next week.

The hot water heater was installed last week.

New chairs are expected in July.

The new Bingo System is being installed at no cost.

Cameras: Still getting quoted, all new cabling, NVR recorders, and Monitors are needed. One quote wanted $32,000 for installation and $320 per month for monitoring.

Pin Ball removal was delayed due to illness in the Providers family.

Tori was interviewed for the assistant Bar Manager position. She has been at it for the past 10 days and seems to be working out.

Getting quotes for a walk behind floor scrubber. A place to store it will be a problem. The price range for this is $1800 and $3400.

**1st Vice Membership**: New 4 and Transfer 3. Second and Passed

**2nd Vice Kitchen Report**: Tacos, Quesada,

**3rd Vice**: No Report

**4th Vice:**  No report

**Chaplain**: Jeans wife has been sick

**SAL:** Run down events for the horse racing.

**Service Officer:**  Last 2 weeks I had 7 Service Officer Calls. People have been out of the service for 20 years and did not know they were eligible for VA. If they need help, I am here to help them.

**ALR:**  34 legionaries, 34 Auxilliary, 14 Sons total of 91 members. We rode 48,579 miles, 4200 volunteers’ hours, donations of over $30,000. Way over $300,000 is still coming in from the Unity Ride.

**Baseball:**  Np report

**Boys State:**  Schedules 7 boys and 2 alternates and all 9 will be going to Boys State.

**Honor Guard**: 5 Funerals and 1 parade. We are lacking manpower during the week. The bus, oil changed, tuned up, and a new headlight converter installed. ($1200) Had inquiries about joining.

**Old Business**: No

**New Business:** Motion by Jeff Durdan for $600 for the delegates attending Convention. 2nd and passed

Motion to pay Terry for the chairs and have Terry decided where he wants the money to go. 2nd and passed

Motion by Jeff Durdan to match the profits the SONS make over the Derby Weekend for Philis and George Harris. George is a member of the SAL and does not have a program to assist its members financially.

2nd and passed

Tom Gilsanas: Motion for a maximum of $3700 for a Walk Behind Floor Machine. 2nd and passed

Terry Stickles: Motion for 12 chairs to pair with the Pool Table Top for $365. 2nd and passed

Terry will donate the cost of the pool table ($500) to the post.

Motion to adjourn Seconded and Passed

Three Reading

**Nominations:**

Commander Maichles

1st Vice Mike Flanagan

2nd Vice Terry Stickles

3rd Vice Mike Flanagan

4th Vice Rick Miller

Finance Officer Jim Wineland

Sgt at Arms Matt Altman

Chaplain OPEN

Judge Advocate Jeff Durdan

Historian James Clifford

Service Officer Danny Rodriguez

House Committee Tom Gilsanas

E-Board Lee Fair

E-Board Chuck Nist

E-Board Kinneth Danials

E-Board Joe Clark

E-Board Jeff Durdan

All 2nd and passed.

**Correspondence:**

**Good of the Legion:** Ray Shire had his guests comment on the cleanliness of the post.

Blood drive on this Saturday.

Post 69 will be coming for their plaque

**Meeting adjourned** 2000 hours

David Tarnowski Adjutant Joe Maichles