



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

**Wednesday, November 18, 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: No Guest; Attendance: 14**

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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 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.

David Riedlinger moved to approve the October minutes as printed; Jim Childers seconded – carried. Treasurer Jim Childers read the treasurer's report and moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Fred Nelson - carried. Duane Riedlinger moved to buy 10 flags from The Emblem, David Riedlinger seconded. Carried. Mike Kain checked the flags and counted five to replace. Brian Hambek and Mike Kain will make additional flagpoles and order covers.

Road captain Fred Nelson reported on the two Sunday rides to Hill City to meet Chapter 71 on October 18 and to Devils Tower on November 15. The road safety tip is to "Look for people with out-of-state licenses!" Mike Turner reminded us to think of wearing protective gear.

Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were no funeral flag line/escort since the last meeting. Honors chairman Mike Kain reported that members participated the flag etiquette presentation in Piedmont; Veterans Day at Ft. Meade; POW/MIA at the Deadwood Grand and Spearfish Veterans Day dinner, and shared the addition of all veterans to stand up during the TAPS and salute; and contributed to six (6) Veterans Day programs.

Duane Riedlinger reported on service hours related to service to veterans and will collaborate with Brian Hambek for the reporting. Jim Childers shared that Ginger Childers received a pin for 1,000 hours of volunteering.

Brian Hambek reported that there were 50 paid members before the meeting and no new applications were turned in. Remember to renew membership in January.

After sick call, Helen Riedlinger reported on the meeting at BHNC. November 12 at 8:00 am was the date to take down the flags at the Avenue of Flags; the dates for the 2016 Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Services are January 4, April 4, July 11, and October 3. Wreath across America is planned for December 12 at 10:00 am. Duane and Helen Riedlinger participated at the November 10 Stand Down in Rapid City and reported that numbers of veterans served went from 80 last year to around 150 this year. Helen Riedlinger read four cards with thank you notes from the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Piedmont.

Under unfinished business – Micheline Nelson purchased frames for the poker run donors/sponsors certificates and received a quote for the Buffalo Chip frame. Fred Nelson moved to allow up to \$215 for all frames, seconded by Jim Childers. – carried.

Under new business, Micheline Nelson read thank you notes from the National Adjutant for the \$1,150 donation for the Legacy Trust Funds and a card for the Veterans Day program at Ft. Meade. Riders are invited to the unveiling of the first panel of the Spearfish Veterans Monument on December 6 at 2:00 pm. The SAL will have hot dogs, chips and coke free to veterans and a free-will donations from patriots. There is a Christmas Party for veterans at Ft. Meade VA on December 8 at 1:00 pm.

The Christmas party for the riders is planned for Saturday, December 19 at Roscoe in Sturgis. Time TBA. The white elephant gift exchange is encouraged.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm followed by a closing prayer by David Riedlinger, and salute to the Colors.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson*