

# ***American Legion Post 512 Meeting Minutes***

September 7,2020

## **I. Call to order**

Brian Andrus, Commander Post 512, called to order the regular meeting of the American Legion Post 4512 at 1900 hours on 7 September 2020 at Post 512, Carmel, CA.

## **II. Roll call**

Roll call of the officers and/or board members was conducted. The following individuals present Brian Andrus, Sai Fernandez, Richard Connelly, Anastasia Gonzales, Gerry Paratore and Mario Gonzales. With 10 members online and 8 in the hall a Quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order. A Post Everlasting service was conducted for Comrade Robert Condry, who died in August. Chaplin invocation conducted and POW/MIA flag was posted

## **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without corrections.

## **IV. Reports**

- (1) Finance report: \$11,560 total in all accounts.
- (2) Membership report: By mail renewals continue to arrive over 40+ have been processed. Renewals are approaching 100%, but we still need to work on recruiting new members. Paying dues is available online site at MYLegion.com.
- (3) Ways and Means: No income being generated because of Covid closure.
- (4) Facilities report: no new status updates. Roof still needs repair. The "Raise the Roof" Go-Fund-Me account was mentioned, and members were encouraged to donate.
- (5) Service officer report: None
- (6) Americanism: Planning on going for the next "Boys State" selection.

## **V. Old business:**

**The following “Motion to Censure” as adopted by the Executive Committee in closed deliberations was read:**

- a) From the last meeting a motion had been made, seconded, and passed to table this item pending release of more information (facts around the event and the charges and punishment). The fact sheet and summary had been distributed to members with valid email address or who had requested the information. An additional Executive Committee meeting had happened since the last member meeting and a modification to the resolution was adopted for presentation to the membership.

**Modification to ‘Motion to Censure’ - We would accept, in lieu of the suspension, an apology from those involved with the promise that they would not do this again. If they refuse, then the previous suspension stands**

Previous suspension: **That from the date of reopening of the lounge; Brendan Sullivan (AKA Sully) and Clint Colby are denied access for 4 months; Tom Doty is denied access for 12 months. Additionally, they will be placed on the “No Trespass” list with the Carmel PD.**

**The recommended modification was seconded and passed.**

A recommendation from the floor was made to allow Brenden, Clint, and Tom to speak. With no objections made the floor made available to Brenden, Clint, and Tom to speak (note Clint was not present at this meeting)

- b) A general discussion followed primarily between Brenden Sullivan and Brian Andrus the Post Commander. The discussion centered around changing of access and the lack of clarity and communications between all parties involved. Brian offered his apologies for the poor communications and Brenden offered his apologies for the incident.
- c) Tom came forward and when asked if he had anything to say declined to offer his apology and instead said “What Sully said”.
- d) Clint was not available and will be given an opportunity to provide his apology per the amended and adopted motion.

**Recorded outcome for the amended motion to censure is as follows:**

Brenden Sullivan offered his apology and Brian apologized as well for the lack of clear communications.

Tom shook hands with Brian and did not offer an apology.

Clint was not present at the meeting and will be provided an opportunity

**In accordance with the amended and passed motion to censure and subject to the offer of an apology the following actions are approved:**

**From the date of reopening of the lounge; Clint Colby is denied access for 4 months; Tom Doty is denied access for 12 months. Additionally, they will be placed on the “No Trespass” list with the Carmel PD**

Note that these penalties are subject to reversal once the requirements of the amended motion are met.

**VI.** Brian presented the commanders vision on general post and member behavior. Members behavior in the post and out of the post reflects on the post. We should strive to align our behavior and with the goals and principles of the American Legion. We need to work toward increased participation in the activities of the Post, increasing our visibility in the community.

**VII.** The discussion of cameras in the building continued. Members don't like being recorded. A motion to allow video and eliminate audio recording was made and withdrawn. Brian indicated that some options are now available with regards to recording and would be further explored. It was pointed out that our cameras do not maintain a perinate record and are not monitored. One member said recording during official meetings is acceptable but not during normal opening hours. Discussion of why we have the cameras (security) and if cameras were legal. It was presented that cameras in general are legal in establishments such as ours in California and that they are everywhere. The question was asked if we needed all the cameras and if not, which ones were needed.

a) A motion was made, seconded, and passed that:

i) We would reassess the scheme of our video monitoring system to determine what we need to provide adequate security of the building and our property.

**VIII. Discussion of reopening plan**

a) Verbal plan presented by Paul Martin, Commander SAL squadron 512. It roughly laid out plans for food and bartending with a tentative opening of 10 September 2020 (3 days). Missing were planning to comply with county and state health requirements: food prep and outside serving, signage, distancing of patrons, and cleaning.

- b) A motion was made seconded and approved to open as soon 10 September 2020, subject to the presentation of the SAL plan to the Executive Committee and the subsequent approval of the plan by the Executive Committee.

NEW Business:

Robin Falkenberg representing the Auxiliary presented a \$250 donation to the post.

Cleaning of the ground's courtesy of the auxiliary

To conserve funds the cable TV subscription will be cancelled, but the internet connection will be kept

Green Waste pick up cancelled during the closure

End of meeting blessing and the retirement of the POW Flag was completed

Brian Andrus, Commander Post 512, adjourned the meeting at 2039 hours.

Minutes submitted by: Gerry Paratore

Minutes approved by the general membership at the 5 October 31, 2020 meeting