



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

**Wednesday, May 11 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 (Excused); 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: 15**

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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. There were no guests in attendance.

Mike Kain moved to approve the April minutes as printed; Connie Wagner seconded – carried. The finance report was read by Director Hambek. Fred Nelson moved to approve it, seconded by Connie Wagner - carried.

Road Captain Fred Nelson reported on upcoming summer rides. The safety tip: “If you are drowsy, stop.” Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there was one flag line/escort supporting Chapter 22 and Russ Edwards explained that Brad Pohlman and him stopped in Sturgis and left brochures to offer escorts from Sturgis to BHNC. He escorted a veteran from Eagle Butte. Honors: Mike Kain shared details on the POW/MIA ceremony at the State DAV convention in Rapid City, and flag program for 1<sup>st</sup> graders at west Elementary.

On Memorial Day, there will be four local ceremonies in Beulah at 7:00 am, Little Dane Church at 8:00 am, St. Onge at 8:30 with guest speaker Mike Kain and flag line followed by Rose Hill at 9:30 with guest speaker Mike Kain and flag line identical to last year’s Memorial Day. Russ Edwards shared how meaningful Memorial Day is on the reservation. Duane Riedlinger and Carol Edwards provided additional details about traditions. Edwards indicated that they might go back to the reservation this year. Mike Kain asked for volunteers for the State Convention POW/MIA ceremony on Saturday, June 18 in Watertown. Brad Pohlman, Russ Edwards and Fred Nelson agreed.

There were no new membership applications. Jim Dittes reported that there were 43 paid members to-date.

After sick call, Micheline Nelson shared the correspondence received. Willard Ottman sent a thank you card and \$50 for the flag line at his wife Pat’s funeral. The BHSU Lakota Omniciye sent a thank you card for the help provided locating flags and stands for the Annual Wacipi (Powwow) and a thank you card from the Ft. Meade VA Voluntary Services for the donations.

Helen Riedlinger reported on the BHNC Council’s meeting. The Avenue of Flags is scheduled for Thursday, May 26 at 9:00 am and requested to be there by 8:45. The land transfer was approved which doubles the cemetery’s capacity.

Under unfinished business Director Hambek explained that the Post moved the resolution to the Post Internal Affairs Committee to review. He confirmed that the big shelter in the Spearfish Park was reserved for the Legion Family picnic. Burgers and brats will be available by 12:30 pm. Royce Lyons shared that it was also the day of the Bishop Ride, \$50 entry fee including breakfast and BBQ.

Under new business, Helen Riedlinger made a motion and amended it, seconded by Micheline Nelson for the Chapter to provide a Patriotic basket for the first 4<sup>th</sup> of July newborn. The Chapter will contribute up to \$100 and donations are welcome. Charlene Kain and Lynn Pohlman are coordinating the project. The motion carried.

The Festival in the Park is July 15-17. Details at a future meeting.

For the good of the American Legion Riders, Fred Nelson suggested that we think of a community service project.

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

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson*