



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

Wednesday, April 13 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, Chaplain/Membership Chairman; Micheline Nelson, Secretary; Jim Childers, Treasurer; Fred Nelson, Road Captain/Web Master; David Riedlinger, Sergeant-at-Arms (excused); Royce Lyons, Escort Chairman; and Jane Rutherford, Newsletter Editor (Excused)

Guests/Members: No Guest; Attendance: 18

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. Guests: Don Ackerman, ALR 71 Director; Tom (aka Tiny) Pranger, ALR 71 Freedom Ride coordinator.

Mike Kain moved to approve the March minutes as printed; Jim Childers seconded – carried. Treasurer Jim Childers read the treasurer's report. Fred Nelson moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mike Kain - carried.

Road Captain Fred Nelson reported that there was a ride March 13. Plan to schedule a group riding class with 1st Aid/CPR and DOT flagger certification. Fred Nelson, Brian Hambek and Brad Pohlman will prepare the class. Update on the website: minutes and newsletter are uploaded. Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were three flag lines/escorts since the last meeting to support requests from Chapter 22. Honors: Mike Kain and Jim Childers shared information on the escort and flag line for WWII Veteran and Legion member Ben Jones, from Spearfish to Upton. During the report of activities, Jim Childers reported on the Legion Birthday Ball and confirmed March 18 for next year. Director Hambek and Russ Edwards reported on the Spring District meeting. Russ Edwards shared the point of contact for escort assistance from Major Miller. Lieutenant Ketterling can be contacted as well as the local police. The first request will be for the Ben Jones' escort to Upton. Micheline Nelson read correspondence from Helen Riedlinger from the BHNC meeting and shared the list of needs for the Ft. Meade VA. Carol Edwards will check on funding for coffee break needs and two new flags with stands. Mike Kain made a motion to allocate \$200 to purchase personal care items. Royce Lyons seconded and the motion carried.

Corey Barry's membership application was presented; Fred Nelson moved to approve his membership seconded by James Razor, motion carried. Jim Dittes reported that there were 42 paid members to-date.

After sick call, and with no correspondence to share, we moved to new business, Micheline Nelson confirmed that Borbely's Memorial Breakfast, Golf, & Ride was scheduled for September 18. Fred Nelson, Jim Childers, and Mike Kain will do the POW/MIA ceremony at the DAV State Convention on April 16. Riders participation is requested for the first grade flag day at West Elementary on April 25 at 8:45. Guest Tiny Pranger informed the members of the Green River Legion Riders Chapter's poker run on July 9 and the Freedom Ride on August 7.

Russ Edwards presented a possible communication system. After discussions, Mike Kain made the motion to allocate up to \$750 to purchase a communication system. Carol Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Guest Don Ackerman presented the resolution approved by his Post 71, moving forward to the department level. He shared the suggested plan for the riders from Dept. Commander candidate, Ken Orrock. Ackerman requested action from each chapter to support his resolution. Director Hambek presented a possible resolution for the Black Hills Chapter. With limited time to review, Mike Kain made the motion to approve the resolution presented by Brian Hambek. Russ Edwards seconded. The motion passed with two opposed. Director Hambek will present the resolution at the next Post 164 monthly meeting for approval.

For the good of the American Legion Riders, no further business.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm followed by a closing prayer, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson