

Bloomington American Legion Post 550

Monday, July 11, 2022 Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Commander Luis Campero
- Colors presented, prayer offered. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- No guests.
- Roll call of officers: All present
- Printed copies of the June minutes were distributed, approved.
- 2nd Vice Commander Clarence Bunkholt reminded us about the Aug. 13 picnic at Moir Park. Door prizes and a raffle are planned.
- Chaplain Jim Mead reported the passing of Gene Clemons, Honor Guard member, and 85-year-old Army veteran. The passing of George Wise Jr, an Air Force veteran was also reported.
- Financial Officer Jerry Narragon gave the financial report, Engstrom moved, Mead seconded, approved.
- Athletics Officer Ron Nenovich reported on N.D. Baseball Tournament for Bloomington Legion Team and reported the new Post 550 bus worked great for the outing and the team enjoyed the trip. Also, the Final Gopher Classic Baseball Game will be tomorrow in Minnetonka.
- Membership Director Paul Hassing reported one new member for a current total of 362 members 24 short of our goal of 386.
- Gambling Manager Tim Engstrom reported, Warren moved, Nenovich seconded, approved. Slow time of year for gambling but added Green Mill for pulltabs and e-tabs to go along with the Sports Page for sales. A \$25,000 donation was approved for the Legacy Fund and will be presented at West Duluth in August.
- Gun Safety class of 25 will be at the Bloomington Armory Tuesday, Aug. 8, and Thursday, Aug. 11, from 5:30 pm to 8 p.m. both nights. The Field Day is Saturday, Aug. 13, at VFW 435 Range in Elko. Info: Bloomington Firearms Safety Training (Facebook) or Kirk Whiting 612- 201-2248
- Jim Mead reported for the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) membership is 45.
- American Legion Riders' Don Alman discussed the upcoming ride events including the Aug. 19 Minnesota Legacy Run kickoff in Anoka.
- Department Convention is in Wilmar July 14-16. Bloomington could send up to 8 delegates. Paul Hassing, Luis Campero and Ted Berg have chosen to represent and will vote for Department of Minnesota Commander as they see fit to best represent the American Legion in Minnesota and Post 550 in Bloomington. Mead moved, Stachour seconded. Carries.
- Tim Engstrom reported that Michael Rascher, one of 10 boys sponsored by Post 550 to participate at Boys State was presented with the Director's Award.
- Clarence Bunkholt requested funds for up to \$2,500 for the Aug. 13 picnic. Mead moved, Warren seconded. Carries.
- Prayer was offered and the meeting adjourned.

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson