



Black Hills Chapter American Legion Riders

American Legion Post 164

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Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Spearfish Ambulance Service, Spearfish

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Approved March 11, 2015

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. Excused were Mike Kain, Honors Chairman; Dick Rutherford, Chaplain; and Jane Rutherford, Newsletter Editor

Guest: Monica Blachet

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

After the salute to the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, invocation by David Riedlinger and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA and fallen heroes, the Riders read the Riders Creed. After roll call of officers, Director Hambek did introductions of Laura Turner and Monica Blachet.

Duane Riedlinger moved to approve the minutes as printed; Royce Lyons seconded – carried. Jim Childers read the treasurer's report.

Road captain & web master reports: Fred Nelson reported on a possible May ride in Pierre; the Veterans Rally at Cripple Creek Colorado is scheduled for August 14 -16. The Chapter riders who would like to participate as a group ride will leave Thursday August 13 and be back Monday, August 17. Information can be found at <http://www.theveteransrally.org/> August 2nd, Freedom Ride in Hot Springs; August 4th Jacket Ride for BHSU veteran scholarship; Trevino Ride TBA; Bishop Ride TBA. There are 336 likes on the Chapter's Facebook.

Escorts: Royce Lyons reported that the Chapter did two funeral flag lines and escorts with a cage/flags due to weather conditions. Russ Edwards announced that the escort for Rayford Horton is scheduled for July 15 or 16.

On behalf of honors coordinator Mike Kain, Charlene Kain read his report. The Chapter participated in the BHSU Military Appreciation Night providing a flag line to the ROTC Honor Guard and conducted the POW/MIA ceremony of remembrance at Mid-Winter. TAPS were played during the ceremony.

Membership chairman, Jim Dittes reported that there are 40 paid members.

After the sick calls, we moved to reports of activities. Valentine's Day at Ft. Meade VA was scheduled for February 10 at 1:00 pm and had a large participation of members.

The Executive Board recommended that the road captain started a wish list for the upcoming year to submit to the membership at next meeting. Director Hambek reported on last year's accomplishments: 13 funeral escorts/flag lines by 105 members and 420 volunteer hours; 244 members participated in parades, events, and fundraisers for a total of 1079 volunteer hours

Under unfinished business, the David M. Dorsett Health Care Valentine's Day is scheduled for February 12 at 3:15. Director Hambek called for volunteers for the Home Show. He will be at the State Conference for the Ambulance Association. It was discussed to have two door prizes for the Home Show. (First-aid kits)

Under new business, the poker run for the Legacy Scholarship Trust Fund will be May 30th with Bob Borbely chairing the planning committee. John Nelson, Fred Nelson, Micheline Nelson, Jim Childers, and Marlene Marvin are on the poker run planning committee. The dates for the three-day ride will be adjusted due to Blue cap day at Boys State. 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 6:00pm is burger night at the Deadwood VFW. Thursday morning, reception at 8:30 at the BHSU Vets Center. All are invited to participate at any time during the 3-day visit.

Director Hambek distributed proposed changes to the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws and had the first reading was completed.

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

Following the meeting, Monica Blachet filled out her application to the American Legion Auxiliary and the Black Hills Chapter of the American Legion Riders.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson