

American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372
General Membership Meeting Minutes, November 15, 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

Grace Lord, Post 9. Grace discussed the “Safety Stand Down” scheduled for May 22, 2021. This event is aimed at promoting public awareness of motorcycles. There will be kid’s events, teen/new driver information, Blood mobile, Honor Flight, Smile Train. This event will be held at the Rush Truck Center on New Berlin Rd. More information will be available closer to the event. Grace requested promotion of this event.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes have been posted online.

Motion to accept by Joe Maltese, second by Don Crawford.

Financial Reports

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

Joe Maltese inquired about the donation of a Brick for Post 194. We agreed on a \$100.00 donation at our last meeting. Chuck advised he would get Jim the information concerning this.

Officer's Reports

Director – No report.

Assistant Director – June informed us that we can place another shirt order with a 24- shirt minimum rather than 40. She will send an email to members concerning this.

Chaplain – Reed asked for prayers for Carl Zuber. He has been ill. She will contact him about any needs such as groceries.

Road Captain – We discussed the positioning of trikes in a group ride. Preferably all in either the front or back of the pack, rather than staggered with the other riders.

Safety Officer – Tim Bailey discussed the recent poker run we participated in. He expressed his concerns about the lack of riding consistency and potential hazardous maneuvering and lane changing.

Joe Maltese advised that there will be Group Riding Seminars offered at this year's Summit. These courses are offered with the hope of improving the safety of our riders.

Quartermaster – Paul Arambula informed us of our current supply of ALR 372 orange event shirts. We will order a few more when June places our next shirt order. Paul also discussed the need for an airtight storage container so he may place the items in the Legion storage unit without them becoming damaged.

Committee Reports

No report.

Old Business

Chuck Benham discussed his idea for selling lottery tickets. He will donate the first block of \$160.00 worth of assorted tickets. We will need to sell 36 tickets to break even. Our goal is to sell 100 tickets/month. We will draw for a winner each month at the general Legion meeting.

Michelle discussed perhaps a passive 50/50 raffle and other fundraisers on a table at our next Fireside Chat.

Robin Maltese suggested an outdoor movie night. Tickets for movies, popcorn and candy. Bring your own chair. We will look for a January date to try this.

New Business

The ALR Summit will be held in Orlando 2/4/2021 – 2/7/2021. Hotel rooms are \$87.00 per night. Make your hotel reservations as soon as possible.

The Elks are having their Lodge clean-up on Nov. 21. Any volunteers are appreciated.

We discussed having our next Fireside Chat on December 19. Joe will check with the Elks to see if there is a conflict.

Chuck discussed our new Facebook page. It is called ALR372 Mandarin. We are trying to remove ourselves from anyone's personal page. Michelle Maze is currently the administrator.

June Crawford advised that campsites at Tomoka are being booked for Biketober Fest next year. So far sites 21 and 22 are booked. Come one, come all and join for a fun camping weekend.

Good of the Riders

Nov. 21 – Legion Family Fireside Chat, 5:00pm.

Nov. 28 – Post 88, Holiday Crafts Bazaar, Begins 10:00am.

Dec. 5 – Post 54, Elf Ride Toy Drive, KSU 11:30am.

Dec. 6 – Post 129, ALR District Meeting, 12:30pm.

Dec. 12 – Post 88 Christmas Party, 7:00pm-11:00pm.

Feb. 4-7, 2021 – ALR Annual Summit.

April 2021 – Round Robin Month.

April 17, 2021 – Post 283 Group Camping, Fore Lake, Ocala

May 22, 2021 – Safety Stand Down.

Next meeting December 20, 2020.

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned 1107hrs,

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Adjutant