

## **Minutes of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 4051**

**Date:** April 8, 2023

**Time:** 10:44am

**Presiding Officer:** Tina Stemen with 5 members present.

The meeting was called to order and the opening ceremonies were conducted according to the ritual.

### **Roll call of Officers:**

**President:** Tina Stemen

**Sr. Vice President:** Amanda Linski - ABSENT

**Jr. Vice President:** Mike Walker

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Rachel Brown

**Chaplain:** Rachel Brown - PROTEM

**Conductor/Conductress:** Carol Archuleta

**Guard:** Carol Knutson

**Patriotic Instructor:** Carol Knutson

**Trustee #1:** Rita Christensen

**Trustee #2:** Carol Knutson

**Trustee #3:** Amanda Linski - ABSENT

**Guests:** NONE

### **Reading and referring of Petitions for Membership:**

Darlene Todd, a former member would like to reinstate and receive her life membership; paperwork was filled out and was presented for approval. There was no objection in accepting this candidate. The recording secretary will notify the applicant so she can present herself for initiation at the proper time.

**Presentation of Minutes:** Presentation of the minutes from the previous meeting will stand approved as corrected.

**Communications:**

1. Email from District Secretary, Rena Cales reminding auxiliaries to complete and enter their delegate/alternate paperwork ASAP.
2. Email from District President, Deb Hutchins, reminding auxiliaries and officers about the upcoming District meeting in April.

**Presentations of Treasurer's report (previous month):**

**\*Please note all checks may not have cleared\***

**General Fund: Balance last report: \$6,272.10**

**Deposits: \$33.00**

**Disbursements: \$188.00**

**Ending Balance: \$6,142.10**

**Savings Account: Beginning Balance: \$4,824.36**

**Interest: .61**

**Ending Balance: \$4,824.97**

**Games Fund: Beginning balance: \$2,409.59**

**Deposits: \$0.00**

**Disbursements: \$0.00**

**Ending Balance: \$2,409.59**

**Presentation of Bills:**

NONE

**Committees**

**Program Chairman**

**Americanism:**

Carol Knutson

**Buddy Poppy/National Home:**

Denise Garcia

**Chaplain's Report:**

Rita Christensen.

**Community Service Report:**

R. Brown/T. Stemen

**Extension:**

Tina Stemen

**Historian/Media Relations:**

Tina Stemen

**Hospital:**

Rita Christensen

**Legislative:**

Rachel Brown

Rachel Brown read the most recent Action Corps weekly to the membership. She continues to forward to members via email.

**Membership & Recruitment:**

Amanda Linski

Membership report: 205 continuous life members, 17 annual continuous, 231-prior member total. Current total percentage is 96.54%, paid percentage 97.84% as of 04/05/23.

**Mentoring & Leadership:**

Amanda Linski

**Scholarship:**

Rachel Brown

**Veterans & Family Support:**

Tina Stemen

**Youth Activities (VOD & PP):**

D. Garcia/C. Knutson

**Dept. President's Special Project:**

Carol Archuleta

**Audit Report**

Trustees (Quarterly)

The audit for the Games account for quarter 1, January 2023-March 2023 was presented. See New Business

**Unfinished Business:**

1. The letter the auxiliary presented to the Post regarding the auxiliary requesting the Post's monetary assistance was approved by the Post and a check for \$2,000 was given to the

auxiliary; once the check is deposited, the Secretary will place half in the relief fund. A thank you card will be signed and sent to the members of the Post.

**New Business:**

1. Carol Knutson reported out the Provisional Slate of Officers:
  - a. President - Tina Stemen
  - b. Sr. Vice President - Vacant
  - c. Jr. Vice President - Mike Walker
  - d. Conductress - Carol Archuleta
  - e. Treasurer - Rachel Brown
  - f. Chaplain - Rita Christensen
  - g. Trustee #2 - Vacant
  - h. Trustee #3 - Vacant

All those running for office were nominated by acclamation. Nominations from the floor were made for the following *vacant* positions: Sr. Vice President - Denise Garcia, Trustee #2 - Mike Walker, and Trustee #3 - Rita Christensen. Carol Knutson made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Carol Knutson will be the installing officer at the next meeting.

2. The proper documentation was submitted for delegates and alternates for the District/Department/National Convention. Denise Garcia made a motion to approve the delegate and alternate list as presented; seconded by Rita Christensen, motion passed.
  - a. List for National - Delegates: Rachel Brown, Tina Stemen, Robert Walker, Carol Knutson. Alternates: Amanda Linski, Rita Christensen, Carol Archuleta, Denise Garcia. List for District/Department - Delegates: Tina Stemen, Carol Archuleta, Carol Knutson, Denise Garcia, Robert Walker, Rita Christensen, Hildegard Russell. Alternates: Amanda Linski, Rachel Brown, Amanda Knutson, LeeAnn Kidd, Aubrey Knutson, Glen Knutson, and Sigrid Veed Walker.
3. Rachel Brown made a motion to pay for convention registrations for Tina Stemen and Carol Archuleta, seconded by Rita Christensen, motion passed. Secretary, Rachel Brown to mail their registrations along with a check.
4. Rita Christensen made a motion to pay our Pikes Peak Veterans Council dues in the amount of \$22.30; seconded by Carol Knutson, motion passed.
5. Trustee #2, Carol Knutson presented and made a motion to accept the audit for the Games account for Quarter 1, January 2023-March 2023. Denise Garcia seconded the motion, motion carried.
  - a. Audit for the General Account will be scheduled for April 15, 2023 @ 10:00am; location TBD (to work on the General account).

**Good of the Order**

- Update on the building - the Post is looking into the Silver Pond building off of Dublin & Academy. After putting in an offer, it was refused - even after offering more money, the offer was refused.
- Discussion regarding the project for VA Hospital and the yard sale this summer is tabled until the next meeting.
- Barbara Green is going to check with someone at the State or National level about members not receiving their VFW Magazine - members were notified that after January 2023 the VFW magazines would be digital only.
- Upcoming Meetings:
  - **Next District Meeting: Sunday, April 23, 2023 @** the American Legion Post #209 in Colorado Springs. Post #4051 is hosting. Lunch at noon with a joint meeting at 1:00pm. Auxiliary meeting after the joint meeting and Installation of officers to follow. Dress is Black & White, especially if you are running for an office.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting date:** May 13, 2023 @ 10:30 at VFW Post 101

**Snacks for next meeting:** Carol Archuleta

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown

Audited by:

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Minutes approved/corrected as read