

American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372
General Membership Meeting Minutes, 19 January 2020

Meeting called to order by Director Joe Maltese at 1000 hrs

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Roster available upon request.

Quorum achieved

17 current members.

Correspondence

The 5th District calendar was reviewed.

New Members

Michelle Maze, Kathy McInerney. Motion to accept by Carl Zuber, second by June Crawford. New members accepted by unanimous vote.

Introduction of Guests

No Guests

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes have been posted online.

Motion to accept by Carl Zuber, second by Don Crawford.

Financial Reports

Jim Hansen provided the financial report. Motion to accept, subject to audit, by Carl Zuber, second by June Crawford. Report available upon request.

Officer's Reports

Chaplain – Reed Bailey spoke of a funeral escort for a homeless vet. In St. Augustine.

Quartermaster – Q.M. not present.

Assistant Director - Chuck Benham provided the rider reports and hours. He also wanted to express a special thank you to Mark and Sandra Shelton for their contribution of hours and miles.

Chuck stated he is still working on getting the business cards created.

Safety Officer – Nothing to report.

Road Captain – June Crawford reiterated the proper use of hand signals. This simple tool is such an important communication device for safe group riding.

Director - Joe Maltese discussed membership. Please continue to spread the word. We need to increase our group to prevent “burnout” of our members.

Committee Reports

We determined that our June 2020, Project VetRelief Poker Run, will be held on Sunday June 7th.

Concerning the Feb. 16th, Hearts for our Home event, Craig Bernat provided details of the pre-ride breakfast at Applebee’s. It will be available from 8-10am. The fee will be \$10 per plate, the Legion gets \$6 for each plate sold, Applebee’s does the cooking and our crew does the serving. The Legion, SAL and Auxiliary will be the servers as the riders will be getting ready for the poker run starting at 10:15am.

Craig also informed us that the dinner scheduled on February 15th would be cancelled. We may move this event to quarterly due to declining participation. Chuck suggested that we speak with the Legion, Aux and SAL to consider moving our monthly meetings to a Saturday night and combining the dinner with the meetings. Joe stated he would bring it up at the next Executive Board meeting.

Old Business

Reminder the ALR Summit will be held 2/6/20-2/9/20. For those participating, we will be departing from the Elks at 8:30am on Thursday, Feb. 6.

New Business

June and Don brought in samples of T-shirts. June has a contact who has the copyrights for the emblem and already does several other posts’ shirts. The estimated cost would be \$18.50 – \$20.50. We decided we would all purchase at least one group t-shirt in the **orange** color, so we will stand out as a group.

Joe reviewed rider safety within a group.

1. Staggered riding unless indicated otherwise by the road captain.
2. Your rate of speed is determined by the rider in front of you, **not** the rider next to you.
3. Maintain 2 seconds distance behind the rider in front of you.

4. If a rider falls out of position permanently, pull up to the rider in front of you to a 2 second distance as previously indicated. Again, your rate of speed is based on the speed of the rider directly in front of you, **not** the rider next to you.

It is important to remain in a tight formation to provide safety to all of our riders. Our intentions must be clear to other vehicles at all times.

Joe will get with Tim after the Summit to discuss changes to the bylaws. The state has created a template we will be required to follow.

Joe also discussed carrying your medical and insurance card in your vest pocket. This could be vital information to have in case of a serious accident. Blank copies are available upon request.

Good of the Riders

It was suggested that we try to continue our Saturday night social evenings around the campfire. Perhaps we can do them on a more regular basis.

02/06/20 – 02/09/20, ALR Summit in Cocoa Beach, FL.

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

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

04/27/20-05/01/20 – Florida Unity Ride, begins in Orlando. Registration is 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!

Due to schedule conflicts our next meeting has been moved to February 23, 2020.

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned 1115hrs

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Secretary