



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

**Wednesday, March 9, 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 (Absent); 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 (Absent)

**Guests/Members: No Guest; Attendance: 18**

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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. Guests: Connie Hoffman and prospective members Barney and Connie Wagner.

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

Road captain Fred Nelson reported that there was a ride March 6 and anticipated a ride on March 11. The road safety tip provided suggestions for passing vehicles during daytime and nighttime. Fred Nelson also informed the riders that a Midwest National ROMP (Riding On Military Pride) was planned July 31 – August 7 and will be hosted by Chapter 71 of Hot Springs. Update on the website: minutes and newsletter are uploaded. Escort chairman Royce Lyons reported that there were two flag lines/escorts since the last meeting to support requests from Chapter 22. Honors: POW/MIA ceremony of remembrance at the Midwinter convention in Huron. During the report of activities, members shared their involvement at the Valentines' Day – National Salute to our Veterans' Week on February 16; the Optimist Club Home Show on March 5-6; and the riders' poker tournament to prepare for the June Legacy Poker Ride and Tournament, March 8. Helen Riedlinger reported on the BHNC Council meeting. Help will be needed on May 26 at 9:00 am to prepare the Avenue of Flags before Memorial weekend; the new VA officer is Matthew Adam; the new BHNC Director is Adrian Benton; the quarterly service for the Unaccompanied Veterans is on Monday, April 4 at 9:00 am at BHNC. The Hill City 1830 train will have a Military Appreciation Day on May 21 – call for reservations. March 29<sup>th</sup> is the 50<sup>th</sup> Vietnam War anniversary with the laying of a wreath and pins for Vietnam War veterans.

Jim Dittes confirmed that there were 39 paid members before the meeting. Members vote by ballots to approve the membership from Barney and Connie Wagner. The membership is at 41.

After sick call, we moved to unfinished business, Jim Childers updated the members on the 97<sup>th</sup> American Legion Birthday Ball on March 18. Russ Edwards, District 1 Commander reminded the riders of the schedule for the District meeting on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There were no thank you cards. We move to new business, Director Hambek called for a small committee to meet with Marlene Marvin to plan the Borbely Breakfast, Ride and Golf. Micheline and Fred Nelson, John Nelson and Jim Childers will work on this event. Jim Childers shared an email requesting support for "Kids against Hunger" one of the signature project from the Spearfish Rotary Club. After discussions, Jim Dittes made the motion to give \$250, Micheline Nelson seconded. The motion passed with fifteen members in favor and two members opposing the motion. Director Hambek announced preliminary plans for the Creekside Elementary Safety Day in May. Riders are asked to do the flag raising and help with the flag program.

For the good of the American Legion Riders, Fred Nelson updated the members on the ongoing discussions concerning the process of future ALR Department Liaison appointments.

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

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Micheline Nelson*