



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

Wednesday, June 8 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 (excused); Micheline Nelson, Secretary; Jim Childers, Treasurer; Fred Nelson, Road Captain/Web Master (excused); David Riedlinger, Sergeant-at-Arms (Excused); Royce Lyons, Escort Chairman; and Jane Rutherford, Newsletter Editor (excused)

Guests/Members: No Guest; Attendance: 16

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 in attendance were Don & Marilyn Breidenbach and Ernie Williams. Rhonda Williams was unable to attend the meeting

Duane Riedlinger moved to approve the May minutes as printed; Mike Kain seconded – carried. The finance report was presented by Jim Childers. Connie Wagner moved to approve it, seconded by Royce Lyons - carried.

There was no road captain report. Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were four escorts/flag lines. Ben Jones was escorted to Upton, WY by 13 Riders. Two escorts for Veterans from Eagle Butte; and 1 from Gillette. Honors: Mike Kain reported on the Memorial Day ceremonies with flag lines in St. Onge and Spearfish Rose Hill Cemeteries. Brian Hambek reported on the Safety Day program at Creekside May 20th where we participated in the Flag program. There was a discussion about possibilities for next year.

Helen Riedlinger shared information from the BHNC meeting. The Unaccompanied Veterans service will be July 11 at 8:45 am. A POW/MIA flag was added at the Ft. Meade National Cemetery. The land transfer for BHNC is waiting for signatures. Pennington Co. has a treatment court to assist veterans in intensive case management. It is a very rigorous process and few meet the requirement for these services.

Jim Childers shared that Joann Ginsburg presented the environment impact for the Hot Springs VA. There will be an open house at the new Ft. Meade VA Surgery on July 22nd.

There were three new membership applications. Don Breidenbach, Ernie and Rhonda Williams were approved by balloting.

After sick call, Micheline Nelson shared the correspondence received. Lois Jones sent a thank you card and \$100 for the flag line at Ben's funeral. Thirteen family members signed the card.

Under unfinished business Director Hambek reminded that the Legion family picnic was planned under the big shelter in the Spearfish Park was reserved for the Legion Family picnic. Jim Childers and Mike Kain will purchase the food. Micheline Nelson will bring decorations. Brian Hambek will be in charge of the sound system. Carol Edwards presented the donation of \$1520 from the Poker Run/Tournament. Russ Edwards made the motion to donate 100 % of the money to the Legacy scholarship Foundation, seconded by Connie Wagner. –carried.

Under new business, various programs, activities, poker runs were discussed. An invitation to the Bishop Ride on July 12, an invitation to the Flag Day program at the VFW, and information on the Medora Honors Veterans' Day July 10. Entry forms for the 4th of July parades are due. Carol Edwards made the motion to support the Piedmont Community 4th of July Parade. Connie Wagner seconded – carried.

Russ Edwards presented the quote for a communication system. Director Hambek asked him to communicate with Fred Nelson before finalizing the purchase. Russ Edwards informed the membership that the system would be purchased by the next Saturday noon.

Director Hambek shared that Chaplain Jim Dittes resigned for personal reasons. As per the Chapter Constitution & Bylaws, Director Hambek will appoint a new Chaplain.

The Festival in the Park is July 15-17; a schedule will be available at the July 13th meeting.

For the good of the American Legion Riders, a calendar of events was provided.

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