



Black Hills Chapter American Legion Riders
American Legion Post 164
PO Box 583
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Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm
Spearfish Ambulance Service, Spearfish
Monthly Meeting Minutes - Approved

Members Present: Brian Hambek; Jim Childers; Micheline Nelson; Fred Nelson; Duane Riedlinger; Helen Riedlinger; David Riedlinger; Robert Borbely; Russel Edwards; Carol Edwards; Dick Rutherford; Jim Dittes; Robert Borbely; Mike Kain; Marvin Friedt; and John Nelson

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. Today's guests were Mike Turner and Marine Avril. Prospective new members pending approval of membership application were Marlene (Mar) and Joel Marvin.

Jim Childers moved to approve the minutes as printed; Dick Rutherford seconded – carried. It was moved to approve the treasurer's report; Mike Kain seconded – carried.

Road Captain Fred Nelson reported on the National Commander's escort. He contacted Bill Sloan at national to request permission to do a National Commander's Escort and Support to his visit's patch. It was approved. Dick Rutherford made the motion seconded by Fred Nelson to order patches for the escort or support of the National Commander's visit to be paid from the general funds. – carried with one vote opposed. Sunday rides are challenging due to weather conditions. As a reminder, breakfast is 9:00 at Perkins; KSU at 10:30 from the Kmart parking lot. The safety training was attended by 8 members. Another training will be available later this summer especially on group riding. Craig Sanderson asked if the Black Hills Chapter of the American Legion Riders would participate in the Parade for Wild West Days in honor of local Korean War veterans.

Escort Coordinator Russel Edwards reported that we had three funerals since last meeting with one left this week on Friday for a rider from ALR Post 22.

Honors Coordinator Mike Kain requested rehearsal for the POW/MIA Table and posting of colors. Upcoming requests are the POW/MIA ceremony on June 21 at 8:00 am for the State Convention in Pierre; the posting of Colors and POW/MIA ceremony at Carol Edwards Homecoming June 28; and posting of Colors on June 20 for the opening ceremony of Spearfish Relay for Life event. Rehearsal is set for Tuesday, June 17 at noon.

Membership Chairman Jim Dittes reported we had 42 members and 3 applications. After voting by ballot, Dick Davis, Marlene Marvin, and Joel Marvin were approved by the members present.

After reports on last month's missions, events' participation to include the St Thomas More Flag Ceremony and First Aid & CPR training focusing on motorcycle (8 participants) and sick calls, we moved to the recommendations from the Executive Board. A resolution approved by Post 164 was presented and will be submitted to the state convention. Under unfinished business, details about the upcoming Flag Day Poker Run was shared by members of the sub-committee. The whole group picture is set for 11:40, KSU at 11:45 with police escort to HWY 85.

After the sharing of correspondence, we moved to new business. The Belle Fourche Roundup Parade Committee sent a request to enter the parade. Dick Rutherford will coordinate the Fourth of July parades in Belle Fourche, Spearfish and Deadwood. The theme for Belle Fourche is 95 Years of Cowboy Pride. Helen Riedlinger made the motion to give Dick Rutherford a budget of \$200.00 to purchase candy for the 4th of July parades; seconded by Duane Riedlinger – carried.

Jim Dittes made the motion to purchase a set of services flags to fly when we do funeral escorts; Micheline Nelson seconded – carried.

Chaplain Dick Rutherford made a motion to direct the Executive Board to add a code of conduct to the funeral home flag line procedure, David Riedlinger seconded – carried.

Director Brian informed the members of the resignation of Russel Edwards as Sergeant-at-Arms and Escort Coordinator. Duane Riedlinger made the motion to accept Russel Edwards resignation with regrets, Mike Kain seconded – carried. Carol Edwards nominated David Riedlinger for the office of Sergeant –at-Arms. Fred Nelson called for nomination to cease and casting a unanimous ballot, seconded by Mike Kain – carried. The Honors Coordinator is an appointed position and will be filled at a later date.

Plans are started for a September 21 breakfast/ride fundraising event to support a local cause. Discussion about raising fund for an 8 year old child of a veteran who has leukemia. Bob Borbely will chair a sub-committee to plan the event. The following members volunteered: Bob and Kim Borbely, Mar and Joel Marvin, Fred and Micheline Nelson.

There were no additional comments for the good of The American Legion Riders. The meeting was called to adjourn at 7:25 followed by a closing prayer, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson