



**Black Hills Chapter American Legion Riders**  
**American Legion Post 164**  
PO Box 583, Spearfish, South Dakota, 57783

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm**

Spearfish Ambulance Service, Spearfish

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Approved

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

**Guests/Members:** None; **Attendance:** 22

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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 members read the Riders Creed. After roll call of officers, Director Hambek did the introduction of recent member David Coleman.

Jim Dittes moved to approve the minutes with one date correction; Jim Childers seconded – carried. Jim Childers read the treasurer's report. Robert Borbely moved to approve the treasurer's report as read; Fred Nelson seconded – carried.

Road captain Fred Nelson reported that on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, members pre-rode the Poker Run to distribute posters. Nelson shared that the website has been updated with pictures of new officers. Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were no flag lines/escorts for funerals and Honors chairman Mike Kain reported on the three events' participation: the flag etiquette program at West Elementary for 200 first graders; the flag raising and flag line at the start of Creekside Safety Day; and the Grand Entry at the BHSU Wacipi (Pow Wow) requested by Post 239 from Little Eagle. Membership chairman, Jim Dittes reported that there were 49 paid members before the meeting. The membership of Amy Nicholas was unanimously approved bringing the membership to 50.

After sick call, we moved to unfinished business, Robert Borbely gave the details for the May 30<sup>th</sup> Poker Run. There are at least five volunteers for registration with set-up around 8:30 am and 4:00 pm at the Sturgis Vets Club for the drawing and announcement of the winners. Borbely shared that he received 57 door prizes. The decision was made to use half for the Poker Run and half for the breakfast fundraiser in September with sponsorship at both events. Fred Nelson shared that John Nelson had all contacts for radio and TV announcements. Helen Riedlinger sent information reaffirming the date and time for helping at the BH National Cemetery with the Display of Flags. The volunteers will leave at 7:30 am from the K-Mart parking lot or meet at the cemetery on May 21<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am.

Under new business, Director Hambek read the change of the Constitution & Bylaws for the second reading. David Riedlinger moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Robert Borbely – carried. The chapter was asked to do the POW/MIA ceremony at the joint meeting on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am at the State Convention in Huron. On Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm, volunteers are needed to mark the Veterans at Rose Hill Cemetery. The schedule for the Memorial Day ceremonies was discussed with a request for a flag line at St Onge and Rose Hill. Department President Carol Edwards asked if the riders would help with a barbecue for the residents at Ft. Meade VA. The members decided to make it their Flag Day project followed by a group ride. Funding for the barbeque is provided by the President's Project fundraiser. Director Brian Hambek requested four volunteers to post colors at the opening of the Relay for Life event on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Spearfish City Park.

Fred Nelson did the Part One of Group Ride Safety explaining how to avoid cars moving into the formation and how to change lane. The American Legion Riders Sturgis Rally Reunion is scheduled for Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Spearfish VFW with social at 6:00 pm. Fred Nelson shared that he had been contacted to coordinate the project Honor Veterans KIA and victim of suicide. The coordinator is setting up an itinerary across South Dakota requesting Riders to escort the flag signed by family members of the veterans. He also shared that Box Elder is forming a new chapter. Carol Edwards invited the Riders to the National Military Appreciation event in Hot Springs at 9:00 am on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm followed by a closing prayer by Chaplain Jim Dittes, and salute to the Colors.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson*