

🌟 Summary

The meeting of the American Legion, post 519, Department of California, covered various topics including the pledge of allegiance, roll call, event planning, financial updates, and a lawsuit settlement. Significant decisions included settling the lawsuit and drafting letters regarding financial matters and a harassment complaint. Action items included drafting letters to the district and the insurance company regarding financial matters and the harassment complaint. The meeting covered various topics including a reminder about tidbits, updates on a baseball tournament, concerns about the kitchen contract, and ongoing issues with the ABC and raffle laws. Nominations for elections were discussed, with some positions still open. The main objectives of the meeting were to discuss the upcoming elections, settle a supposed lawsuit, address issues with the election hours, handle complaints about dogs at the bar, and plan for the absence of the kitchen cook. Significant decisions include settling the lawsuit within the board's allocated funds and increasing hall rental dues. Action items involve coordinating election hours, addressing the presence of dogs at the bar, finding a replacement for the absent kitchen cook, and enforcing membership card checks at the door. The meeting discussed organizing baseball games in Palm Springs, planning a league with 17 or 8 teams, managing costs, fundraising, and seeking donations for the American Legion. They also explored potential funding sources such as Measure J and grants from the city and county.

📋 Outline

• 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

- The meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and reciting the preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.
- Roll call was conducted to establish the presence of members. Motion To Read Minutes Of Last Meeting
- After This Meeting (Motion Passed) See Printed Minutes

2. Event Planning.

- Lee - 2nd Vice- Discussion about conflicting events for Cinco de Mayo and ALR event.
- Consideration of hosting a comedy night and ticket selling strategies.
- Concerns raised about the event's compliance with ABC regulations and the definition of 'guest'.

3. Boys and Girls State.

- Kevin - 3rd Vice- Authorization to send six candidates to Boys and Girls State.
- Discussion about stipends and insurance for the candidates. Sent \$6,000 To District
- Challenges in obtaining reports from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

4. Financial Updates and Lawsuit Settlement.

- Financial report including insurance payments and lawsuit expenses. Yearly Insurance Premium Paid \$25,000
- Settlement of the lawsuit with a non-disclosure agreement. Total Amount Of Settlement Including All Fees \$23,000
- Discussion about drafting letters to the insurance company and the district regarding financial matters and a harassment complaint. Motion To Send Letter To Insurance Co. Concerning Harassment Complaint (Motion Passed)
- Motion To Send Letter To District 21 To Help Pay For Lawsuit (Motion Passed) Skip To Draft Letter.

5. Tidbits Reminder.

- R J Chaplain - The local newspaper, Tidbits, continues to provide free transportation to veterans to the Loma Linda VA hospital with a decent-sized ad.
- The ad explains where to go and how to get a ride.

6. Baseball Tournament Update.

- E Board 2 Year McArvie - Crawford An application for a baseball tournament starting on June 14 is being submitted.
- Possibly three fields will be available, with plans to invite teams from last summer's games.
- Fundraising plans include hosting high-priced musicians for a private event.
- Permission to sanction the tournament is pending approval from the American Legion.

7. Discussion on Tournament Name and Funding. • 00:37:48.

- Debate on whether to name the tournament as a district or local event due to funding and sponsorship.

- Plans to seek permission to sanction the tournament and discuss fundraising options.

8. Concerns about Tournament Costs.

- R J - Discussion on the allocated funds for the tournament and potential additional costs for fields, umpires, and uniforms.

9. Kitchen Contract and Inventory.

- Progress on finalizing a new kitchen contract and concerns about ownership of kitchen items.
- Suggestions to take inventory and clarify ownership before handing over the kitchen.

10. Issues with ABC and Raffle Laws.

- Continuing violations reported to ABC, including raffle law violations related to a joint venture with the VFW.
- Concerns about potential undermining of the post's activities and efforts to comply with laws.
- Cmdr, - Issue Has Been Resolved.

11. Election Nominations and Positions.

- Discussion on nominations for various positions, with some positions still open.
- Clarification on the election process and position transitions.

12. Election Committee and Lawsuit Settlement.

- Ernie and Skip are dropping off the rolls, but Ernie has been nominated to run for the third year.
- Discussion about the availability of a second year position and the nomination process.
- Settled the supposed lawsuit within the board's allocated funds and under NDA.

13. Election Hours.

- Ed Adjutant - Discussion about extending the election hours due to demographic needs.
- Consideration of a motion to vote on extending the election hours. From 10:00am To 5:00pm
- Suggestion to have the election committee decide on the extended hours and report back before the next board meeting.

14. Dogs at the Bar.

- Ed - Complaints about dogs at the bar and the need to enforce rules against it.
- Discussion about the inappropriateness of dogs at the bar and the need to address the issue with patrons.
- Decision to enforce rules against dogs at the bar and to have a bartender meeting to ensure compliance.

15. Absent Kitchen Cook.

- The kitchen cook is on medical leave until June, and the kitchen staff will cover his duties.
- Issues with the kitchen cook's lack of communication and cooperation in the past.
- Consideration of alternative options for the kitchen cook's replacement.

16. Membership Card Checks and Door Closing.

- Discussion about enforcing last call and closing times to save costs.
- Proposal to have board members cover shifts for membership card checks at the door.
- Suggestion to bring up the issue at a general membership meeting and consider incentives for volunteers.

17. Local Baseball League.

- Desire to keep baseball local and discussion about the cost differential between local and district leagues.
- Plans to assist Banning with their team and use available fields for tournaments.
- Consideration of using fields with minimal costs and raising funds for potential future tournaments.
- (Motion To Sponsor Banning And Palm Springs Invitational Base Ball) (Motion Passed)
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18. Organizing Baseball Games.

- Proposed playing games in Palm Springs and other locations to avoid a home field advantage.
- Considering a tournament with four or five teams.

19. Planning the League.

- Discussing the possibility of a 17-team or 8-team local league for summer games.
- Season ending in July 19, leading to the District 21 tournament.

20. Managing Costs.

- Concerns about field costs and efforts to keep expenses low.
- Allocation of \$8,000 with a need for additional funding if costs exceed the budget.

21. Fundraising and Donations.

- Selling tickets and organizing fundraisers to support the teams and cover expenses.
- Exploring options for donations and seeking community support.

22. Seeking Funding Sources.

- Amado Salinas - Dist, 21 1st Vice - Department Of California Judge Advocate - Exploring potential funding from Measure J and grants from the city and county.
- Mention of a \$40,000 donation and ongoing discussions about potential funding from other sources.
- **Meeting Adjourned 6:29 pm.**