

**American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**22 April 2018**

Meeting called to order at 1000hrs by Director Joe Maltese.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call by Secretary Robin Maltese: See attached roster - Quorum achieved.

Secretary Maltese read the minutes of the prior meeting.

Motion by Sheri Rodriguez to approve the minutes, seconded by Charles Benham. Minutes approved as read.

Motion by Sheri Rodriguez to post minutes online and vote to approve minutes as posted in the future, seconded by Charles Benham. Accepted as presented.

### **Introduction of Guests**

Director Maltese introduced guests Rich Verne – Post 137, Angel Gomez – Post 18  
Prospective new members: Robin and Randy Vice.

### **Financial Reports**

Director Maltese provided the financial report.

Motion by Sheri Rodriguez to approve financial report subject to audit, seconded by Charles Benham. Accepted as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

Assistant Director Charles Benham provided the officers reports and reviewed the hours and miles to date.

### **New Business**

Sheri discussed our website. She requested suggestions regarding what we would like on the site.

Our guest Rich Verne provided advice on choosing our own charity and sticking with that charity as our pet project. This would be beneficial for our future projects. We discussed bringing our suggestions to our next meeting for a vote.

He also invited us to attend and Memorial Day Fundraising Ride to support Chapter 9. The ride will leave from Post 137 at 10:00. Information can be found on the 5<sup>th</sup> District ALR Facebook page.

For Legion T-Shirts Post 137 has been using American Screen Print. Approval for the logos can usually be obtained from National in 3 weeks.

Rich informed us that the RV Park across from the Chapter 9 Post will match the first \$10,000 raised for their Go-Fund-Me account.

### **New Members**

A vote was taken regarding new members Robin and Randy Vice.

Motion to accept new members by Paul Arambula, seconded by Charles Benham.  
Motion to accept passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

We discussed our Chapter Poker Run, currently scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>. Chuck requested assistance for volunteers. We discussed using Fisher Concrete on US 1 as our ending site. Mr. Fisher has offered to volunteer the use of his parking lot along with rest rooms and some additional items, such as a stage or beverage truck. Director Maltese informed us of the possibility of obtaining a one-day liquor license. The cost in Duval county is \$40. He will inquire about St. John's county fees.

We will be supporting Project Vet Relief for this event. Director Maltese informed us that this charity provides post service, low or no interest financing. All money donated in Florida stays in the state of Florida.

Missy Klevins suggested the possibility of service breakfast burritos or egg sandwiches. Director Maltese will check with the Elks Club to see what we are allowed to do.

It was recommended that we ride the April 28<sup>th</sup> Poker Run being held at Post 54 as a great information tool.

### **Nominations**

SOP's require nominations to be open through March, April, and May with elections occurring at the May membership meeting. Members nominated must be present to accept nominations.

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

The following nominations were made and accepted again:

- Chuck Benham nominated current officers for the next term
- Robin Maltese nominated Sheri Rodriguez for Webmaster
- Paul Arambula nominated Don Crawford for Safety Officer
- Joe Maltese nominated Chuck Benham for Chapter Historian
- Paul Arambula nominated June Crawford for Road Captain

Additional Nominations: Missy Klevins nominated Sheri Rodriguez for treasurer.

We are still in need of a Chaplain and an additional Road Captain.

Missy and Brian Klevins announced their transfer back to Post 88.

Director Maltese informed us that Chapter 9 had a recent burglary and fire. They will certainly need volunteers and we will try to participate in any upcoming fund raisers.

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

- Sunday April 29, District Meeting, Post 137
- May 12, Post Chapter 9 Boots on the Ground
- Next meeting Sunday May 20, 2018, 10am

Closing Ceremonies were conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Maltese  
Secretary