

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

Meeting called to order by Director Chuck Benham at 1000 hrs

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Roster available upon request.

Quorum achieved

22 current members.

### Correspondence

There is a Poker Run being sponsored by Post 233 on September 26, 2020. The charity is Wreaths Across America.

### New Members

No new members.

### Introduction of Guests

No guests.

### Reading of the Minutes

The minutes have been posted online.

Motion to accept by Joe Maltese, second by Tim Bailey.

### Financial Reports

Jim Hansen provided the financial report. Motion to accept, subject to audit, by Carl Zuber, second by Joe Maltese.

Additional comments: We discussed payment for our T-shirts. Jim will provide a check from ALR 372 to the t-shirt company. Members are to pay ALR 372 directly for their purchases.

### Officer's Reports

**Director** – Chuck Benham discussed fund raising ideas. He suggested selling a block of lottery tickets. We need to work out the details. Joe Maltese agreed to contact

Post 316 for advice on how they have proceeded in the past as they have had success with this type of fund raiser.

**Assistant Director** – June Crawford will get with Chuck Benham to review her new duties as assistant director.

**Chaplain** – Thoughts and prayers to all who are in need. A card was sent to Robin and Randy Vice. Reed Bailey is requesting suggestions for possible inscriptions and notes to be included in these cards. Robin Maltese suggested looking for preprinted cards through Emblem Sales.

**Road Captain** –

**Safety Officer** –

**Quartermaster** – June Crawford has 4 remaining Chapter t-shirts to be kept by the quartermaster. She will get them to Paul.

### Committee Reports

Currently we do not intend on a fall poker run. We will work on other possible fund raisers at this time.

### Old Business

June brought in our new Chapter 372 t-shirts for distribution. Thank you to June for all her hard work on this project. The shirts look great!

### New Business

Joe Maltese suggested that for future fund raisers, our flyers should be re-worded to state, “Post 372 will **support** said charity” rather than, “**All proceeds will go to** said charity”. This legally allows us to withhold a percentage of proceeds to assist with the operating costs of the fund raiser.

Joe discussed the need for consolidating the Post emails to have all of our legion families included. This will prevent the use of personal emails and transfer of emails when officers move in and out of positions. Craig and Joe will discuss with Karen Tracy.

Joe also reminded us to push membership. Keep an eye out for those military caps and shirts and strike up a conversation.

Chuck Benham stated he has several riders' items he'd like to donate to our Chapter. He will give these items to the quartermaster.

Reed Bailey suggested we try to work a concession stand at sporting events. The Icemen, Jumbo Shrimp, Football Games are considerations. Reed will look into this.

### Good of the Riders

We approved the purchase of a flag stand for our auxiliary. The Post is providing a pole and flag. Carl Zuber will handle this.

Joe advised of a lunch benefit for Wreaths Across America, being held at Mission BBQ today. Several will be going over after our meeting.

Chuck Benham recognized Joe Maltese for his service as Director for the past three years. He presented him with a plaque and gavel. Thanks to Joe for your efforts!

**Next meeting August 16, 2020.**

### Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned 1046hrs

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Adjutant