



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

**Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm**

Spearfish Ambulance Service, Spearfish

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Approved December 10, 2014

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

**Guest:** none

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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 by Jim Childers 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 with one correction; Fred Nelson seconded – carried. Members informed Micheline Nelson that they did not receive the email with the minutes and agenda. Emails with attachments on the all.riders are not reliable and the decision to stop using that email list-serve was suggested by Fred Nelson. Micheline Nelson will create a new distribution list. Jim Childers read the treasurer's report; Russ Edwards move to reimburse \$500.00 to Jim Dittes for the patches he prepaid when ordered for the chapter with the remainder \$406 reimbursed after new dues are paid. Dave Riedlinger seconded – carried.

Road Captain Fred Nelson reported on the motorcycle group riding safety training, and three chapter rides on October 19, 26 and November 1, all to Hill City. The chapter met with the Chadron Riders Chapter and Hot Springs Chapter 71 for lunch. Escorts: Royce Lyons informed the members that the riders did two escorts including one to support Chapter 22. There was a discussion on who to escort or do flag line if the person is not a veteran. One of the guideline is to make sure the person was actively involved in supporting veterans. This decision is made by the Escort Chairman who can ask details on such activities to auxiliary members. Honors Coordinator Mike Kain reported on the flag line at the Spearfish Veteran Monument where four bikes braved the chilly temperatures and wind and 10 riders stood the flag line. The chapter also participated in Veterans Day Pow/MIA ceremonies, flag lines and speech on November 8 in Deadwood, November 11 at the Spearfish Middle School and The David M. Dorsett Health Care. Russ Edwards and Jim Dittes went to the Veterans Day program in Lead/Deadwood schools; Helen and Duane Riedlinger shared the program at Black Hawk and Piedmont schools, and Carol Edwards reported on the Veterans Day program in the Hot Springs school.

Membership chairman, Jim Dittes reported that we have 49 paid members. New membership will start in January. After the sick calls, we moved to unfinished business. State Veterans Home schedule for the gift shop was available on the tables. Carol Edwards gave the dates for other Christmas days at the Hot Springs VA and Ft. Meade VA. Riders are invited to volunteer. Christmas programs will be on Saturday December 6 at the State Veterans Home in Hot Springs, Sunday December 7 at the VA in Hot Springs and Monday December 8 at Ft. Meade VA. Micheline Nelson reported on the NHTC Community Chili Feed and the success as a Legion family.

Under new business, Fred Nelson invited the riders to participate in the inauguration of BHSU President Jackson Jr. also a Legion member of Post 164 on Saturday November 15 with line-up in the field house at 12:15. The Veterans luncheon on November 12, hosted by President Jackson Jr. went well with many riders present. The First Aid/CPR training is set for November 22 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at a minimal cost of \$5.00. Jim Childers, Mike Kain and Fred Nelson will do the POW/MIA ceremony on Saturday at the Midwinter Convention in Watertown.

The Chapter Christmas party with white elephant gift exchange is scheduled for Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 pm at the Loud American Roadhouse.

There were no additional comments for the good of The American Legion Riders.

The meeting was called to adjourn at 6:45 followed by the closing prayer by David Riedlinger, and salute to the Colors.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson*