



American Legion Riders
Post 1340

General Meeting Minutes
Apr 5, 2005

Meeting opened at 7:10 pm

Sick call:

- a) Premature pregnancy concerns for Denise.
- b) Marty is in the hospital. Motioned by Barry R, second by Rex W, to send flowers. Carried unanimously.

Introduction of Guests / New members:

Welcome to Walt Counterman who joined our post and his son, James, who joined the Sons. Also, Terry Cross is back with us.

Adjutant:

Review and acceptance of the minutes from the 15 Mar meeting. Motioned by Barry R, second by Julie L, to postpone acceptance because the minutes were not released to the post membership nor available at this meeting. Carried unanimously.

Sons:

Dennis Ray reported the Sons have approximately \$169 in their account. He also discussed the set up for the DBA kick-off run. The post should be at Dale's Country Bar to set up by 10:00 a.m. Saturday because of a huge tent that is being set up. The decision was to meet Saturday, 9 Apr, at Charley's by 9:30 to haul the trailer and materials. About eight people are needed.

Auxiliary Report:

- a) Dina L. reported their account balance was \$207. Also that Donta Spinner, our sponsored child at the American Legion Children's Home, is doing well.
- b) Sponsor Sunday at the AL Children's Home was set for 24 Apr. Those interested in riding up as a show of support are welcomed. More info to come later.

- c) The auxiliary is also planning ride to the Children's Home for a picnic sometime in June.
- d) The auxiliary has set their first poker run for 15 May. It'll be an 80 mile ride starting and ending at Charley's. Look for a flyer and more info to come. The support they requested from our post was to participate in the run.

Post Finance Officers Report:

Melvin C. reported a balance of \$1,628.66; with approximately \$621.50 brought in and expenses of \$30.36. Motioned by Barry R, second by Rick S, to accept the financial report as read. Carried unanimously.

Quartermaster Report:

Julie L. mentioned that she has some new patches but may need to order more larger ones if anyone is interested. Also she has more berets available and if anyone is in need of some type of post shirt, let her know.

Completed Events: N/A.

Ongoing Projects / Events:

- a) Bike Night at Charley's – Every Wednesday, starting 7 Apr.
 - The post will be preparing burgers and dogs in support of Charley's Bike Night each Wednesday.
 - Big Jim mentioned there will be a live band. Drawings for cash will be every hour and tickets for the drawing will be given to you for each drink purchased.
 - Those wanting to help with in the trailer should be there about 6:00 p.m.
 - Motioned by Julie L, second by Rex W, to make this weekly event a "AL 1340 Patch" event. Carried unanimously. Come out and support our loyal supporter.
- b) DBA Kick-Off Run – Sunday, 10 Apr:
 - Dale's Country Bar on NE 23rd and Westminster
 - We'll meet Saturday, 9 Apr, at Charley's by 9:30 to haul the trailer and materials to Dale's for set-up.
 - We'll be selling breakfast (burritos and sweet rolls) and lunch (burgers and dogs).
 - We will leave from Charley's at 8:00 a.m. on the 10th to prepare for the feed. Rick S. stated that he would already be at Dale's before 7:00 if anyone came directly there.
- c) Trailer Set-Up at "AM Supply" – Thursday, 21 Apr:
 - AM supply has supported us on several occasions. We accepted their request for us to set up our trailer and serve hotdogs for their business picnic.
- d) Guthrie's 89er Days – April 21, 22, and 23:
 - Trailer will be taken from the "AM Supply" event on 21 Apr to Guthrie for set up.
 - We'll be cooking on Friday and Saturday (22 and 23 Apr). Volunteers will be needed.
 - We'll ride as a post in the parade on Saturday, 23 Apr, directly behind the Honor Guard. This will be a patch event. Road captains will set time and route.

- e) POW/MIA Poker Run – Sunday, 30 Apr (Rain date, 7 May)
 - The post was invited and has accepted to set-up our trailer and cook only hamburgers. The trailer will be set up in J.B. Barnes park in MWC off Reno Ave.

