

American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372
General Membership Meeting Minutes, 27 October 2019

Meeting called to order by Director Joe Maltese at 1004 hrs

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Roster available upon request.

Quorum achieved

30 current members.

Correspondence

No correspondence

New Members

Frank Arambula. Motion to accept by June Crawford, second by Don Crawford.

Membership approved by member vote.

Introduction of Guests

Ron and Rita Robbs from Post 137. They provided information concerning the upcoming Snowball Express. This is a great event sponsored by The Patriot Guard. Vests are provided to 1100 Gold Star Children, ages 5-18. The event will be held in Orlando, FL. You can get additional information concerning registration at snowballexpress.org.

Donald Crawford made a motion to provide a \$200.00 donation to the Snowball Express, seconded by Chuck Benham. Upon further discussion the original motion was rescinded and a new motion was made by Donald Crawford to increase our original donation amount to \$300.00. Randy Vice seconded and the motion was approved.

Commander, Alan Painter stopped in to inform us of the November 16, Chili Cook-off.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes were read by Robin Maltese.

Motion to accept by Jim Hansen, second by June Crawford.

Financial Reports

Jim Hansen provided the financial reports for August, September and October.

Motion to accept, subject to audit, by Carl Zuber, second by Chuck Benham.

Officer's Reports

Chaplain's Report – Per Reed Bailey, Facebook provides information concerning funeral escorts and prayer requests. She suggested we keep Carl and Randy in our thoughts.

Quartermaster Report – Q.M. not present.

Assistant Director Chuck Benham provided the rider reports and hours. Don't forget to include monies spent.

Safety Officer – nothing to report.

Road Captain – Details for today's ride will be discussed after the meeting.

Director Joe Maltese discussed the Merry Go Round Ride. He suggested it would be nice to know where we stand as a district and would make a suggestion to Beverly Wooten to include status reports online.

Old Business

Tim Bailey presented 2 samples of tee shirts. If you have additional ideas, please provide them to Tim and Reed. Koozies can also be made.

Committee Reports

Italian Night will be split between all families in the future. The next event will be November 16th, for our Early Bird Dinner. This dinner acknowledges members who have renewed their due before November 1.

Craig Bernat recommended we work with the local Applebee's as a potential fund raiser for the Legacy Run. They will allow organizations to serve breakfast. Our cost would be \$4.00 per meal.

New Business

Joe Maltese discussed the Fall Conference. Requests for attendance was made in support of our past National ALR Director, Bob Sussan.

Chuck suggested we look into license plates often used as post exchange tokens. Reed stated she has someone who could create them for us.

Chuck also told us that “Wreaths Across America” was struggling financially. Chuck Benham made a motion that we make a \$200.00 donation to this organization. The motion was seconded by June Crawford. Motion was accepted.

Good of the Riders

11/7/19 – Funeral Escort to National Cemetery, gathering Post 9, 900hrs.
11/9/19 – Post 137, Poker Run to assist a local assault victim.
11/10/19 – KIA/MIA Wall escort.
11/16/19 – Mandarin Chili Cook-off, San Jose Blvd. Mandarin
11/16/19 – Post 372 Early Bird Dinner
11/23/19 – Toys for Tots, Lake City, FL, Post 57, Registration 900 hrs, KSU 1200 hrs.
12/7/19 – 12/12/19, Snowball Express, sponsored by the Patriot Guard.
12/7/19 – Post 88 Christmas Party, 1900 hrs, Sulzbacher Children
02/06/20 – 02/09/20, ALR Summit in Cocoa Beach, FL.

Check your Legion and District calendars for more!

Next meeting November 17, 2019.

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned 1115hrs

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Secretary