

# American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372 General Membership Meeting

## Minutes 20 May 2018

Meeting called to order at 1000hrs by Director Joe Maltese

Opening Ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call by Secretary Robin Maltese (see attached roster). There was a quorum.

### Reading of the Minutes

Secretary Maltese began with an amendment regarding an item omitted from the April meeting minutes. A motion was made by Sheri Rodriguez for members to review the meeting minutes on the Post website. They will no longer be read at our monthly meetings. Previous motion by Sheri Rodriguez to approve the minutes as amended. seconded by Charles Benham. Minutes approved as read.

### Introduction of Guests

There were no guests.

### Financial Reports

Director Maltese provided the financial report. Motion was made by Chuck Benham to accept the financial report subject to audit, seconded by Paul Arambula. Accepted as presented.

### Officer's Reports

Chuck discussed the annual reports that are required for the District and State. Meticulous records concerning hours and miles are very important to the Legion and may be important to members from a tax standpoint.

### Committee Reports

Chuck Benham reviewed the details of preparation for our June 10<sup>th</sup> Poker Run.

- Registration at Post 372 from 8:30am-10:15am.
- Kick stands up at 10:30. Last Rider in 4:00pm.
- 1<sup>st</sup> 36 bikes registered receive a free Bandana.
- Cost to participate - \$20/Bike, \$10/passenger, \$30/Cars
- We will use a "chip" system rather than poker hands.
- We will provide coffee and doughnuts. Joe Maltese has received approval for this from the Elks Club.
- There will be a raffle at each stop.
- The following donations were made:
  - Brian and Cathy Rickert – Fireball, Wine Corkscrew Set
  - Sheri Rodriguez – Patron Tequilla
  - Paul Arambula – Crown Royal
  - David Halen – Gentlemen's
  - Joe and Robin Maltese – Hotdogs, Buns, Condiments for Post 283
- Director Maltese will encourage volunteers from the Legion.
- Chuck requested additional Road Captains be available dependent upon the number of riders. Brian and Cathy will be the car captains.
- Chuck requested a "Biker's Salute" as we pass NAS Jax.

We discussed the possibility of a food truck at the end of the run.

## New Members

Carl Zuber, David Halen & Deuce. A motion to accept made by Brian Rickert. Second by Cathy Rickert.

## New Business

We discussed the calendar of events. Sheri is working this. We requested a separate ALR calendar. For Legion calendar questions ask Sheri first, the Don Severns, Post Commander.

The importance of riders' logs was discussed again. Please forward all information to Chuck. Director Maltese stated he would do some research concerning proper logging of time and miles.

Chuck proposed a permanent events committee. Sheri motioned for approval. Carl seconded. Approved.

Sheri Rodriguez discussed our tax-exempt status. We discussed creating an ALR Facebook Page.

The Elks are looking for volunteers for Memorial Day to place flags at Oaklawn Cemetery.

We discussed our ALR Uniform for formal events.

- White Shirts, Black pants/jeans, ALR vests.
- If riding on any of the bases, long sleeves are required.

## Nominations

Director Maltese requested nominations for the next fiscal year officers. The term is from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. Chapter positions are either elected or appointed as specified in the Chapter SOP's.

The following nominations were made and accepted again:

Director – Joe Maltese  
Asst. Director – Chuck Benham  
Secretary – Robin Maltese  
Treasurer – Sheri Rodriguez  
Sgt of Arms – Paul Arambula  
Asst. Sgt of Arms – Carl Zuber  
Road Captain – June Crawford  
Second Road Captain – David Halen – nominated by Sheri Rodriguez  
Safety Officer – Donald Crawford  
Membership Officer – Sheri Rodriguez volunteered

Quartermaster – Paul Arambula volunteered  
Historian – Charles Benham  
Chaplain - vacant  
Webmaster – Sheri Rodriguez

Nominations were closed. All nominees were unopposed. Secretary cast single vote to vote in all nominees.

## Old Business

We discussed suggestions for what charity we would like to represent. Project VET Relief was brought up again. Sheri Rodriguez informed us that 100% of all monies raised goes to the program. All of the monies stay in the State of Florida. The administration costs are absorbed by the American Legion.

Chuck expressed concerns about the actual percentage of money to the charity. Sheri advised that she will research and provide a report at our next meeting.

Dave Halen expressed concerns as to whether this may be self-serving organization.

### **For the Good of the Chapter**

Post 372 Poker Run, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Next meeting Sunday June 17, 2018, 10am

### **Closing Ceremonies**

Meeting adjourned 1120hrs

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Secretary