

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 164 – MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 9, 2014

Members present: Brian Hambek; Jim Childers; Jane Rutherford; David Riedlinger; Helen Riedlinger; Duane Riedlinger; Carol Edwards; Russ Edwards; Royce Lyons; Bob Borbely; Marvin Friedt; Dick Rutherford Excused: Fred Nelson, Micheline Nelson, Jim Dittes

Guest present: Glenn Bahley

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

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 Rider's Creed.

Glenn Bahley was introduced as guest.

Duane Riedlinger moved to approve the minutes as printed; Jim Childers seconded – motion carried. Jim Childers read the Treasurer's Report with a bank balance of \$1,343.71 and undeposited funds of \$40.00. Jim moved to approve; Duane Riedlinger seconded – motion carried.

Jim Childers reported that 13 bags of candy are on hand after the July 4th parades. After discussion Dave Riedlinger moved to donate 6 bags to Carol Edwards for distribution at the State Fair parade in Rapid City, seconded by Dick Rutherford – motion carried. After further discussion, all agreed to store the remaining 7 bags for possible distribution at the BHSU Swarm Day parade.

Road Captain report given by Dick Rutherford. Three (3) items were discussed: Importance to maintain the 2-second spacing; Duties of Ride Captain, including designating a ride Sweep; responsibility of every rider to the entire group with emphasis on never leaving the group without notifying the Sweep, the Captain, or another rider.

Report given on the Belle Fourche and Spearfish parades. At Belle Fourche we had 11 bikes with 4 persons throwing candy. KEVN filmed and later broadcast an interview with Dick Rutherford. Three bikes with full flags lead the parade and all riders and passengers wore cowboy hats and scarves with five displaying lariats, all to honor the parade theme of Cowboy Pride. Carol Edwards reported that we were awarded the "Most Patriotic" parade entry. At Spearfish we began with 8 riders and 3 candy throwers. Marvin participated in the Honor Guard entry, but went on to represent the ALR in the Deadwood parade.

No escort rides or calls for rides since last report.

Glenn Bahley (guest) and Lee Voyles (not present) were voted as new members unanimously. Membership report stated with a total of 48 members.

Report on Spearfish Veterans monument given by Jim Childers and Dick Rutherford.

Bob Borbely gave a report on the Poker Run. Due to the inclement weather, only 18 bikes participated. All those who joined reported a good time!

Brian Hambek reported on the Relay for Life and how well the 4 ALR members performed as Honor Guard.

Jim Childers reported on the AL convention in Pierre. Ginger Childers was awarded the honor of 2014 Legionette of the Year for South Dakota, Jim Childers was designated as Post 164 delegate at the National Convention, and Carol Edwards was installed as State Auxiliary President.

Sick call: Brian reported that Lori Willeweit's daughter Elissa was not doing well in her battle with cancer. Carol Edwards reported that the State Commander's wife, Donna Jergens, is hospitalized.

Unfinished business: A general discussion was held regarding the September 21st Breakfast ride. Carol Edwards reported that the new Sturgis Nursing Home was residence for a few veterans who had learned of Black Hills ALR and stated they would appreciate a visit. The nursing home is common ownership with Dorsett in Spearfish and Borbely will give contact info to Dick Rutherford for scheduling a visit as a Veterans Affair function.

New business: Brian read a thank you letter from William Pease of the National Emergency fund and a thank you note from Carol Edwards for our participation in her Homecoming event. Brian Hambek presented Russ Edwards with a plaque for two years' service as Sergeant at Arms. Borbely gave a report on various poker runs in the area. Brian will send an email with particulars. Russ Edwards gave a report on Post 71's Christmas in July event in Hot Springs for the veterans. Duane Riedlinger made a motion to change our Chapter number from 9 to 164. After discussion the motion was revised to add "and make such revisions to our Constitution and Bylaws as may be required". Motion seconded by Jim Childers – carried. Carol Edwards made a motion that the Chapter purchase 50 patches of "Post 164" for distribution to those currently holding Post 9 patches. Seconded by Dick Rutherford – carried.

There being no additional comments for the good of the American Legion Riders, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM followed by the closing prayer and salute to the colors.

Minutes submitted by acting Secretary Jane Rutherford