



Black Hills Chapter American Legion Riders

American Legion Post 164

PO Box 583

Spearfish, South Dakota, 57783

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Spearfish Ambulance Service, Spearfish

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Approved February 11, 2015

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

Guest: none

Assistant-Director Jim Dittes 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.

Duane Riedlinger moved to approve the minutes as printed; Mike Kain seconded – carried. Ginger Childers on behalf of Jim Childers read the treasurer's report; Dick Rutherford moved to approve the treasurer's report as read, Bob Borbely seconded – carried.

Escorts: Royce Lyons and Mike Kain reported that there were 20 riders present at Gay Hambek's funeral. Sixteen of the riders participated in the flag lines before and after the service. Mike Turner inquired about spouses being escorted to the National Cemetery. After discussions, the consensus was that if a person deserves the right to be buried at a National Cemetery, that person deserves the right to an escort pending the family making a request. Others may request a flag line and the decision to stand the flag line when requested, will be reviewed by the escort chairman, Royce Lyons; honors chairman Mike Kain; and chapter director Brian Hambek.

Honors coordinator Mike Kain reported that the Riders were asked to do the White Table ceremony at the Mid-Winter Convention. A short discussion on the appropriate ceremony reminded all that at a meeting the empty chair draped with the POW/MIA sleeve or flag should be placed in front by the head table, while the White Table ceremony should be reserved to dinners and banquets. Since this request came from the SD Department of the American Legion, it was decided to do the White Table ceremony at the opening of the joint meeting on Saturday morning as requested.

Membership chairman, Jim Dittes reported that there are 38 paid members. Art Nelson transferred to the Spearfish Post 164 and to the Black Hills Chapter 164.

After the sick calls, we moved to reports of activities. Jane Rutherford has the second NewsLeather published and available on the website.

Under unfinished business, the Riders and Legion family will have a table for the Military Appreciation Night at BHSU on January 31st. The Service Flags were requested. Valentine's Day at Ft. Meade VA is scheduled for February 10 at 1:00 pm. Helen Riedlinger and Ginger Childers will coordinate the gifts. The David M. Dorsett Health Care Valentine's Day is scheduled for February 12 at 3:15. At the Post meeting, it was approved to have three adjacent booths for the Spearfish Optimist Home Show. The Post will pay for the Post and the Auxiliary. Dick Rutherford moved to pay \$100 for the Riders' booth, seconded by James Razor – carried.

Under new business, Dick Rutherford and David Riedlinger transferred to the SAL Squadron 164 from Spearfish. At the regular January meeting of Post 164, the slate of elected officers of Chapter 164 was approved. The Poker Run for the Legacy Scholarship Trust Fund will be May 30th with Bob Borbely chairing the committee to plan the Poker Run. The three-day ride will be June 5, 6 & 7. Helen Riedlinger informed the Chapter of the dates for the National American Legion Auxiliary's visit on March 17, 18, and 19. Details will be available at the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm followed by the closing prayer by Dick Rutherford, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson