

**DEPARTMENT POST DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**JUNE 24, 2011**

The Post Development Committee was called to order at 8:30 am by temporary Chairman Al Ford in the Pearl Room of the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel on June 24, 2011 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**CHAIRMAN:** It was moved and supported to elect Al Ford as permanent Chairman. Motion carried.

**SECRETARY:** It was moved and supported to elect Ken Dittenber as Secretary. Motion carried.

The following Membership Committee members were present:

Al Ford, Chairman  
Richard Dubay  
Butch Noel  
Skipper Townes  
William Cool

**DISTRICTS PRESENT: 9**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Fall Conference meeting were read and accepted as read.

It was moved and supported to approve the report of Post Development Committee as printed in the Legionnaire.

**Old Business:** The following Posts have merged:

187 Detroit into 303 Detroit  
19 Novi into 147 Northville  
124 Durand into 57 Owosso

**New Business:**

A question asked about distribution of financial funds after a Post Charter has been cancelled. Mr. Ford replied with legalities for distribution of these funds.

A general discussion was held regarding Posts who are seeking Charter Cancellation or Merging with another Post. Upon notification, the Post Development Committee will investigate the various requests and work revitalize or consolidate the Post to the best interest of the American Legion.

A discussion was held with regards to involving and recruiting the younger veterans. Some ideas noted:

1. Lower 1<sup>st</sup> years dues.
2. Provide sponsored functions designed for their age and interest.
3. Work with Student Veterans Association at the local college.

Other ideas were presented – too numerous to list them all.

**AMENDMENTS:** 11-C-11 It was moved and supported to reject the amendment 11-C-11. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 0922 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Ford, Chairman  
Post Development