American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372

General Membership Meeting Minutes, August 16 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

No new correspondence.

# 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 Paul Arambula.

# Financial Reports

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

# Officer’s Reports

**Director** – Chuck Benham discussed fund raising ideas. He would really like to try to sell a block of lottery tickets. Joe Maltese had left messages with other posts concerning the “how to” for this idea, but has not received a call back. He will try again.

Chuck would like us to try to start up our “Fireside Chats” again. This social time is very valuable for moral. We should consider traveling as a group to various post dinners throughout our district in an effort to support other chapters.

**Assistant Director** – June Crawford discussed two upcoming rides to put onto our calendars.

August 29th, Post 88 is having their annual Fun Run. Registration 8:30-10:00. KSU at 10:30. If you will be riding the bus please register ASAP as there is very limited space due to COVID-19. A BBQ is available for raffle.

September 26, Post 233 is having their charity ride to benefit Wreaths Across America. Registration 9:00-10:30. KSU at 11:00. Leaving from Post 129.

**Chaplain** – Absent

**Road Captain** – Remember to please be aware of your surroundings. Safety is your most important riding skill.

**Safety Officer** – Absent

**Quartermaster** – Chuck will be donating a vest and woman’s purse to our supplies. Paul has a couple of Chapter 372 T shirts available. The cost will be $15.00 each.

# Committee Reports

No report.

# Old Business

June Crawford discussed and error in calculating the cost of the T-shirts. Tax was omitted when monies were collected. Joe Maltese made a motion to have Chapter 372 ALR cover the cost of the taxes. Robin Maltese second. Motion approved.

In the future, the price of quartermaster inventory will be raised by $2.00 and rounded to the next dollar to cover the cost of taxes, shipping and handling.

We will look into possible tax-exemption for future purchases.

# New Business

Post 137 is offering Legion Family Training on September 19th at 10:00. There is a training manual (also available online) for review. Chuck Benham reviewed a couple of sections; appropriate head wear for meetings and events. He also discussed the Legion stance on the importance of remaining totally non-partisan while participating in any Legion events or activities or using social media.

We have received word that the Posts are now allowed to reopen all services, in accordance with the CDC guidelines for COVID-19.

June Crawford requested all hours and miles be sent to her. She will get with Chuck Benham on how to access the information entered through the website. For now, it is recommended we please use the post website, Rider’s tab, to enter your activity.

Per Commander Joe Maltese, Post 372 is currently working on an email system and communication system of their own. This will be activated soon and will be able to be utilized by all post officers.

The date for our October meeting will be changed to the 4th Sunday of the month, October 25th, due to scheduling conflicts for too many of our officers. Motion by Joe Maltese, second by Robin Maltese, approved by majority member vote.

# Good of the Riders

Post 202 has a Saturday morning breakfast. We should try to attend it. Per Chuck it is very good.

Post 137 has been working with a disabled veteran to restore and repair his home. They have obtained donations from Lowe’s and the Golden Hammer Construction Co for this endeavor. They would like rider support for the grand opening of the house. Info will be sent once the date has been established.

Paul Arambula mentioned that the Legion is currently running into budget problems and could use some help. We will try to come up with fundraising ideas to support our home post. Due to COVID-19 we have lost many of our income streams. Craig Bernat reminded us that additional membership would help. He is currently recruiting from Post 400.

Next meeting September 20, 2020.

# Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned 1103hrs

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Adjutant