

American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372
General Membership Meeting Minutes 18 November 2018

Meeting called to order by Director Joe Maltese at 1010 hrs

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Roster available upon request.

Quorum achieved

No new Correspondence.

Reading of the Minutes

Online minutes. Motion to accept by Sheri Rodriguez, second by Don Crawford.
Accepted as posted.

Introduction of Guests

No guests in attendance.

New Members

The following new members were approved by majority vote. Welcome to Tim and Reed Bailey and Michael La Chiana.

Financial Reports

Treasurer Rodriguez provided the financial report.

All previously approved donations have been sent.

Motion to accept by Carl Zuber, second by Cathy Rickert.

Annual dues are due now. Deadline December 31, 2018. Reminder! Your dues with your primary organization, i.e.: Legion, Sons or Auxiliary, must be current in order to qualify for continued Rider membership.

The ALR fiscal year runs 7/1-6/30.

Officer's Reports

As always reminder to report miles and hours to Chuck. This can easily be done on the Post website.

Committee Reports

Chuck discussed the status of plans for our December 2 Poker Run. We need volunteers for registration and carrying our supplies needed along the route. Joe Maltese stated he would get with all of the Post Ride Directors to finalize the day. Chuck has already spoken with many. June and Don Crawford will do the pre-ride on 11/26. We still need raffle donations. Liquor, gift cards, donated items.

Old Business

ALR Summit in Cocoa Beach February 8-10, 2019. Please check the district calendars for the details. Director Maltese urges all to attend if possible. It's a great format for ALR education and comradery.

Joe, Chuck and Robin discussed their attendance at "Railroad's" Memorial at Post 250.

Joe and Sheri attended the Fall Conference. There was a lot of discussion about the 2019 Unity Ride, April 6-12. This ride will be entirely in the State of Florida. Also, don't forget the 2019 Legacy Ride, August 17-24.

Chuck attended the AFSA/Post 9 Chapter Ride.

Wreaths Across America – Sheri has made our approved donation. The event will be December 15th. We need rider escorts.

New Business

Joe discussed eligibility requirements again for our Chapter. You must be in good standing with your base organization, Legion, SAL or Auxiliary.

We discussed editing our current bylaws. Currently you must be a licensed motorcycle rider or have been grandfathered in if no longer able to ride, due to medical or physical restraints. We discussed the importance of non-riding support members and agreed to have this change made to the bylaws.

Joe requested and volunteer to review the current bylaws and bring the suggestions and possible modifications to the next meeting for review and vote. Tim Bailey and Sheri Rodriguez agreed to work on this.

We discussed the need for other fundraising events. Cathy Rickert volunteered to head the Fund-Raising Committee. She reminded us of the Dec. 7 Social Event. We will hold very short SAL and Aux. meetings that night.

Joe discussed the need for operating account money. Again, Steak night was suggested maybe for sometime in Jan. or Feb.

Reed Bailey suggested a “home brew” event of some sort. We need to look into the details of a one-day liquor license. Also, we would need a separate venue from the Elks Lodge, as this could create a conflict of interest.

For the Good of the Chapter

Brian Rickert suggested we replace the American Flag hanging in front of the Elks Lodge. Motioned to approve by Carl Zuber, second by Don Crawford.

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned 1100hrs

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Secretary