

Minutes of the regular meeting of Kells-Grennis Post No. 316, The American Legion, Dept. of New York, held at Post Hdqts, 2750 Amboy Road, Staten Island 6, New York, on Wednesday, July 14, 1954

Meeting called to order by Commander Tietjen and after membership salute to our National Colors, Chaplain (Past Caounty Commander Rooney acting) offered a prayer.

ATTENDANCE.....11 members including officers
 Officers present.....Comdr Tietjen Treas. Thorgerson
 V. Comdr Lomangino

Com.Tietjen outlined his program for the coming year, the result of Executive Committee meeting held previously. It is his hope that the first meeting of each month be a business meeting; the second to have but a short business meeting followed by social gathering of some sort.

He also outlined proposed extra events for the coming year as follows:

August 21: Donkey Baseball
 September: picnic, V. Com.Lou Vastola chairman
 October: Commander's Dinner, Past Com. Miller, chairman
 November: Barn Dance
 January 1: New Years Eve party
 February: Game Party
 March: Dance
 April: Dance
 May: Card Party
 June: Fishing Trip
 July: nothing
 August: Donkey Baseball
 September: Picnic

Com. Tietjen remarked that some of these events, of course, will be the scheduled for the coming year, and at the discession of the new commander.

MOTION: It was duly moved and seconded that all endeavor be made to follow out the program as outlined for the coming year by the Commander. The motion was made by Past County Com. Balbach.

Com. Tietjen also presented his list of appointments of committee chairman, etc. Full list attached.

Com. Tietjen then turned the meeting over to V.C. Vastola.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Balbach reported that we are still in the year 1954 and as a result there was little to report. Former chairman Krieder said, however, that there was an error in the report of the previous meeting and that the present membership was 266. Upon advice from Chairman Balbach, the Adj. made the correction in the previous minutes.

DONKEY BASEBALL: Chairman Vastola revealed that the date had been set as August 21 at 2:15 in the afternoon. He said that 500 numbered tickets had been ordered, although later discussion revealed that more may be needed. The expenses will be shared evenly by the Post and the Orange J Ranch. Publicity, supplied by Orange J, was to have been mailed. The price of tickets is to be 75¢ for adults; 40¢ for children under 12 years of age. Regarding the revenue, it was brought out that the post receives 50% of advance ticket sale, up to two hours before game time, and 40% of ticket sale after two hours before game time. Members of the committee chosen by Chairman Vastola are as follows: Joe Miller, Lou Somma, Leroy Owens, Bill Thorgerson, Margaret Lomangino, Bill Meachen,

Bill Gendvil, Mat Kunzig, Alf Kolbjornsen, Bob Canavan and John Krieder. A mailing with two tickets is to be made to all members.

TREASURER: The treasurer (Thorgenson) reported that no report could be made until the completion of the audit to be made before the next meeting.

BLOOD BANK: Chairman Vastola reported little progress. There is still need for six more pints to bring the total to eleven.

ATHLETICS: Past C.C. Balbach reported that little had been done in the past but urged the new chairman to strive to do more. Suggestions of soft ball, bowling and other sports in which the members could participate were offered. P.C.C. Balbach reported that there were many athletes among our members.

HOUSE: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MEETING NIGHT CHANGE: It was moved by Past County Commander Rooney that rescind previous action Post regarding holding meetings on second and fourth Wednesdays. **SECONDED AND PASSED**

It was again moved by P.C.C. Rooney that the Post hold its meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, starting with the first meeting in Agusut. **SECONDED AND PASSED**

NEW BUSINESS: TELEVISION SET

Past County Commander Balbach reported that after the last meeting one member said that he had a used television set he would be willing to offer the Post. Although it would be installed in good working condition, he felt that he could not be held responsible for future ramifications. The Post members concurred.

NEW PLEDGE TO FLAG

Robert Canavan suggested that since a new pledge to the flag of our contry had been adopted, that perhaps the post could have cards printed up to carry as a constant reminder of the word changes. No action was taken, although Flag Chairman Balbach reported it an excellent suggestion and that he would look into the matter further.

PAINT FOR BUILDING

Alf Kolbjornsen remarked that the outside of the building sorely needed a coat of paint. Although he was not a professional painter, he said that he could get paint at cost. All agreed that something could be done. No action.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Upon suggestion that members in business be written up in the K-G NEWS, Editor Balbach reported that members in business could avail themselves to the Legion's Retail Advisory Council which supplies emblems for store windows. He also reported that the Council had written him that several members had done so.

Past Com. Miller suggested that the Post consider buying a mimeograph machine for special notices and other printing matter. Treasurer Thorgenson volunteered to have mimeographing done if it was limited to perhaps six or so times a year.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of our departed comrad Stefan Andrzejak and a copy of said motion be sent to the immediate family. **SECONDED AND PASSED**

Minutes subject to correction for errors and omissions.

SUBMITTED _____ Wm. L. Meachen, Adj.