

# Bloomington Post 550

## Monday, July 10, 2023, Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Post Commander Dan Welch
  - Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
  - Guests: Wendy Giles and Erin Martin from Boy Scout Troup 374 in Bloomington. They discussed the history of Troup 374 and the various activities they participate in each year. They have 22 active members and are seeking sponsorship from Post 550.
  - Roll call of officers: 1st Vice Commander and 2nd Vice Commander excused.
  - Printed copies of the June Minutes distributed. Mead moved, Campero seconded, and the minutes were approved.
  - Post Commander Dan Welch read the names on several of the thank-you cards he received for the support provided by Post 550.
  - Financial Officer Jerry Narragon gave the financial report. Mead moved, Servin seconded, and the report was approved.
  - Athletics Officer Ron Nenovich provided a report on this past weekend's Gopher Classic Baseball Tournament. Ninety-six teams participated at 16 sites, including Red Haddock Field.
  - Membership Director Paul Hassing reported that membership for 2023 remains at 321 renewed or 87.9% of the 365 goal.
  - Gambling Manager Tim Engstrom will provide the gambling report for June and July at the August meeting. He was on a vacation until the day before the meeting.
  - The Post 550 Gambling Committee recommended approval of \$7,500 for the following to be paid in July:
    - Wishes & More: \$1,000
    - Department Commanders Project: \$1,000
    - Scholarship: \$2,000
    - City of Bloomington Veterans Appreciation Sponsorship: \$3,500
- Motion was made by Servin and seconded by Mead to approve donations. Motion carried.
- The Fall Firearms Safety Course date is scheduled for Aug. 20 in Elko from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 27 Students are enrolled. Gun safety questions? Contact: Ken Lundgren at 612-812-0854.
  - Legion Riders report: 135 Riders participated in the Christmas in July for Legacy Fund fundraiser ride that began at North Branch.
  - Sons of the American Legion reported 49 paid members for 2023.
  - Tim Engstrom provided information regarding a new website. Soulo, which does the Trumpeteer, will be requested to create a professional site. A motion made by Campero and seconded by Johnson to proceed at an estimated cost of \$4,000-\$6,000 was approved.
  - This is a reminder that the Membership Dinner will be at the Bloomington Entertainment Center (Knights of Columbus) on Oct. 24 and this year's picnic will be at Moir Park on Aug. 12. Setup for the picnic begins at 9 a.m.
  - New Business:

- A discussion regarding the election of department officers provided direction for our delegates attending the Department Convention later this week. A motion by Servin was seconded by Mead, and the motion carried.

- A motion to provide funding to Boy Scout Troup 374 was tabled until August for further discussion.

- Prayer was offered.
- POW Flag was recovered.
- Colors retired.
- The meeting was adjourned.

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson