



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

Wednesday, September 16, 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 (excused)

Guests/Members: None; **Attendance:** 13

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.

Royce Lyons moved to approve the August minutes; Mike Kain seconded – carried. Treasurer Jim Childers read the treasurer's report. Fred Nelson moved to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills, seconded by David Riedlinger - carried. Patches for inventory were reimbursed to Brian Hambek for \$592.

Road captain Fred Nelson reported on group rides August 23, September 6 and 13 when we met up with Windriders from Gillette. Riders from Chapter 71, Deanna and Chris Elmquist participated in the September 13 ride and met the Riders from Gillette. A pre-ride to Borberly's Memorial ride is scheduled for September 19 am da ride to District 2 in Rapid City on September 27 is planned. Leave at 9:00 am for Post 22. The road safety tip is to avoid distractions and watch for other motorcycles by looking twice.

Escort Chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were two flag lines/and escorts for McKay Smith and Dennis Edwards Honors Chairman Mike Kain reported that 8 members participated in the Flag etiquette program and folding/unfolding ceremony at the Sturgis Community Preschool on Patriot Day.

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

After sick call, members reported on August and early September activities and events: Russ Edwards shared that he attended the National Convention with Don Ackerman and \$4,000 were given to the Legacy Run Scholarship. They gave the check to the National Commander with Department Commander Terry Hansen. A short discussion followed regarding fundraisers for the Legacy Run versus local or state causes. Carol Edwards shared that Lynn Pohlman received a plaque for the National Department Americanism award from the Northwest Division and that three of the nine awards at National came to Spearfish.

Fred Nelson thanked the Riders who attended the Boys and Girls State picnic. There only two delegates who were unable to attend. Testimonials were detailed and one asked all veterans to stand to be recognized and thanked. The Auxiliary served the meal. Discussion followed regarding the timeframe of the event.

Under unfinished business – Micheline Nelson and Brian Hambek reported on the brunch meeting at the Country Club attended by Kim Borbely. The members will set-up at 9:00 am. Decorations, gifts, picture boards, prizes are ready. After discussion Mike Kain moved to split 50/50, the \$400 donation from the Gillette Windriders without withholding the 25% for the chapter, David Riedlinger seconded. – carried.

Under new business, Riders are invited to the District One District meeting on September 26; to participate in the Swarm Day events on October 10, and to join the Legion Family for the "Gourmet Roadkill Chili" for the NHTC fundraiser on October 20 from 5 to 7 pm. Carol shared the information for the Deadwood's Veterans Salute: Honoring All Who Served on Saturday, November 7th at the Deadwood Mountain Grand with a reception from 2 to 3 pm; program at 3:00pm Riders will do the POW/MIA Ceremony of Remembrance; guest speakers from the 173rd Survivors Reunion and dinner to follow.

Report from the BHNC Council from Helen Riedlinger's email: October 5 at 9:00 am, ceremony for the Unaccompanied Veterans. Russ Edwards suggested that the Riders commit to check the flags after the 9:00 am ceremony. The committal shelter is undergoing renovations; services will be under a tent temporarily. Help will be needed to take the flags down after Veterans Day. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm followed by a closing prayer by Chaplain David Riedlinger, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson