

**David F. Lilley, Post 14,
Puerto Vallarta and Banderas Bay
The American Legion, Department of Mexico**

Executive Committee Meeting, 5 December 2013

M-I-N-U-T-E-S

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Commander Dennis Rike. Our host was *The Thirsty Cougar*. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Janson, followed by a moment of silence to honor the flag. It was mentioned that Fred Riley is still sick, but is doing okay.
- II. **Introduction of Guests:** Bud Rozanden, Royal Canadian Legion, BR 46, Revelstoke, B.C.
- III. **Introduction of Members:** Ron Abbe, Jim Brockway, Brian Caldwell, Carrol Daigle, Norm Deveraux, Tony Fearis (new member from Peoria, Illinois), Ed Griffin, Dennis Janson, Bernie Jene (new member from Canada), Cheryl and Larry Kehler, Steve Leopold (new member from Milwaukee, Wisconsin), Russ Mills, David Noah, Ken Ragatz, David Rathje, Dennis Rike, Nicholas Scott, Dennis Walsh, and Dale E. Wright.
- IV. **Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of 3 October 2013 and 7 November 2013:** The undersigned thanked Cheryl Kehler, Service Officer, for taking the minutes at the Executive Committee and the Membership Meeting in October. It was pointed out that members need to sign the sign-in book so that the minutes can reflect that they were present at meetings. The **Minutes** approval section is near the top of every meeting agenda so that members have the opportunity to offer corrections. Members should bring up corrections, additions, deletions, etc., at that time so that the record of our meetings can be amended if necessary. It was **MSC to approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of 3 October 2013 and 7 November 2013, as sent out.**
- V. **Project Booklet:** Dennis Rike pointed out that there is a binder showing photos of our projects at Steve's Bar, available to look at for members who are interested in the work that the Post does in the community.
- VI. **Communications:** We received a certificate from the *Clínica Santa Bárbara* in appreciation for the work we did putting on a roof there. At the National Day for the Disabled, Ron, Jay, and Dennis received an award from *DIF* and the City of *Puerto Vallarta*. The *Banderas Bay Initiative* is having a whale event in January, and the information will be available over the web site. The *Vallarta Yacht Club* is having an event Saturday night.

VII. Committees:

- A. **Membership:** Ron Abbe reported that we have reached 75% of our goal.
- B. **Finance:** The report was e-mailed.
- C. **Service Officer:** Cheryl Kehler reported that the new Affordable Care enrollment website cannot be accessed from outside the United States.
- D. **Community Relations:** The *Aurora* playground behind Wal-Mart is 95% painted. Several people from *DIF* were there painting. The grass has been cut and the trash picked up, and it looks really good. We are going to start a basketball league there, with Jay Sadler's help with the purchase of balls and shirts.

\$26,000 pesos were raised at the Oktoberfest with the Navy League. Seven additional playgrounds were toured with Jay and *DIF*. These are smaller ones that need some paint and repairs. If one wants to know where we have been, the benches in these places are painted purple.

It was **MSC** to appoint a *Busca Un Amigo* Committee: **Jay, Ron, Fred, Dennis, and Ken.** A significant donation has been committed by Florence Northwick of Colorado. Fred, Jay, and Dennis will administer the money out of a separate account, with two signatures required, on behalf of the *Busca Un Amigo* project.

- VIII. **Old Business:** The order for the new golf shirts, as well as the new T-shirts, has been made and should be in today. We will be selling the golf shirts at the Toys-for-Tots Golf Outing on Saturday. One volunteer will man a table, and share information about our activities. There is a gala dinner on Sunday.

We continue to work on placing a box at the airport to raise money for *Busca Un Amigo*. A plaque for Sea Monkey has been ordered. A certificate honoring Doug Huffman, signed by the President, has been received, with one copy for the Post and one for Mrs. Huffman. We have posters to put up encouraging people to volunteer with the American Legion.

Kelly Trainor held a luncheon at the Marriott, which was attended by people from the Consultate in Guadalajara, and more than 65 people representing organizations doing volunteer work throughout the community. Eight community leaders were recognized, including Ron Abbe and Dennis Rike from American Legion Post 14.

Eight members attended a meeting at *DIF* two weeks ago, arranged by Kelly Trainor, concerning volunteer work. The Pub Crawl has been put off until January. The *Busca Un Amigo* Christmas Party for kids is at 5:00 p.m. on 20 December.

- IX. New Business:** A suggestion was made that we buy a couple of bull horns for use in our meetings, the microphone and amplifier being a bit large of lug around. It was **MSC that Dennis Rike will purchase two bull horns on his forthcoming trip to the U.S.**
- X. Next Meeting.** The next Membership Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 December 2013 at Steve's Sports Bar. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, 2 January 2014, at Sea Monkey.
- XI. Adjournment.** Dennis Janson gave the Benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully,

(s) Russ Mills, Adjutant