- f) Kolache Festival – Saturday, 7 May in Prague
 - Ken reported that he needs a team of two volunteers to get the trailer to and from this event for the Shawnee VFW post (who owns the trailer), to use.
 - The trailer needs to be taken there on Friday, 6 May and brought back on the Sunday, 8 May. Clean-up will be at Charley's Sunday afternoon upon arrival from Prague.

- g) Rolling Thunder: Sunday, 22 May
 - The ride to the "wall" in Washington D.C. ends on Memorial Day
 - Participation is on an individual basis. Contact Rick S. for more info.

- h) Memorial Day Ride to State Capital – Monday, 30 May
 - Our post has committed to giving out hot dogs at Charley's after the event.

- i) Bikes to Bricktown – Saturday & Sunday, 11 and 12 June
 - We'll be set up at Wiley Post Park and cooking both days of the event.

- j) Our 4th of July Poker Run – Monday, 4 July
 - Our sponsor recruiting team (Larry Inman, Rick Short, Teri Robinette, Smurf, and Dina Lattig) is still searching. If you know of a possible sponsor, please let one of them (Larry 577-5405, Rick 722-7509, Terri 381-3976, or Dina 824-1349) know and they'll contact that business.
 - Terri R. reported that the team has not reached their goal. \$1,000 has been donated so far (\$500 by Charley's and \$500 from Big Jim's father).
 - Ken noted that we have a post member who has promised to cover the \$5,000 top prize if the post cannot achieve that amount. Charlie Willis was recognized and applauded for this commitment.
 - Position volunteers thus far:
 - i. Route – Road Captains
 - ii. Safety – Ken Larcher
 - iii. Vendor services; food and beverages – Jim Craig, Julie Larcher
 - iv. Entertainment – Julie Larcher, Jim Craig
 - v. Prizes, raffles, etc. – Barry Robinette
 - vi. Advertising and promotions – Rick Short
 - vii. Preregistration – Ramona Crutcher,
 - viii. On-site registration – Doug and Christie Carter
 - All games will be set up only at Charley's. The auxiliary will run these activities and receive the proceeds from them.
 - We will need a lot of volunteers from our organization to make this all happen (team leaders and helpers). Start thinking about how you can help out.

- k) Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall: Will be coming for display in Del City for three days in July, 15-17.

- The plan is for us to ride as a Post out West to meet the wall by the Cherokee Trading Post on I-40 on 12 Jul and then escort it into Del City.
- Rex W. will find out more info about this ride. He also has t-shirts for sale at \$10 each to help raise money for this event.
- The sponsors are also seeking help with set up on the 13th and 14th. Then volunteers to assist during the event (reading names, escorting folks, hospitality, etc.). Contact Rex W. for more info about volunteering.

- l) Mid-Summer Thunder – 28-31 July at Lake Eufaula
- Tabled until next meeting.

New Opportunities / Events:

- a) Post Ride Suggestions:
- Sat, 16 Apr: Eichen's Chicken Place in Okarche
 - Sat, 21 May: Meers for BBQ
 - Sun, 24 Jul: Fun ride to Medicine Park
 - Sat-Sun, 13-14 Aug: Ride to Talimena and spend the night. Plan to stay at Willmina Inn in Mena, AR (www.queenwilhelmina.com; 479-394-2863) \$81.75 for two

New Business:

- a) BACA Fund Raiser – 30 Apr
- Mel C. is participating in this 100 mile ride and asked the post if they would sponsor him for \$1.00/mile. Motioned by Charlie W, second by Steve B, to sponsor Mel for this event. Carried Unanimously.

Commander's thoughts:

During recent riding activities there has been a tendency for members to not meet at the agreed rally point and to wait for the "pack" and join up as the group passes by. This happens because the rally point has been Charley's without thought of using other rally points. Please consider meeting at the agreed meeting point. I will request the road Captains select rally points that are the most convenient for all of the riders to join the group without backtracking.

The **50/50 drawing** netted \$28 and the winner was Dawn C.

Next Executive Committee Meeting, is TBD.

Next General Membership Meeting, is 19 Apr 05.

Adjournment at 8:15 pm.

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