



S. A. L. Minutes of Executive Committee

On November 4, 2015, an Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347 was held at 1735hrs in the Post 347 Conference Room.

The meeting was properly called to order with a prayer (given by Chaplain Jack Dirga), a moment of silence for our fallen comrades & missing Veterans, saluting the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were Butch Stroud, Tim Standfest, Gary Blanchard, Gary Bishop, Gerry Beauchamp, Bill Preston, Jack Dirga, & Bill Spriet. Also present were Legion Liaison Len Biederman, Legion Judge Advocate Tom Murphy & SAL member George Worton.

New Business – Gerry Beauchamp presented a letter of resignation from the office of 1st Vice Commander for health reasons. Commander Butch Stroud appointed Member at Large Gary Bishop to 1st Vice Commander. Gary accepted the appointment. There was time for discussion on the appointment and no discussion was offered. Jack Dirga made a motion to approve the appointment of Gary Bishop as 1st Vice Commander replacing Gerry Beauchamp. Bill Preston seconded the motion. The motion was carried with 7 voting in favor and zero voting against.

Butch Stroud appointed George Worton to fill the vacated Member at Large position that Gary Bishop vacated after accepting the appointment to 1st Vice Commander. George accepted the appointment. Time for discussion was offered. There was no discussion. Gary Bishop made a motion to approve the appointment of George Worton to the position of Member at Large. Motion was seconded by Gerry Beauchamp. Motion carried.

There was a report from the committee to make a standing rule on how delegates at conventions will support and vote for selected candidates seeking offices at the district, area and detachment levels. Chairman of the committee, Richard Duncan was absent. Committee member Bill Preston presented a written proposed rule for review. After discussion on this matter, Bill will amend the proposed standing rule as written and present it again in the future.

Gary Blanchard led discussion on which veterans organization the proceeds from the Harvest Dance and the Halloween Dance will be donated to. After discussion, Gary Blanchard made an amended motion that the proceeds from both dances (the proceeds from the Halloween Dance as well as the proceeds from the Harvest Dance) go to the Habitat for Humanity Veterans Village of Lake-Sumter. Jack Dirga seconded this motion. The motion was carried. Note: Gary's original motion at a previous meeting was to designate the proceeds from the Harvest Dance to go to the Habitat for Humanity Veterans Village of Lake-Sumter. The amended motion is to include the proceeds from the Halloween Dance as well as the proceeds from the Harvest Dance to go to the same organization.

Tim Standfest made a suggestion regarding the outline on new member orientation that Gary Blanchard drew up. The suggestion was to present to new members that there is an expectation that they volunteer for any project(s) at least 4 hours per month. Gary said he will add this suggestion to the new member orientation outline.

Butch Stroud announced that volunteers are needed to put up and take down flags at the Lady Lake Cemetery a couple of days prior to and after Veteran's Day. Jack Dirga and Butch Stroud volunteered for this detail.

Butch Stroud announced that the travelling Vietnam wall will be at the soccer fields on Rolling Acres Rd on November 11 & 12 & 13. He requested that some members of SAL 347 be at the opening ceremony in the white shirt dress uniform.

The meeting was properly closed with prayer and a salute to the flag at 1810 hrs.

**Yours in God and Country
Timothy Standfest, Adjutant**