



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

**Wednesday, January 13, 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: 19**

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Director Brian Hambek called the meeting to order at 6:05 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.

Jim Childers moved to approve the December minutes as printed; Buck DeWeese seconded – carried. Treasurer Jim Childers read the treasurer's report and moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Duane Riedlinger - carried.

Road captain Fred Nelson reported that there were no rides since last meeting. The road safety tip related to preparedness before a ride. Check the bike including tires and gas. Update on the website: minutes and newsletter are uploaded. Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there was one flag line/escort since the last meeting. Discussion on proper stand when Presenting Arms with other groups: our chapter will raise the American flag and won't remove hats. Honors chairman Mike Kain requested that we follow up with the city/SVM regarding the flags displayed at the Spearfish Veterans Monument.

Jim Dittes confirmed that there were 32 paid members before the meeting; 2 spoken for, and no new applications were turned in. New membership cards will be distributed at the February meeting or mailed right after the meeting.

After sick call, under recommendation from the executive board, the suggestion was to pass the Nemo 500 event to the SAL 164 and to bring to our membership the discussion regarding holding a BBQ event during the rally versus a Flag Day picnic at the Spearfish Park. Mike Kain made the motion to organize a Flag Day picnic in the Spearfish Park with all members of the Legion family on Sunday, June 12 instead of the Rally BBQ. The Chapter will provide hamburgers and brats. Amy Nicholas seconded the motion – carried.

Under unfinished business, Jim Childers confirmed the date for Valentine project at Ft. Meade as February 16 at 2:00 pm. The booths for the Home Show are reserved. (March 5-6) Helen Riedlinger reported on the meeting at BHNC. The Four-Chaplain prayer is set for February 14 at 1:30 at the Presbyterian Church. The Riders will do the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony at Mid-Winter in Huron. Fred Nelson announced that there will be a state-wide riders meeting in Huron on Saturday at 1:00 pm. Director Hambek appointed Fred Nelson as his delegate in the absence of the director and assistant director.

After reading thank you cards from Kim Borbely and Dept. Adjutant Denny Brenden, Director Hambek moved to new business. Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, BHSU will have their Military Appreciation night at both basketball games (17:30 and 19:30) Riders will assist with the opening ceremonies and will set up a table. Director Hambek asked if any member wanted to volunteer to plan the Legacy Ride/Poker Run. Suggestion was to invite the Riders from Gillette and combine efforts for the event. There were no volunteers to start or coordinate the planning of the Legacy Ride/Poker Run.

For the good of the American Riders, Carol and Russ Edwards helped with the move to the new building at the Hot Springs State Home on January 13. Buck DeWeese volunteered to help a Vietnam Veteran who needed transportation from Ft. Meade to Seattle where his daughter lives. J.R. Raysor suggested to plan a fun night at a Rush game in Rapid City. February 20<sup>th</sup> was selected for this event. Carol Edwards said that she would check for a possible box. The Veterans Honor Ride is set for May 22; details following at a later date.

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*