



**The American Legion
American Legion Riders
Chapter 374
General Meeting
Tuesday, March 15th, 2016**



Meeting Minutes

A general meeting of the American Legion Riders (ALR) Chapter 374 was held on Tuesday, March 16th, at 1930hrs.

Opening prayer was offered by Vince Mahoney.

Guests:

1. OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

2. CHAPTER OFFICER REPORT:

- a. Treasurer: Dave Salak read treasurer's report for period ending Feb 29th, 2016. Motion made by Marty Timberlake to accept the financial report as read, second by Don Labrie. No further discussion, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Events Committee – Spaghetti Feed April 23rd from 5-7pm. Don Labrie advised that he had to make a judgment call in ear-marking the funds for the Vietnam Vets Honor Flight program. Dave Salak brought up that he didn't have an issue with supporting the Vietnam Vets, but he has a personal issue with how Patriotic Productions runs their operations. Dave answered questions on his experiences with Patriotic Productions. Mike Schroeder made a motion to continue supporting the Vets Honor Flight as is. Marty Timberlake 2nd the motion. The motion passed.
- b. Don Labrie said that our Monday night Taco Night assistance has been going pretty well. He has asked for additional support from all the riders to assist those who have been coming to help every week.
- c. OCW Poker Run on August 20th – Don Labrie presented his initial mockup of the flyer to hand out. Some discussion was made to try and find another OCW picture to use as we

used the same pic last year. This is the only Nebraska sponsored pic that OCW has on their site currently. Kara Petersen volunteered to be the event Chair as Darlene Boyden won't be available as often. Vince Mahoney and Marty Timberlake are already working on the route. More to come with committee meeting information

- d. Marty Timberlake updated the group on the Illinois Freedom Ride on June 17th-19th. He set up a block of 10 rooms at a discounted rate. Please contact Marty if you are interested in going and need a room.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jen Salak brought up putting together a Sick Call list for all of us to update when another member is ill for a length of time and could possibly use assistance. She advised that Randy Mattison is very ill and suggested that we pay for his annual dues of \$15 to help out. Vince Mahoney made the motion to cover his dues this year and Marty Timberlake 2nd it. No discussion and motion carried.
- b. 2016 Officer Nominations:
 - i. Director: Tony Amaya
 - ii. Asst Director: Lyle Krueger, David Schoenagel
 - iii. Sgt In Arms: Lyle Eagan, Vince Mahoney
 - iv. Secretary: Kara Petersen
 - v. Treasurer: Jennifer Salak
- c. Don Labrie asked all members to get the word out that the OCW is VERY different than the WWP. The WWP has been in the news lately about not giving their proceeds to the actual veterans. We want to decrease the negative press and not let it affect the OCW fundraising where 100% of the proceeds go directly to help Veterans.
- d. Scott Spicer had updates regarding upcoming events on a State wide/National Level
 - i. State Romp will be June 17th-19 in Hastings
 - ii. National Legacy Run is August 21-25
 - iii. May 21st @ 6pm will be the Honor & Remember Walk in downtown Omaha. As in the past, it will start at the ConAgra campus and then the families will walk to the Performing Arts Center. Riders are requested for a flag line between each venue.
 - iv. May 1st – Gretna Rider Safety Day at their post at 10am
 - v. May 15th – Ashland Blessing of the Bikes event at 1pm

Closing prayer was offered by Vince Mahoney

Meeting adjourned at 2016hrs.