

MINUTES FROM GRAND COUNCIL OF ADMINISSTRATION

5 SEPTEMBER2009

Grand Council of Administration was opened by Grand Commander Gary Dressel.

Opening Prayer read by Grand Chaplain Joe Horan

Roll Call of Grand Officers:

Grand Commander Gary Dressel – Present
Grand Sr. Vice CDR Graham Leaver – Present
Grand Jr. Vice CDR Jill Lynch – Present
Grand Quartermaster Tom Gimble – Present
Grand Chaplain Joe Horan – Present
Grand Judge Advocate Chris Wheeler – Excused
Grand Surgeon – Mike Mackowiak – Excused
Grand Council Members: Area 1 – Excused
Area 2 – Excused
Area 3 – Brian Bishop Excused
Area 4 – Unknown
Area 5 – Chris Doyon – Present

Pup Tent 1 – Seam Squirrel + 1
Pup Tent 2 – Seam Squirrel + 6
Pup Tent 4 – Seam Squirrel + 2
Pup Tent 5 – Blanket Bum +1
Pup Tent 9 – Seam Squirrel + 7
Pup Tent 14 – Grand CDR + 3
Pup Tent 15 – 0
Pup Tent 16 – 0

Acknowledgement of all Past Grand Commanders – Ralph Steinway, Joe Horan, Ernie (PGC California), Skip Sharp.

Cootie or Family of Cootie in Distress: Pete Fitzpatrick – Past SS of PT 5. Lost son earlier in month.

CCDB Report: as of 31 July, \$26,801.33 total in accounts. Checking \$21,155.49 and \$5645.84 in CD.

Official Communications: Pup Tent 4 and Pup Tent 5 received membership certificate for achieving 100% in membership by June 2009.

Grand of Virginia received a certificate for being 100% inspected.
Official Communications (con't): Pup Tent 9 Cooties Gunner and Bill receive certificate for support of Booster Report.

Committee Reports: None at this time.

Remember VFW National Home: Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business: Supreme By-Law change recommendations 1 & 4 passed on floor.

Change recommendations 2 & 3 failed.

- Per the current Supreme Program Book – the bond money is wrong. Currently stated at \$7 per \$1000. New total is actually \$14 per \$1000. Pup Tents are requested to send the additional \$7 per \$1000 to Supreme Headquarters.
- -Cootie Courier. It is costing roughly \$60k per year to print and mail to all Cooties. PLEASE send an e-mail to your Seam Squirrel and/or CCDB if you would prefer to receive this paper electronically vice getting a hard copy. Seam Squirrel will then forward to Grand Commander to forward to Supreme Headquarters.
- Jesse Kitson, Quartermaster for the Grand of Delaware is the POC for our District Hospital reports. There is a new format in MS Excel that will calculate the totals for you.
- Donations for the Tomb Trek hospitality room that the Grand of Virginia sponsors every year are being requested. Send all donations to the Grand QM, Tom Gimble. It was discussed that the proceeds from the Hospitality Room will be given to the VFW Children's National Home when the Grand CDR and Chief of Staff visit in December.
- Pup Tent 16 is having a few issues with membership and is on the edge of folding. Grand CDR request those that can make the trip go and visit them to show support and see if there is any way that we can help them along.
- Pup Tent 3 from Havelock, NC supports the Cootie Safari. Discussion was had about getting a group together to go and make a surprise visit to their Post Home for a weekend. More to follow, as their scratch is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Department Commander Rex Farris has asked the Grand Commander to accompany him on his visits to all the VA Hospitals in the State of Virginia, along with the Department President Kathy Birch and Grand MOCA President Delpha. Motion was made by Grand JVC Jill Lynch and second by Grand QM Tom Gimble to donate \$500 from the Grand of Virginia towards EACH visit for a total of \$2000 for the year. Cootie Charlie Walden asked for clarification if this was to be a one time thing or would it be continual. That would depend on the next Grand Commander. Motion passed on floor.
- Special Projects. There is a \$1 per capita tax for National Home Special Projects for each cootie in the Grand of Virginia. Typically the Grand gives a check for \$500 which covers every Cootie in the Grand.

Good of the Scratch:

Tomb Trek is fast approaching. **WE NEED HELP IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM.** The following volunteers are needed:

Bar Tenders – a couple from each Pup Tent.

Pull Tabs – Grand Adj. Sterling is the POC for this. We need folks to help sell.

Taking money is easy.

The MOCA will do the food.

Reverted back to New Business: Motion was made for 50% of the NET proceeds from Tomb Trek (for 2009 ONLY) to be donated to the VFW Children's National Home. No discussion and motion passed.

Good of the GRAND: The All Star program. Up to 5 Pup Tents can be nominated for this award. Seam Squirrels are to review the new Program Book to see what the requirements are.

-VFW Booster Program. We have not been consistent across the Grand of Virginia in making this program a success. The current goal is to recruit/reinstate 150 members throughout the Grand. We need to get better at this, and start submitting the reports.

- Mileage rate for Hospital work is \$.42 per mile.

- Special THANK YOU to Pup Tent 9 for breakfast and all the hospitality for the Grand Council of Administration. A lousy time was had by all.

- Grand Inspector reported that Pup Tent 4 will be inspected on Sunday and Pup Tent 5 will be inspected on 8 September.

Closing ceremonies were held and the Grand Council of Administration Meeting was adjourned.