



Black Hills Chapter American Legion Riders

American Legion Post 164

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Spearfish, South Dakota, 57783

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Spearfish Ambulance Service, Spearfish

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Approved

Chapter Officers & Chairmen: 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; Mike Kain, Honors Chairman; Chaplain TBA; and Jane Rutherford, Newsletter Editor (Excused)

Guests/Members: Brandie and Delbert Hamilton

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, Director Hambek did the introduction of the guests.

Duane Riedlinger moved to approve the minutes with corrections; Fred Nelson seconded – carried. Jim Childers read the treasurer's report. Fred Nelson moved to approve the treasurer's report as read. David Riedlinger seconded – carried.

Road captain & web master reports: March 28th: Pre-ride for the Poker Run; June 6th tentative date for a ride to Pierre to meet state ALR. August 13th -17th Cripple Creek Ride with Riders from Chapter 71.

Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were four flag lines/escorts for funerals; the family of Delbert Hamilton gave an honorary donation of \$100. Honors chairman Mike Kain reported on the wreath-laying at the BH National Cemetery during the ALA National President's visit and the POW/MIA ceremony at the District One Spring Meeting.

Membership chairman, Jim Dittes reported that there were 47 paid members before the meeting. The memberships of Delbert and Brandie Hamilton were unanimously approved.

After sick call, we moved to reports of activities to include the ALA National President's visit and the District One Spring Meeting with congratulations to the newly elected District One Commander Russ Edwards.

Under unfinished business, Bob Borbely gave the details for the May 30th Poker Run; Helen Riedlinger reaffirmed the date and time for helping at the BH National Cemetery with the Avenue of Flags. The volunteers will meet at the cemetery on May 22nd at 8:00 am. Russ Edwards provided details for his uncle's escort on July 17th from Sturgis to Slim Buttes. Chapter 71 will assist.

Under new business, Director Hambek read a card with the donation from Delbert Hamilton's family. Before the nomination and election of the Chaplain, Carol Edwards made a motion to change the membership chairmanship from an elected position to an appointed office. David Riedlinger seconded – carried.

Royce Lyons nominated Mike Kain as Assistant Director and Jim Dittes as Chaplain, Fred Nelson seconded – carried. Director Hambek requested that Jim Dittes remained Membership Chairman until a formal appointment can be done following the second reading and vote on the amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws.

The flag education for first graders at the Spearfish West Elementary is scheduled for May 24th; a community service project is planned on April 25th, and a request was received to assist with the flag line and flag raising on May 12th for the Safety Day at Spearfish Creekside Elementary. Russ Edwards and Duane Riedlinger talked about the District Two Certificate of Appreciation presented by District Two Commander, Ed Thompson.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm followed by a closing prayer by Chaplain Jim Dittes, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson