



Black Hills Chapter American Legion Riders
American Legion Post 164
PO Box 583
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Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Spearfish Ambulance Service, Spearfish

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Approved January 14, 2015

Chapter Officers & Chairmen: Present were Brian Hambek, Director; Jim Dittes, Asst. Director/Membership Chairman; Micheline Nelson, Secretary; Jim Childers, Treasurer; David Riedlinger, Sergeant-at-Arms; Royce Lyons, Escort Chairman; Mike Kain, Honors Chairman; Dick Rutherford, Chaplain; and Jane Rutherford, Newsletter Editor. Excused was Fred Nelson, Road Captain/Web Master

Guest: Val Richards (introduced by Buck DeWeese)

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

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

Mike Kain moved to approve the minutes as printed; Duane Riedlinger seconded – carried. Jim Childers read the treasurer's report; Duane Riedlinger move to reimburse the remaining \$406.00 to Jim Dittes for the patches he prepaid when ordered for the chapter. Buck DeWeese seconded – carried.

Escorts: Royce Lyons reported that there was no escort last month. Honors Coordinator Mike Kain reported on the inauguration of the BHSU President Tom Jackson Jr.

Membership chairman, Jim Dittes reported that we have 49 paid members. New membership will start in January. Members present voted to approve the membership of Val Richards. The vote was unanimous. The Chapter has now 50 members. Bob Borbely made the motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Jim Childers. – carried.

After the sick calls, we moved to reports of activities. Brian Hambek reported on the First Aid training held on November 22nd with 8 members participating. He intends to hold two trainings a year. Buck DeWeese suggested to invite the Civil Air Patrol. Brian Hambek also shared being appointed at the Post meeting as liaison for the SAL Squadron 164. The application for the new charter with 16 members is in process. Duane and Helen Riedlinger reported on the Christmas parties and their impact on the veterans at Ft. Meade and Hot Springs.

Under new business, upcoming events are the Military Appreciation Night at BHSU on January 31st. There will be tables in the hallway to showcase the Legion and Riders. Valentine's Day at Ft. Meade VA is scheduled for February 10 afternoon. Helen Riedlinger shared that the Hulett Unit gave socks and bags of treats. They will be distributed with the bags of fruits that day. Jim Childers said he had many bags of tootsie rolls left from the parades. Helen will find out if we can add tootsie rolls to the bags of fruits. March 7 and 8 are the dates for the Optimist Club Home Show.

The Chapter Christmas party with white elephant gift exchange is scheduled for Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 pm at the Loud American Roadhouse.

We moved to the elections of officers for 2015. Mike Kain made the motion to re-elect the 2014 officers for the new membership year. Buck DeWeese seconded. Brian Hambek asked the officers if they would continue their duties for an additional year. All agreed and after a vocal vote, the motion passed.

There were additional comments for the good of The American Legion Riders. Bob Borbely suggested to plan ahead and decide on a date for the poker run. On suggestion is to have our event before all others and maybe look at May 30th. Micheline Nelson shared that the date for the breakfast fundraiser was approved at the Elkhorn Resort for September 13th and Bob Borbely suggested to keep the fundraiser open-ended. It would be to raise funds for veteran related needs. The next discussion was about a three or four-day ride for the summer. Some riders would participate by following the group in cages. The spring district meetings will be held on April 10 & 11 and April 17 & 18.

The meeting was called to adjourn at 6:45 followed by the closing prayer by Dick Rutherford, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson