



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

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 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; 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. Fred Nelson introduced guest Scott Hanson (prospect)

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

Road captain Fred Nelson reported that there were no rides since last meeting. The road safety tip suggests that riders should carry a first-aid kit. Update on the website: minutes and newsletter are uploaded. Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were no flag lines/escorts since the last meeting. Honors chairman Mike Kain requested followed up regarding the flags displayed at and next to the Spearfish Veterans Monument. Fred Nelson reported on the BHSU Military Appreciation night and suggested the Service Flags flag line at half-time of the boys' basketball if asked to participate next year.

Jim Dittes confirmed that there were 33 paid members before the meeting; 5 spoken for, and one new application. Members vote by voice to approve the membership from Randy Forsland moving to the Black Hills from California. New membership cards were distributed.

After sick call, we moved to unfinished business, Jim Childers reported that diet pop and microwave popcorn were needed for the National Salute to Veterans' week/Valentine project at Ft. Meade as February 16 at 2:00 pm. Carol Edwards made a motion to check if the remaining money from her President's project could be used to provide the pop and popcorn for future movie nights at the Ft. Meade VA. Fred Nelson Seconded – carried. The booths for the Home Show are reserved. (March 5-6) Volunteers are needed for the event. Helen Riedlinger emailed to remind the riders of the Four-Chaplain prayer on February 14 at 1:30 at the Presbyterian Church. The Riders will do the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony at the Mid-Winter Convention in Huron. Fred Nelson reminded the riders that there will be a state-wide riders' meeting in Huron on Saturday at 1:00 pm.

There were no thank you cards but Director Hambek showed the Legacy plaque received from the National Commander for the donation to the Legacy Scholarship Trust Fund.

Under new business, Director Hambek gave the floor to Carol Edwards to explain the proposed plan for a poker run/poker tournament. The Lodge at Deadwood is willing to sponsor the poker run to include an evening of poker tournament. They will do the poster, advertisement and take care of the entry fees set at \$33 inclusive of the live poker tournament. There will be free food and free marketing provided by the casino. The maximum seating is 55. If there are not enough riders, it will be open to others. The Lodge will then pay off half to the Legacy Fund plus a donation between \$500 and \$1000. Registration will start around 8:30 at the Lodge. Fred Nelson will plan a poker run ride to end at the Lodge no later than 2:00 pm. Fred Nelson moved to do the poker run and tournament with The Lodge; seconded by Jim Childers – carried. Carol Edwards will check for available dates between June 5th and 26th. Carol Edwards, Fred Nelson and Buck DeWeese will work out the details.

For the good of the American Riders, Carol Edwards suggested doing a mock poker tournament for riders only. The projected date is March 8th at 7:00 pm with a participation fee of \$11.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm followed by a closing prayer by David Riedlinger, and salute to the Colors.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson