

Minutes of the regular Monthly Meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Colchester, Unit 91
Held on June 19, 2019 at 3650 Roosevelt Highway, Colchester, VT

Opening ceremonies were held and the meeting was called to order at 1813 by Rhonda Mace.
There were 7 members present. Roll call of unit officers was performed.

Present: 1st Vice President Rhonda Mace, Secretary Barbara Liberty, Treasurer Shirley Patrick,
Historian Elaine MacKenzie, Sargent at Arms June Lais, Executive Committee Members at Large
Margaret Rutledge.

Roll call of Past Presidents was performed: Elaine McKenzie and Margaret Rutledge were
present.

Minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting were read by Barbara Liberty and stand as read.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report was read by Shirley Patrick, Treasurer

- The ending treasury balance is \$10,523. 55
- Online banking has been set up and is fully functional at this time
- There will be a transition of accounting from current method to Quickbooks

Bingo report was reported by Rhonda and the following updates are noted:

- a BINGO committee was convened, and the following individuals are members of
committee: Judy Noro, June Studley, Jean Knowlton, Margaret Rutledge, Rhonda Mace.
- the structure of the games will change in that packets of cards (\$10 each) will be sold
rather than selling cards at the start of each game
- the paddle wheel will be used during each BINGO event
- the day stays the same-the second Sunday of each month
- food will be available, and donations will be solicited

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

The membership report was read by Elaine MacKenzie.

- Current membership: 333
- Membership goal: 357

AMERICANISM-no committee at this time

AEF- no committee at this time

CHILDREN & YOUTH- no committee at this time

COMMUNITY SERVICE- no committee at this time

EDUCATION

Scholarship winner announced: Brittany Como

GREEN MOUNTAIN GIRL'S STATE- no committee at this time

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES- no committee at this time

LEADERSHIP- no committee at this time

LEGISLATIVE- no committee at this time

NATIONAL SECURITY- no committee at this time

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY- no committee at this time

POPPY- no committee at this time

PUBLIC RELATIONS- no committee at this time

VA&R- no committee at this time

VA/VS- no committee at this time

SERVICE TO VETERANS- no committee at this time

UNIT CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence introduced at the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Constitution bylaws were updated at the April 2019 meeting
 - Article I election of Officers-standing rule #9
 - Discussion around 3 cases of Gi8rl Scout cookies that were bought in March and never shipped overseas to the troops.
 - We will donate some of them to the Veteran's food shelf in Burlington
 - We will put a note in the newsletter asking members to let us know if they know of a deployed service person who would enjoy receiving a box or two of cookies
- Discussion around the sale of RADA Knives as has been the practice in the past
 - Corrina Myers offered to take the project again this year and stated that she would need our tax-exempt information. Discussion around the need for this number ensued.

- Led to a question about the 990 filing with the IRS-Shirley will manage the audit and reporting and ask for help from the team if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rhonda-Dinners
 - Reviewed and discussed menus for July and August.
 - July-Haddock
 - August-grilled sausage with peppers and onions
- Rhonda-Valued member survey-will go out a multitude of ways-email, web site, newsletter and hard copies will be available at the Post.
- A motion was made to purchase a new computer. There was discussion and the motion was tabled until further information and details around the proposed purchase are better understood.
- Discussion around sorting and better managing the records and documents currently in the Auxiliary office.
- Motion was made by Elaine and seconded by Shirley to reimburse Deb Voyer for her purchase of the CALCUTTA ticket in support of the Post. Motion accepted and Deb will be reimbursed \$70.
- The Auxiliary members will be marching in the Fourth of July parade with the other members of the Post.
 - Elaine made a motion which was seconded by Shirley to purchase 500 flags for distribution during the parade
 - Marching Auxiliary members will hand out flags to the children spectators
 - Rhoda will purchase the flags
- Discussion around how to build comraderies and relationships with the Regulars, Legionnaires, Sons and other groups of the Post so that all may work stronger in support of each other. Example-meatball mania!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elaine was proud to announce that she attended the Girl's State inauguration and sat with the Auditor from Rice. She reported there were 67 girls I attendance.
- Corrine announced that the Ways and Means committee would have a tale at the convention and we will donate two red white and blue cowboy hats with a gift card attached. Rhonda will be responsible for getting them to the convention

CLOSING CEREMONIES

Were held, and the meeting was adjourned at 1931. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Liberty
Unit 91 Secretary