

American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372
General Membership Meeting Minutes, 23 February 2020

Meeting called to order by Director Joe Maltese at 1000 hrs

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Roster available upon request.

Quorum achieved

19 current members.

Correspondence

The 5th District calendar was reviewed.

New Members

No new members, Randy and Robin Vice renewed.

Introduction of Guests

No guests

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes have been posted online.

Motion to accept by Chuck Benham, second by Reed Bailey.

Financial Reports

Jim Hansen provided the financial report. Motion to accept, subject to audit, by Chuck Benham, second by Michelle Maze. Report available upon request.

Officer's Reports

Director – Joe reported on the annual ALR Summit. The classes attended were very informative. Joe discussed the Road Captain course and current changes being made to create an ALR manual that is compliant with State and Federal laws. This is an attempt to make our group riding technique more consistent and safer.

District 5 represented well and were acknowledged for 100% percent reporting at the District meeting. Good job!

Joe also reminded that ALR hours will count toward the Auxiliary too. Please be sure to copy your ALR hours to Auxiliary President Kathyhelmy@aol.com.

Assistant Director – Chuck reported on hours and miles. Please be sure to report everything as soon as possible. There is a 4/10/20 deadline for district reports.

Chaplain – Reed reported on the loss of home due to fire for Elks members Diane and Tim Thompson. The family escaped without injury but the family pets were lost. There is a Go Fund Me account and there will be a Fund Raiser held in March.

Reed also reported on the loss of two members of Post 129. Keep their families and friends in your thoughts.

Road Captain – Legitimate Absent

Safety Office – Legitimate Absent

Quartermaster – Legitimate Absent

Committee Reports

Our February 16th Hearts for a Home fund raiser was a success. Joe reviewed the financial report. We raised over \$3000.00. A special thanks to Posts 9, 88, 129, 202, 250, 283, 316, Brian and Cathy Rickert, Main Event, Cycle Gear and Applebee's for their generous donations. Great job to all who helped.

We need a committee chair for the June 7, 2020 Poker Run. Michelle Maze volunteered to assist.

We discussed the idea of adding “must finish to win” for future fund-raising events. This would encourage participation to the end. Chuck Benham motioned to include this as general policy for our poker runs. Randy Vice seconded the motion. Approved by majority vote.

Reed made a suggestion of considering combining several Post's events into one large event in an effort help clear up the District calendar. For example: Posts A, B and C combine their efforts to Project Vet Relief; Posts D, E, F and G combine for Wounded Warrior, etc.

Old Business

Reed discussed the conversation with the Legion concerning bibles in the meetings. There are currently 4 Bibles considered allowed by the American Legion. If a bible is open during a meeting, then no alcohol may be present.

Business cards are available from Chuck.

Chuck is working on getting a post 372 ALR email account. He is trying to link onto the Legion website. This way when officers change, the email remains consistent.

We still need to get the T-shirt information from June.

Joe discussed the difficulties with obtaining new members. Randy Vice offered to speak with his friend Mark, at Adamec Harley Davidson about setting up a Legion membership table at events. He would check dates and let us know if this is a possibility.

New Business

Time for officer nominations. Reed and Tim Bailey volunteered to head the nominating committee.

It was requested that we keep the grommets from our destroyed flags. There is an art creation being made using the old grommets to help benefit Project VetRelief.

Good of the Riders

It was suggested that we try to continue our Saturday night social evenings around the campfire. We discussed the possibility of another gathering on March 7.

02/29/20 – Chapter 129, Annual Casino Charity, Project VetRelief.

03/07/20 – Chapter 372 Social Gathering around the fire.

04/18/20 – Chapter 88, Annual Fun Run.

04/27/20-05/01/20 – Florida Unity Ride, the ride has two routes beginning either in Pensacola or Marathon Key and ending in Orlando. Registration is currently available online.

05/09/20 – Chapter 9, Boots on the Ground.

06/07/20 – Chapter 372, Run for Project VetRelief.

Check your Legion and District calendars for more!

Next meeting March 15, 2020.

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned 1118hrs

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Secretary