



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

Wednesday, August 19, 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 (excused); 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:** 21

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.

Duane Riedlinger moved to approve the minutes; Fred Nelson seconded – carried. Treasurer Jim Childers read the treasurer's report. Bills were paid to reimburse the flowers for Borberly's funeral and sets of patches. Fred Nelson moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Dick Rutherford - carried.

Road captain Fred Nelson reported on the Freedom Ride August 1 in support of ALR 71; Jacket Ride August 04; and the upcoming poker run with the Gillette Riders on August 22nd; Fred Nelson also reported that all minutes were posted on the website. Safety tip of the month: suggested that riders carry an "In Case of Emergency" ICE card with medical information and contacts; additional input included to add the password to cell phones. The ICE card could be placed in the rider's wallet but if is also suggested to have a copy in an accessible place on the bike for emergency personnel. Escort Chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were three flag lines/escorts – one for our Chapter member Borb Borbely on July 24 – 53 bikes escorted him to BH National Cemetery; the escort to Slim Buttes for Russ Edwards's uncle on July 17; and longtime Legion Post 164 member Papendick. Honors Chairman Mike Kain represented by Charlene Kain, reported that 12 members participated in the Flag Raising Ceremony at the new building of Indian Motorcycles in Sturgis.

Jim Dittes reported that there were 50 paid members before the meeting and no new applications were turned in.

Under sick call, Kim Borbely status is progressing.

Reports of July activities and events: The Festival in the Park was well attended. There were members from the whole Legion family who helped bring the event to a profit. Funds were distributed proportionally to each membership on record. Jim Childers and Dick Rutherford reported on the Legion Riders BBQ on Monday 3rd of the Sturgis Rally. The attendance was roughly around 10 to 125; parking was detrimental to accessibility to the event. Better signage and coverage in the news were also suggested. Lastly, members proposed to plan for 100 to 150 people for next year. Duane Riedlinger shared that him and Russ Edwards presented a certificate of longevity for 60 years in the Legion to Marvin Burch from McLaughlin during the regular Post 164 meeting and to another Legion member in Hot Springs also for 60 years. Helen Riedlinger shared that she attended the recognition at the Black Hills National Cemetery for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War on August 17th. Carol Edwards reported on the ice cream social at the Ft. Meade VA on August 16.

Under unfinished business – Micheline Nelson and Jim Childers worked with Marlene and Joel Marvin to finalize details for the First Annual Robert "Borb" Borbely Ride or Golf Fundraiser set for September 20th. Marlene and Joel Marvin offered to give \$5/\$3 from each person attending the event and paying for the brunch. There will be a 50/50 drawing, golf 2-man scramble for \$50. Jim Childers rescinded his initial motion. Carol Edwards made the motion to share the proceeds equally for Borbely's children's education and Deanna Elmquist to help with expenses related to her cancer after the 25% withholding for the Chapter; pending confirmation by Kim Borbely. Duane Riedlinger seconded the motion – carried. Jim Dittes made the motion to add a freewill donation box for the ride. Amy Nichols seconded and the motion carried.

Under new business, Riders are invited to the Post/Unit 164 Boys & Girls State Picnic on September 9 at 6:00 pm. Set-up will start around 4:30 pm. Banners will be displayed. The Sturgis preschool requested a flag etiquette education program for the 3 to 5 year old students on Patriot Day, September 11. Creekside Elementary is also seeking our education program with the POW/MIA Ceremony of Remembrance. Saturday, September 26, District One fall meeting with social at 11:00 CT. Saturday, October 10 – Swarm Day parade at 10:00 am and Football Field at 12:30 for the pre-game parade. Amy Nicholas brought a Legion license plate received during the August 3rd BBQ. Members suggested to bring this to the Legion Post to order at least 25 Legion Post Plates with the emblem of the four families, Post, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders. Amy Nicholas showed the patches in Memory of Borb Borbely. She donated the patches for the memorial. Members bought patches at \$5.00 apiece.

Report from the Black Hills National Cemetery Council by Helen Riedlinger: Members bussed tables at the Sturgis Pizza Ranch and raised close to \$700. Behrens Rapid City Funeral Home & Crematorium will dispose of damaged and retired American flags. She advised to check with local funeral homes. On October 5 at 9:00 am, there will be a ceremony for the Unaccompanied Veterans. The request to grant 200 acres of BLM land north of the National Cemetery to be added to the BHNC property for burials is going to Congress.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm followed by a closing prayer by Chaplain Jim Dittes, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson