



**Black Hills Chapter American Legion Riders**  
**American Legion Post 164**  
PO Box 583  
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Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm  
Spearfish Ambulance Service, Spearfish  
Monthly Meeting Minutes- Approved February 12, 2014

Members Present: Matt Hardin, Jim Dittes, Micheline Nelson, Fred Nelson, Duane Riedlinger, Helen Riedlinger, David Riedlinger; Brad Pohlman; Robert Borbely; Royce Lyons; Jim Childers; Ginger Childers; John Nelson; Brian Hambek; Russel Edwards; Carol Edwards; Dick Rutherford; Jim R Raysor; Buck Deweese; John (mike) Kain; VOLLIE ELIAS; Bart Willuweit; Lori Willuweit

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Director Brian Hambek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

After the salute to the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, invocation and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA and fallen heroes, the Riders read the Riders Creed.

Duane Riedlinger moved to approve the minutes with one name correction; Russel Edwards seconded – carried. Fred Nelson moved to approve the treasurer's report with a balance of \$777.68; Jim Dittes seconded – carried. The \$100.00 donation to the winner of the District 1 oratorical contest went to Kaitlyn Dix of Lemmon. Robert Borbely moved to reimburse the \$67.00 expense for a plant arrangement sent to Baltic for a funeral. Matt Hardin seconded – carried. Jim Dittes reported that there are 32 members and added two at the meeting, a majority paid their new dues and received new membership cards. The membership accepted the two new members Ginger Childers and John (Mike) Kain, by secret ballots. Duane Riedlinger motioned to destroy the ballots, seconded by Matt Hardin – carried.

Road captain Fred Nelson appointed road captain assistants/alternates: Jim Dittes, Brian Hambek, Dick Rutherford, and Russel Edwards. Discussion led to a strong support for an overnight ride.

Escort/Honors coordinator Russel Edwards will visit funeral homes with Brad Pohlman and leave contact information. Services in the winter can be limited to flag lines if the weather doesn't allow for a riding escort. Russell and Brad will develop a template to announce missions and gather information needed.

After sick call, additional reports highlighted the participation in the Veterans' Day events at the Ft. Meade VA Hospital and the Optimist Club Home Show, Micheline will have a sign-up sheet ready.

Under new business, Fred Nelson moved to accept the recommendation from the Executive Board to split the office of secretary/treasurer into two offices to be known as secretary and treasurer. Lori Willuweit seconded – carried. Duane Riedlinger motioned to accept the amended Constitution & Bylaws first reading to reflect the change in officers, Matt Hardin seconded – carried.

Brian Hambek showed the two great banners to promote the Chapter at public events. Fred Nelson led the members through the pages of the new website and noted suggestions. Communication venues were discussed. The member-only page will provide a single location for sharing the chapter's information.

There were no additional comments for the good of The American Legion Riders.

The meeting was called to adjourn at 7:15 followed by a closing prayer, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson