



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

**Wednesday, July 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 (Excused); Brad Pohlman, Chaplain/Membership Chairman; Micheline Nelson, Secretary (Excused); 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: 8**

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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, Director Hambek confirmed the quorum. Guest in attendance was Bob Mitchelltree. Jim Childers called for a moment of silence to remember Bob Borbely (His birthday)

Jim Childers moved to approve the June minutes as printed; Royce Lyons seconded – carried. The finance report was presented by Jim Childers. Connie Wagner moved to approve it, seconded by Amy Lyons - carried.

There was no road captain report. Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were no escorts/flag lines. Honors: The Independence Day Parade in Piedmont was great. “Everyone loved it” A Thank You card for Helen and Duane Riedlinger “garbage can” feed and hospitality was passed around. Director Hambek reported on the National Commander Dale Barnett’s escort and walk at Devils Tower.

We have 45 paid members, two applications and two pending.

No report from the BHNC.

Jim Childers shared that there will be an open house at the new Ft. Meade VA Surgery on July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00 am. There are three state-of-the-art operating room. One of the needs for the Ft. Meade VA are magazines. Ginger Childers picked up many at beauty shops.

There were two new membership applications. Bob Mitchelltree and Jeff Hrabanek were approved by balloting. We have 47 paid members.

After sick call, there was no correspondence to report.

Under unfinished business Director Hambek shared that a baby girl “Ivy” was born on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 am. A group of riders available after the Piedmont Independence Day Parade made it to the hospital to deliver the basket and caught the mother “Danielle” by surprise.

Brad Pohlman and Russ Edwards tested out the radio-communication system. It is effective for short distances and a relay would be needed in the middle for longer escorts or rides. These systems have to be mounted on helmets and some of the riders already have a communication system or do not want to use their helmets. A suggestion was to have a couple of helmets with the system ready for use to give to riders on events. Tabled.

Festival in the Park: the sign-up schedule for volunteering went around and Director Hambek will send emails out. Community support: The Spearfish Ambulance Service appreciates the support from the riders and Legion family and welcomes food during the rally. Sandwiches and salads were great. Donations can be dropped starting Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Request for Micheline Nelson to send reminders of August events and rides to include the Freedom Ride on August 7<sup>th</sup> and the Jacket Ride on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Under new business, the Borbely Memorial Brunch, Golf & Ride will be August 21 due to change of management end of August. The discussion regarding giving all proceeds or splitting it with another veteran’s family was tabled. Annette Johnson asked for the help of Riders. She has family from AZ who would like to take a motorcycle ride up the Spearfish Canyon and need the riders’ help. Brian Hambek and Brad Pohlman volunteered and need two more.

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

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm followed by a closing prayer, and salute to the Colors.

Notes by Connie Wagner; *Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson*