

Bennington SAL SQUADRON 266 | MINUTES

Meeting date 10 August 2023 | time 6pm | Meeting location [Bennington Legion Hall](#)

Officers Present: Finance Officer Geoff Getzschman, Adjutant: Les Brauer,

Officers Absent: Commander Jared Weinman, Sargent-at-Arms: Mike Valasek

Type of meeting: Monthly meeting

Facilitator: Finance Officer Geoff Getzschman

Note taker: Newly Appointed Adjutant Brauer

Total number of members in attendance: 8 members, 0 nonmember

- Meeting brought to order by Geoff Getzschman
- Hand salute to the flag
- Opening prayer given by Chaplin Les B
- F.O. Geoff read Resolution 288 designating the POW/MIA empty chair
- Acting Sgt.-At-Arms Jim Musel placed the POW-MIA chair cover
- F.O. Geoff read Resolution N C 2-03 Blue Star Banner
- Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited
- Preamble lead by F.O. Geoff

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- **Reading of minutes of previous meeting:**
 - a. Motion to approve by Alex Banks
 - b. 2nd by Jim Musel / Passed
- **Finance report:** Geoff
 - a. Motion to approve by Alex B.
 - b. 2nd by Tyler B.
- **Old/Unfinished business:**
 - a. **CSR Report:** Jim M 4-H, 38 hrs; Tyler dog sitter, 80 hrs

ADMIN HOURS- Alex, 2 hrs; Geoff 1 hr.

- b. Time to focus on recruiting new members
- c. Junior shooting sports/ Eddie Eagle/ NRA
- d. With new additions of members, we are currently at 21 members; approved names for charter.

Saloween: Trunk and Treat : Committee chaired by Alex Banks

- Oct. 28th from 5:30- 9pm
- We had a \$500 budget last year
- Jim M will talk to the Model A car club at 8/12 meeting; Alex confirmed Mopar Motor Addicts attendance
- Need to get street closed: application from city clerk turned in for September City Council meeting approval; also requires signatures from neighborhood business and residents.

- Need to go through our inventory upstairs
- Talk with Jordan at Create A Tee about flyers: pending since Jordan absent
- Fundraiser at Raisin Canes: application made, check about doing a fundraiser; and possibly Runza: need to contact
- **Ideas/ needed items**
- Pumpkins-Jim M., Projector and movie-Geoff, Candy, Juices, tickets-Brian; Alex to chair event
- Have 2 members posted on each end of the street to greet people and hand out tickets to go inside to see the movie and participate in activities
- **3. Presented \$15 Gift Cards and Letters-** Cork board decoration to Katie and Kiley
- **4. Firework raffle-** Cost was \$300, received \$480 in donations to the Legion Baseball Team and the sons will added an additional \$20 to make the total an even \$500, presentation to Heath Milarik pending
- **5. Fireworks Distribution:** Amount to be finalized, breakdowns: Legion 70%, Auxiliary 15%, SAL 15%
- **6. Renewals-** If paying the full \$30 the extra \$10 shall be a donation to SAL 266, online not working yet
- **7. SAL 266-** Plan to host 2 flag retirement ceremonies per year: talk to Rick Reed
- **8. State Convention-** 4 resolutions, all passed; pending Squadron actions
Chris Casey received endorsement for National Vice Commander; election results
Eligibility dates (we need to update or info/bylaws)

- **New Business**
- Develop activity sheet to promote what we do
- Develop membership committee, candidate interests, where are they, etc.
- Reminder: salute flag when coming and going
- **Motions made during meeting:**
 1. **Subject:** Donate \$300 to Child Welfare Fund; passed
Motion: Alex
2nd: Jim M. / Passed
 2. **Subject:** 1 Boys State Scholarship; passed
Motion: Les
2nd: Brian G. / Passed
 3. **Subject:** Donate to Warhawk for Dogs, PTSD Vets, contact Kevin Caster
Motion: Tabled pending more information

- Closing prayer given by Les B
- Acting Sgt.-At-Arms Jim M. retired the POW-MIA chair cover
- Hand salute to the flag
- Meeting adjourned