

## DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 15, 2008

The meeting of the Department Internal Affairs Committee was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Stephen J. German at the Winter Conference at the Holiday Inn South, Lansing Michigan. The following people were present:

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Stephen J. German, Pat Smith, Robert Mayrand, Lester Rackov, Leonard White

**GUESTS:** Several - Sign in sheets are attached.

### MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes from September 14, 2007, was made by White, supported by Mayrand. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### NEW BUSINESS:

Tom DeCarlo discussed rule changes for POW/MIA competition. Motion by Smith, supported by White, to accept changes. Motion carried.

Gerrit Veldman asked about the white cap issue. Informed that this amendment will be voted on at the 2008 Convention in June.

Began discussion of Resolution 02-9-W, which concerns changing the SAL Convention time and place. Mentioned clerical error correction that should state submission at Winter Conference. Motion by White, supported by Mayrand to open discussion. Motion carried.

PDC John Mella spoke on advantages of combining the Conventions. He then proceeded to answer questions from guests.

Detachment Commander Svacha spoke to advantages of not combining.

SAL NECman Ron Wyatt spoke to reasons of not combining.

Internal Affairs SAL Liaison, John Shirkey, spoke. He feels the two groups need to sit down together and iron out the differences. He recommends turning down the resolution at this time.

Leonard White asked questions of the SAL Commander. Further discussion ensued.

PDC Gary Sammons, 16<sup>th</sup> District Convention Corporation, gave information on the 2010 Convention and stated that the contract has been signed. Answered questions on space/room requirements, etc. Says it could work if SAL began one day earlier than Legion.

Visit and greetings from National Vice Commander David Korth of Wisconsin.

Chairman German gave feedback on questions and issues raised by this resolution. More discussion with guests followed. Chairman recommended rejecting the Resolution 02-9-W but make recommendation to the D.E.C. Motion by White, supported by Rackov, to reject resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, supported by Mayrand, to recommend to the Department Executive Committee to form a committee comprised of Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. members to have a plan in effect by 2011. Motion passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Smith, supported by White, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



STEPHEN J. GERMAN

Chairman

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