

Secretaries Minutes for April 2021 Meeting

Regular meeting of NE. VVA Chapter 279 called to order by President Schissel at 1830 hours.

President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present were: Pres. Schissel, VP Hester, Sec. Halbkat

3 officers and 21 members were in attendance.

Dick Rowe made motion to accept Sec. minutes and Anthony Weathers seconded. Motion carried.

Joe Mangiamelli made motion to accept Trea. Report and Ron Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Current Treasurer, Howard Ball, is currently on sick call. He is expected back with full recovery, but could be a long process. We wish him all the best.

At this time the ELECTION OF OFFICERS was held. The election committee consisted of Tom Brown and Dottie Barickman. Ballots were collected, validated signatures against the chapter roster, and a head count was taken. Members were excused to lobby while committee tallied the votes. Members called back in with results: NEW President Terry Hester, NEW Vice President Joe Mangiamelli, Sec. Tom Halbkat re-elected, and NEW assistant Treasurer Ron Haase was elected to take over duties held by Howard Ball, who is on sick call. A motion was made by Glen Page and seconded by George Abbott that the elections be accepted. Motion carried. At this time all new officers were sworn in by committee member Dottie Barickman and the meeting carried on.

Tom Brown reported that Victory Apts. in both Omaha and Lincoln are now at full capacity.

Joe Mangiamelli reports that veterans court is being held every other week and that 2 individuals have been released from Douglas County jail.

Ron Haase reports POW/MIA numbers are now at 1584 with a Naval officer being identified.

Tom Brown has no report on scholarships.

Due to the election of Terry Hester, President, Joe Mangiamelli, Vice President and Ron Haase, Assistant Treasurer, a motion was made and approved that Joe Mangiamelli and Ron Haase be added as signors on the Chapter's General and Raffle accounts with Core Bank, as well as signors on the Chapter's Certificate of Deposit with Veridian Credit Union. Additionally, Dennis Schissel is to be removed as a signor on each of these accounts.

A motion was made by Joe Mangiamelli and seconded by George Abbott that the following bills be paid: Quarterly payment of \$150.00 to the VFW for use of their facility, \$300.00 deposit from Pres. Hester for golf outing, \$64.62 for website, and \$40.00 to Dennis Schissel. Motion carried. It was re-iterated at time of payment that a receipt or invoice must be presented.

In other news, George Abbott reports the groundbreaking for the Memorial at Sumpter Park will be VVDay in 2022. Also, Tom Brown reports that the Memorial Foundation will have 2 tables set up during this year's re-union, August 12-15 in Lincoln.

Pres. Hester reported that our 6th Annual Golf Outing will be at Pacific Springs Golf Course but their price will be increased to \$49.00 per player and be all inclusive. To that end , Tom Brown made a motion we raise our price to \$95.00 per player and George Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pres. Hester also reports our website is already collecting money on the advertising at \$100.00 per ad. George Abbott made motion we pay application to golf course when received and Richard Luth seconded. Motion carried. Tom Brown also made motion to pay \$54.00 for security for our website when received and Ron Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Dottie Barickman started discussion on an earlier start time for our monthly meeting. Will continue discussion at the May meeting. She also reports that Patriotic Productions will be holding a parade in downtown Omaha and a concert at the Durham Museum on May 28, 2021 for Gold Star families and all veterans are encouraged to attend.

George Abbott made motion to adjourn and seconded by Richard Luth. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be: May 6, 2021.

Secretary, Chapter 279

Tom Halbkat

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Halbkat", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.