



The American Legion American Legion Riders Chapter 374 General Meeting



Meeting Minutes

A general meeting of the American Legion Riders (ALR) Chapter 374 was held on Tuesday, July 21st at 1930.

Opening prayer was offered by John Herrmann.

Guests: Nebraska Veterans Coalition

1. OFFICERS PRESENT:

- ALR Director: Don Labrie, present
- ALR Assistant Director: Tony Amaya, present
- ALR Sgt At Arms: Vince Mahoney, absent
- ALR Secretary: Kara Petersen, present
- ALR Treasurer: Jennifer Salak, present

2. CHAPTER OFFICER REPORT:

- a. Secretary: Read minutes from the June meeting. Motion made by Dave Salak to accept the minutes as read and second by Marty Timberlake. No further discussion, motion carried.
- b. Treasurer: Read treasurer's report for period ending June 30th. Motion made by Dave Salak to accept the financial report as read, second by Marty Timberlake. No further discussion, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Events Committee
 - i. Kara put together a donation spreadsheet and her mom, Arletta Raschke and Digital Express mailed out over 300 letters to businesses for the OCW run
 - ii. Darlene has started receiving donations in the mail and has also secured a silent auction item of a training certificate for a CDL license worth \$4500
 - iii. Kara received a quote from Unionist Printing for the t-shirts which was lower than Darlene's quote. Dave Salak made a motion to go ahead with the t-shirt order and Greg Petersen 2nd it. All approved to order shirts this year. They will be sold for \$15 – S-XL and \$20 for 2X-5X.

- iv. Greg Petersen also advised that 8th Air Force Association Group is disbanding and they have pledged to donate approx. \$1100 to our OCW fund
- b. John Herrmann updated that we had 8 riders attend the Respite Care event. This was the largest attendance we have had to date and the kids loved seeing all the bikes
- c. Post 32 sent a big Thank You for the support of our riders on their Poker Run
- d. Saturday, July 25th is the Emergency Response Training. Response to Don Labrie directly if you will be attending

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Guests from the Nebraska Veterans Coalition spoke about the Vets issues they are working with our state legislature on. They are working on at least maintaining, if not increasing Vets benefits state wide. Please visit nevetscoalition.org to register or their Facebook site so your voice is heard.
- b. Jennifer Salak advised that August 2nd at 9am is a Legion Baseball event to support Downs Syndrome at Bellevue East High School in conjunction with Post #339
- c. Scott Spicer, the ALR New Asst Liaison for the SE Region, gave a quick update on the state meeting he attended. Big take away was Patch Etiquette – If you wouldn't wear a patch in Church, you shouldn't wear it on your vest.
- d. The 2015 National Veterans Golden Age Games will be in Omaha Aug 8th-12th and the need volunteers. Please go to www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov to see what assistance is needed
- e. We have 2 events at the Post on Saturday, August 29th. The Scott Petersen Memorial Poker Run will be starting at the Post with registration from 10-12. This is also Millard Days and some of our riders will be in the Parade, which starts at 11. Plan is to meet at approx. 10am at the Post to register for the Poker Run, for those riding on the run, and then rider down to line up for the Millard Days parade together. Those going on the poker run will then leave for the run as soon as the parade is over.

Closing prayer was offered by John Herrmann.

Meeting adjourned at 2000.