



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

Wednesday, December 9, 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 (excused), 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

Guests/Members: No Guest; Attendance: 19

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, Secretary Nelson confirmed the quorum.

Jim Childers moved to approve the November minutes as printed; David Riedlinger seconded – carried. Treasurer Jim Childers read the treasurer's report and moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Fred Nelson - carried.

Road captain Fred Nelson reported that there were no rides since last meeting. The road safety tip related to when to remove a helmet when injured and what should a rider when coming upon an accident. A suggestion was made to offer a safety course refresher.

Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were no funeral flag line/escort since the last meeting. Honors chairman Mike Kain reported that all flags were checked, replaced and new flags are ready. There are 15 American flags.

Dick Rutherford reported on the SAL's involvement at the Spearfish Veterans Monument's unveiling ceremony. Eight SAL members helped with the food. Micheline Nelson reported on the Christmas Party at Ft. Meade.

Brian Hambek confirmed that there were 50 paid members before the meeting and no new applications were turned in. Jim Childers collected 2016 dues.

After sick call, under unfinished business, the membership decided to have the Christmas party at 5:00 pm. Under new business, the decision was given to have a Valentine project at Ft. Meade. Jim Childers will coordinate with Cheryl and confirm the date. The booths for the Home Show are reserved. (March 5-6) Helen Riedlinger reported on the meeting at BHNC. There are three 25 ft. flag poles available. The Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service is January 4. Wreath across America is planned for December 12 at 10:00 am. Wreaths need to be placed on the ground to avoid marks on the stones. Helen Riedlinger presented the members with a commemorative books of the flag project at Camping Word.

Russ Edwards reminded the riders of the District Oratorical contest in Piedmont at 1:00 pm on January 10.

James Raysor requested a flag line for Pat Ottman, veteran and wife of Willard Ottman from Lemmon. The riders will meet at 11:15 am at the BHNC on Monday the 14th.

Elections of officers for 2016: Duane Riedlinger made the motion to keep the same officers for 2016, James Raysor seconded. Buck DeWeese made the motion for nomination to cease, Dick Rutherford seconded – carried.

The Christmas party for the riders is planned for Saturday, December 19 at Roscoz' Steakhouse in Sturgis at 5:00 pm. The white elephant gift exchange is encouraged.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm followed by a closing prayer by David Riedlinger, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson