



Black Hills Chapter American Legion Riders
American Legion Post 164
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Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm
Spearfish Ambulance Service, Spearfish
Monthly Meeting Minutes - Approved

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

Guests/Members: Tom Hoffman; David Coleman & Dianne

Attendance: 28

Director Brian Hambek called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

After the salute to the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, invocation by Chaplain Dick Rutherford and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA and fallen heroes, the members read the Riders Creed. After roll call of officers, Director Hambek did introduction of guests and member Tom Hoffman.

Carol Edwards moved to approve the minutes as printed; Mike Kain seconded – carried. Jim Childers read the treasurer's report. Micheline Nelson moved to approve the treasurer's report as read. David Riedlinger seconded – carried. The membership suggested that we keep \$500 in reserve – no action at this time.

Road captain & web master reports: Vietnam Vets honored in Pierre; Sunday March 29th line-up at noon with parade at 1:00. This might be difficult to attend with Districts 1 & 2 spring meetings the same weekend. Fred Nelson reported on the new Riders Chapter in Wagner. He also mentioned the high visibility of the 2014 report of activities posted on the website and Facebook.

There were no reports for escorts and honors.

Membership chairman, Jim Dittes reported that there are 46 paid members. Monica Blachet and David Coleman were approved as new members by unanimous ballots.

After the sick calls, we moved to reports of activities. The Home Show was successful. Twenty-three members participated. The Chapter received the People's Choice Award 2015.

Under unfinished business, Helen Riedlinger informed the Chapter of the dates for the National American Legion Auxiliary President's visit on March 17, 18, and 19. March 17 is the reception and St. Patrick's dinner at the Piedmont Post at 5:00 pm. Wednesday, at 6:00 pm is burger night at the Deadwood VFW. Thursday morning, breakfast reception at 8:30 at the BHSU Vets Center. Thursday evening, reception and dinner at Post 22. All are invited to participate at any time during the 3-day visit. The Chapter will do the flag line at the Black Hills National Cemetery after the breakfast reception at the BHSU Veterans Center on Thursday March 19. The Chapter will do the POW/MIA Ceremony before the meeting and lunch at the District One meeting on March 28.

David Riedlinger moved to buy 4 Road Guard vests from Emblem Sales, seconded by Fred Nelson – carried.

Under new business, Jim Childers read the thank you card from Ft. Meade VA for the Salute to Veterans Week's visit. Brian Hambek announced the resignation of Dick Rutherford as Chapter Chaplain for health reasons. Fred Nelson moved to accept his resignation with regrets, Jim Childers seconded – carried. The election of a new chaplain is moved to next meeting. Fred Nelson moved to approve the amended Constitution and Bylaws, second by James Raysor, carried. Mike Kain moved to have a Rally Riders' Night on Monday August 2nd. Dick Rutherford seconded and agreed to be the chair of the food preparation – carried.

Helen reported on the SD BHN Cemetery Council. There will be a request for help to prepare the Avenue of Flags for Memorial weekend. She also requested permission from Teresa Forbes at Ft. Meade VA to use the pictures they have on their Facebook from the Salute to Veterans' project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm followed by the closing prayer, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson