

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 326  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 5, 2008**

Commander Don Jones called the meeting to order at 1530 hours.

Vice Commander of Membership Tom Harder reported that 64 Post 326 members need to be reminded to pay their 2009 dues. Tom has prepared a list of the 64 members and asked for help in contacting these members either by phone, personal contact or by letter. Tom asked Executive Committee members to each contact six of the members who have not paid their dues and three have responded. Commander Jones contacted Jack D. Brummett who said he has just not gotten around to paying his dues. Tom reported that Post 326 has 172 members and needs 242 members to meet our goal. If all 64 members pay their dues the Post will still be five short of our goal so we will have to recruit new members or convert members who have been transferred to the Post by the Department of Texas. Commander Jones stated he has been contacted by two persons who what to transfer into Post 326 but Tom Harder said they cannot be counted toward the goal this year but can be counted in future years. Tom reported that five members transferred out of the Post this year. One transferred to Post 76 but most are moving out of this area. To those 64 members Tom Harder does not have telephone numbers for, he is sending reminder letters.. Past Commander Roy Dalton reported that he tracked Robert W. Conway down on the internet, talked to him and Conway said he had paid his dues but did not know where he sent the dues. He probably sent them to National because Tom Harder has no record that Conway has paid. Past Commander Dalton reported that he has called Robert Carroll, Mark Chavis, Charles Corona and Robert Craddock twice, left messages and has had no response. Adjutant Prestridge reported that he called Charles Schoch, John W. Smith, Robert Stone and Phil Suitt. Two said they would pay their dues and reminder messages were left with the other two. Tom will appreciate any help in contacting the members who have not paid their 2009 dues

Commander Jones announced that he has flags left over from last year and will have a flag burning as soon as the burn ban is lifted.

Tom Harder asked if anyone knew Herbert Tabor who is a paid-up-for-life member of Post 326. Tom has six different addresses for Tabor but Tabor's mail keeps coming back. Post 326 cannot get credit for his PUFL membership until National has a valid address. Adjutant Prestridge reported that National has sent him two letters asking for a correct address for Tabor and Prestridge reported back to change the Amarillo address to the Arlington address.

There was general discussion concerning current addresses for many Post 326 members. When members move and do not notify the Post of their change of address the membership roster will not be correct. In connection with the 2009 Golf Tournament, Tony Nuccio has been getting e-mail addresses for many Post 326 members and that information will be available for the membership list. Current e-mail addresses are important, especially for Sergeant-at-Arms Greenwade to know how many will attend dinner at the General Meetings.

The widows of deceased Post 326 members are on the mailing list to receive the newsletter and are listed in Tom Harder's membership excel file. These ladies will be listed in the next Post 326 Membership Directory as "Spouses of Deceased Members". Tom Harder will generate this list for the new Membership Directory which will be published in December 2008 or January 2009. The widow of a veteran who was not a member of Post 326 can be invited to the General Meetings as a guest.

Golf Tournament Chairman Tony Nuccio reported that everything is ready for the November 6 golf tournament/social. There are 105 registered for the buffet and 54 will play golf. Golf begins at 1:00 pm, registration for the social will begin at 4:30 pm, the social will begin at 5:00 pm and the food will be served at 6:00 pm. There will be a table set up for the four or five door prizes and Commander Jones will bring bottles of liquor which are left over from the General Meetings. Drawings for the door prizes will be the same as it is for the General Meetings – first winner gets choice of the prize. Ten dollars will be collected from each golfer at registration. Sergeant-at-Arms Rowland Greenwade reported that there are not enough printed name tags so names will have to be written on stick-on name tags.

Commander Jones stated that Tony Nuccio has done an excellent job of putting the mixer together almost single handed with help from Former Commander Bruce Conover and Past Commander Roy Dalton. The mixer would not be held without Tony's work and the Post extends its thanks to him.

Golf Tournament Chairman Tony Nuccio reported that plans for the May 7, 2009 golf tournament are well underway. Tony has a final draft of the tournament brochure. A couple of panels have been added to list last year's key sponsors such as gold, platinum and corporate sponsors. This addition can be used as a marketing tool. These sponsors have already been sent a letter. Tony is still looking for someone to pick up the tab for printing the brochure. The Golf Committee is the same as last year except that Financial Officer Rocky Eubank will replace Jim Stolp. New member Don Wyatt will replace Dick Meyer and Bill Hoagland has been added as Member-at-Large. The golf tournament, opening ceremony and schedule of events will be basically the same as last year. The 2008 actual budget and the proposed 2009 budget were presented. In 2008 the net profit from the tournament was \$29,739.06 and the preliminary 2009 net profit will be \$18,889.03. The projected 2009 net profit is substantially less than the net profit in 2008 primarily because of the current economy. There is no way to know how contributions will go. Tony feel comfortable with the proposed 2009 net profit of \$18,000 plus but the 2009 estimates are conservative and the tournament may do better than the estimates. The Golf Committee has looked at these figures and is comfortable with them. The Committee has also considered adding another nine holes to the tournament but decided this year to leave the tournament at 18 holes. Commander Jones stated that Tony and the Committee will need a lot of volunteer help in contacting contributors and the sooner they are contacted the better. The Golf Committee will have an official Kickoff Meeting in late January at which volunteers will be given businesses to contact. Tony has already contacted some of the traditional corporate sponsors. Commander Jones stated that Tony has prepared a detailed 48-page report on the 2008 tournament listing the sponsors and everything else you want to know about the tournament. If anyone needs any of that information, contact Tony.

Finance Officer Rocky Eubank presented a Post 326 financial report showing the financial position at the beginning of the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The report also shows income and expenses for the Post in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. With respect to the Operating Accounts, in October, \$6,000 was removed from the Scholarship Account and put in a nine-month CD that expires in June. Also, \$10,000 was taken from the Money Market and put in a CD that expires in 2010. The Money Market, Bonds and CDs are all in one account with a value of \$73,000 plus. There was discussion of the various contributions to various programs and charities. There should be a line item in the budget in the amount of \$2,450 for the H2H program. Rocky Eubank stated that Jim Stolp will be Chairman of a three-man committee to review the various programs and charities to receive contributions.

Scholarship Chairman Mike Rodriguez reported on the Scholarship program. There is one female who received a scholarship to Texas State in 2006 that has been put on probation because of grades. One student at Texas A&M finished early so the Post is finished with her. Currently, there are ten students under scholarship. Three of these are \$4,000 scholarships and the remaining seven are the usual scholarships. Katlin Cash, one of the \$4,000 scholarship grantees from Bowie, is in the University of Texas and is on the UT rowing team. All the students awarded Post 326 scholarships have checked in. One student at A&M Galveston had to move to the College Station campus because of the hurricane and Mike has not heard from since the move. All scholarships are paid. One other student at Brigham Young will finish early and the \$1,000 scholarship will be paid to the university for her last semester. The Post goes to Bowie, Akins and Hays High Schools. If there is a student interested in applying for a scholarship they can go to the AISD web site where all information about the Post's scholarship program is posted. There was general discussion of the expansion of the Scholarship Program to additional high schools in the area. If the program is expanded to include other high schools, the school must apply and the entire school must be added, not just selected students. There are several criteria to qualify for a scholarship. The Executive Committee will continue to consider expansion of the Scholarship Program to other high schools.

Chairman Ken Baucom reported on the Boys/Girls State program. The Post has budgeted \$3,200 for the program which is the same as the last fiscal year. The committee is considering six for Boys State and four for Girls State but that may be changed to five and five. Last year Hays HS had the most participants primarily because of the very talented students. Also, Travis and Crockett high schools did not respond to invitations to participate. The committee will again concentrate on Bowie, Hays and Akins High Schools and possibly on Del Valley High School. There are some common threads between the Boys/Girls State and the Scholarship programs because some students participate in both. Ken has asked Bobby Schneider to serve as Chairman of the Boys/Girls State Selection Committee and he will consider it. The committee has not been formed yet and Ken will consider contacting some of the new members to serve as committee members. The committee needs three additional members. Commander Jones stated that the Mixer will be a good opportunity to contact members, including new members, about serving.

Ken Baucom reported that he and Bobby Schneider are not finished with the Legion Riders program. Post 326 members have invested a lot of time in this effort and Ken will get with Bobby and develop a plan to organize move the program forward.

Commander Jones stated Hans Mark will be the speaker at December General Meeting and that the singing group Intrigue will come for three or four songs. Fred Burton, Vice President of Stratfor, is a possible future speaker. Anyone who has a future speaker in mind should contact Commander Jones or Vice Commander Ken Baucom.

Vice Commander Ken Baucom suggested that members may want to Google the Obama web site and check out the veterans' affairs section to see what is planned under an Obama administration.

The meeting was adjourned at 1709.

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Jerry Prestridge, Adjutant