

# Bennington SAL SQUADRON 266 | MINUTES

Meeting date: 12 October, 2023 | time: 6 pm | Meeting location [Bennington Legion Hall](#)

**Officers Present:** Commander Jared Weinman, Finance Officer Geoff Getzschman, Sargent-at-Arms Mike Valasek Adjutant Les Brauer, Historian Alex Banks, Legion Liaison Glen Turner, Chaplin Brian Gernandt; new officers form submitted and accepted

**Type of meeting:** Monthly meeting

**Facilitator:** Commander Weinman

**Note taker:** Adjutant Brauer

**Total number of members in attendance:** 11 members, 0 nonmembers

- Meeting brought to order by Commander Jared W.
- Hand salute to the flag
- Opening prayer given by Adjutant Les B
- Commander read Resolution 288 designating the POW/MIA empty chair
- Sgt.-At-Arms Mike V. placed the POW-MIA chair cover
- Commander read Resolution N C 2-03 Blue Star Banner
- Pledge of Allegiance to the flag recited
- Preamble lead by Commander Jared W.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- **Minutes of previous meeting:** not read, referenced emailed minutes
  - a. **Motion** to approve by Jim Musel
  - b. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Mike Valasek; Passed
- **Finance report:** Geoff G.
  - a. **Motion** to retrieve August from table and approve it and September by Mike V.
  - b. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Alex B.; Passed
- **Old/Unfinished business:**
  - a. **CSR Report:** Riders: Jared, Geoff and Alex 8 hrs. each, Brian G. 4 hrs; Donations to Riders: Jared \$100, Geoff \$60; Rick Reed 4 hrs. plus blood donation; Mark Goodrich won Riders' rifle raffle

ADMIN HOURS- Jared 5 hrs., Les and Geoff 1 hr. each

- 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

### 1. Saloween: Trunk and Treat : Committee chaired by Alex Banks

- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30- 9pm
- Budget \$500, same as last year (2022)
- Model A car club not expected; Mopar Motor Addicts attendance confirmed
- City council approved street closure; received signatures from neighborhood business and residents
- Jordan at Create A Tee for flyers as modified, distribution pending
- Fundraiser at Raisin Canes and / or Runza: not arranged
- Rick R. to get city maintenance to block street

- **2. Ideas/ needed items**
- Inventory upstairs checked, bought other items: candy, bags, water, juice, chips, coloring sheets, stickers, washable markers, spider webbing, table cloths; buy ice on day of event
- Pumpkins: bought from new source, 100 for \$90, 120<sup>th</sup> and Military stand; projector and movie: Geoff; tickets: Brian; Alex: event chair
- Post a member at each end of street to greet people and hand out tickets to go inside to see movie and participate in activities Brian volunteered, need another
- **3. Firework raffle-** Cost was \$300, received \$480 in donations to the Legion Baseball Team, sons added an additional \$20 to make total an even \$500, presented 10/4 at BB Team meeting
- **4. Renewals-** If paying the full \$30, need to verify the extra \$10 shall be a donation to SAL 266 or kept by National, online now working; dual or 16 and younger need to pay in cash; Rick R. paid for himself and Grayson
- **5. SAL 266-** Start planning to host 2 flag retirement ceremonies per year: unofficial chair – Jim M.; dates: Legion March birthday, need to choose 2<sup>nd</sup> date
- **6. New Member-** Introduced: Navy veteran Logan Taylor
- **7. State Convention-** 4 resolutions, all passed  
Chris Casey endorsed for National State Vice Commander, bid failed; appointed state Adjutant  
Eligibility dates (we need to update or info/bylaws)  
Quorum was 10% now reduced to 7%  
Allowing members of exec comity to serve on standing committees
  
- **New Business**
- **Legion Information, Glenn:** Auxiliary Veterans Dinner: Sunday 11/5 at 1pm, bring canned good to support local food pantry; retaining wall behind building completed
- **Saloween Set-up:** volunteers arrive at 10.30a.m. for set-up, take a break; return at 5.30p.m.
- **Projector Screen:** donated by Lindsey for Hall use
- **Jaycee Coordination:** plan for joint effort in 2024; suggested Tanya and Jared visit each other's event this year; theirs is Sunday 10/29, 1-3 p.m.
- **Saloween Yard Signs:** consider purchase of signs for repeat use; talk to Fire Dept. about advertising
- **Social Media:** Alex: Facebook updated for Saloween
- **SAL Hat:** order for Rick Reed, size 7-1/2
- **Motions made during meeting:**
  1. **Subject:** Donate to Warhawk for Dogs, PTSD Vets, contact Kevin Caster, remains tabled
  2. **Subject:** Donate \$1000 to Legion for retaining wall  
**Motion:** by Jim M.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Alex / Passed
  3. **Subject:** Purchase 500 SAL business cards  
**Motion:** by Geoff  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** by Glenn / passed
- Closing prayer given by Les B
- Sgt.-At-Arms Mike V. retired the POW-MIA chair cover
- Hand salute to the flag
- Meeting adjourned