

## **INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 19, 2011

The meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve German at 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Flint, Michigan.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Steve German, Robert Mayrand, Pat Smith, Don Hatfield

**EXCUSED:** Lynn Jolink

**GUESTS:** 16 guests were present

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Read minutes from 9.24.10. It was moved by Smith, supported by Hatfield, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussed the change to delegate credentials. Proposed amendment will be voted on at Convention.

At Fall Conference, Contest Supervisory had included in their minutes to add 2 more members and 3 alternates because several of their Committee members are often no-shows. Their minutes were approved by DEC but were not initially put through to Internal Affairs or Finance. Motion by Smith, supported by Mayrand, to table the issue until new Department Commander makes his committee appointments in the hopes that the new appointees will be actively involved. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The 6<sup>th</sup> District submitted a resolution to make Legion Riders a Department standing committee. Jim Wallace spoke in favor of the change. Steve Stevens, Post 14, spoke in opposition. John Bowman, founder of original chapter, spoke in opposition stating that the program has been working great for 14 years the way it is. Elmer Lurette spoke in opposition. Greg Price spoke in opposition. It was stated that the Legion Riders need to come to some type of consensus among themselves first. Shouldn't be put up for a vote until their two sides come together. Motion by Smith, supported by Hatfield, for Internal Affairs to table the discussion. Proposed amendment will be voted on at Convention.

National Vice Commander Mella brought in National Commander Jimmie Foster. Commander Foster gave words of support and encouragement to the Committee.

Discussed Resolution 11-W-9, submitted by Americanism and Internal Affairs Committees, regarding U.S. flag flown at half-staff as directed by Michigan Governor. Motion to support by Mayrand, supported by Smith. Motion carried.

Discussed Resolution 11-W-10, Lifetime Achievement Award. Resolution doesn't seem necessary. Motion to accept by Hatfield, supported by Smith. Motion carried.

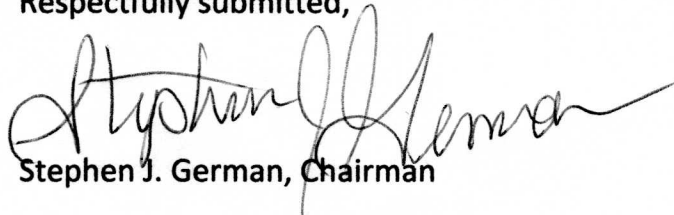
Discussed Resolution 11-W-11, Legionnaire of the Year Award. Chairman German suggested mirroring Auxiliary. Motion by Mayrand to reject, rewrite, and resubmit. Supported by Hatfield. Motion carried.

Chairman German gave a heads up on Commander Hafeman's 5 Year Plan. If approved, it will require 15 Constitutional amendments and 19 resolutions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to appear before this committee, Chairman German adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen J. German". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stephen J. German, Chairman