

Department of Massachusetts
Sons of AMVETS
Special State Executive Committee
AMVETS Post 208, Hudson, MA
January 25, 2005

Commander David Spencer called the meeting to order at 8:04pm.

Commander Spencer called to suspend the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Reading of the Preamble and the Benediction, provided that there was no objection. There was none.

Roll Call was done by Commander Spencer.

Commander David Spencer-PRESENT
1st Vice Commander Michael Bruno-PRESENT
2nd Vice Commander Henry Shilo, Jr.-PRESENT
3rd Vice Commander Charles Daviau-SEE BELOW
Finance Officer James Flanigan, PDC-PRESENT
Judge Advocate Cliff Kaizer, PDC-PRESENT
Provost Marshal Paul Chaves-ABSENT
Immediate Past Commander William Barry, PDC-EXCUSED
Chaplain Leo Manning-EXCUSED
PRO/Historian Robert Deleskey, Jr.-PRESENT
Squadron 1-Not Present
Squadron 12-Not Present
Squadron 19-Not Present
Squadron 51-Not Present
Squadron 74-Not Present
Squadron 79-Not Present
Squadron 208-Present (Squadron 208 represented by Robert Deleskey, Jr.)
Squadron 495-Not Present
Squadron 1977-Not Present
Squadron 1980-Not Present
NO SONS COORDINATORS PRESENT AT START OF MEETING

Special Orders of Business

Commander Spencer addressed two checks that were obtained since the last meeting. He handed a check that was miswritten back to the Finance Officer to be destroyed. He handed a check to Squadron 79 Commander Clifford Kaizer to reimburse Squadron 79 for the VAVS Manuals per the last meeting.

POINT OF ORDER-raised by Judge Advocate Sonny Kaizer

The Judge Advocate questioned the Commander's authority to call a meeting at this time, as well as his Authority to call this an SEC meeting. After some discussion, and review of the Constitution and By-Laws, it was determined that the Commander DOES have the authority to call any special meeting so long as the Elected Officers have 1 week notice. The Officers present at the SEC on the 16th new about this meeting at that time, the Commander contacted the remaining Officers after that. Since all Squadron Commanders were also notified, and given the option to attend, this IS a State Executive Committee Meeting, and it IS in order.

Shortly after the SEC meeting in Lynn, it was found that 3rd Vice Commander Daviau had not yet paid his dues. This was found when the Squadron handed in their D&R, and the 1st Vice could not read some of the names. He asked Phil Wood about it, and that is when it was discovered. The Commander has discussed this with him and intends to reappoint him at the next SEC after he pays his dues. Until then, Chuck will retain the 3rd Vice Commander's materials. The Commander has also instructed the 3rd Vice to send out 2 more books of raffle tickets to each officer. This will be drawn at the March SEC, and we need to get working on this, gentlemen.

MOTION: to take the issue of NEC off the table by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo.

Commander Spencer reiterated his appointment of Henry Shilo to the office of NEC man, and asked for a motion to approve this appointment.

MOTION: to approve the appointment of Henry Shilo to the office of National Executive Committeeman for Massachusetts by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by PRO/Historian Deleskey.

There was much debate on whether the Commander needs to notify the Officers prior to making an appointment. The Judge Advocate said he thought that the Commander should have notified the Officers at the next SEC after he found out. 1st Vice Bruno asked the Commander about this and found that the Commander did in fact do this. He was notified that National was going to partially financially cover the NECmen at the NEC meeting in December. He decided on an appointment and notified the Officers at the January SEC, which was the first SEC meeting after the December NEC meeting.

The 1st Vice asked if the Commander was required to bring up open offices for discussion prior to making an appointment and found that he is not required to do this, and in fact this is more often than not, NOT done. As a matter of fact, most State Commanders in recent history do not even call for votes to ratify their appointments.

The 1st Vice asked if having to hold a special meeting to discuss one of his appointments had ever happened before. He found that the only other time there was even a question about a Commander's appointments was the previous year, when the Commander was going to take over the role of NEC, and Clifford Kaizer wanted to take over the job as he

was going to run for National Office at the National Convention the next month. The Commander stepped aside, but this did not go to another meeting.

With no further hands being raised for debate, the Commander called for a vote.

MOTION PASSES

1st Vice Commander Bruno called for a Division. Votes are as follows.

1st Vice Commander Bruno-Aye

2nd Vice Commander Shilo-Aye

Finance Officer Flanigan-Aye

Judge Advocate Kaizer-Abstained from voting

Squadron 208 Representative Deleskey-Aye

The Commander thanked all for taking the time to attend this meeting. He further instructed Henry Shilo to wait so that he could receive the NEC Materials from the Commander following the meeting.

MOTION: to adjourn by Judge Advocate Kaizer, seconded by 1st Vice Commander Bruno. **MOTION PASSES**

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm