



American Legion (AL) Riders
Post 1340

General Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2005

Commander Larcher opened the meeting opened at 7:08 pm

Sick call:

None.

Introduction of Guests / New members:

Christie Carter was recognized as a new Auxiliary member.

Adjutant:

- a) Minutes from the 21 Jun meeting (no meeting was held on the 5th of July) were posted on the Post website and e-mail to all.
 - Alan requested the sentence listed under: "On-going Projects / Events, b), Duty Assignments, iii, a)" be deleted.
 - Motion by Barry R, second by Rex W, to accept posted minutes as amended by Adjutant's request. **Motion carried (MC).**

Sons:

Dennis R, had no issues to bring up.

Auxiliary Report:

- a) Dina L. reported that nominations and elections will be held at the next meeting on 2 Aug.

Post Finance Officers Report:

Mel C. reported the Post balance is \$2,409.88 (Auxiliary balance is \$623.00); with approximately \$7,630.14 inflow and expenses of \$8,838.84 (poker run payout). Motioned by Rick S, second by Barry R, to accept the financial report as read. **MC.**

Quartermaster Report:

None.

Completed Events:

- a) **Post 1340's 4th of July Poker Run** (99 bikes; 140 entrants)
- Ken stated that it was a successful effort especially for the size of our organization and thanked everyone for their support.
 - Discussions were held to see if and how improvements could be made for next year. Topics discussed included: vendors, games, giveaways, sponsors, public relations, advertising, date selection, registration, stop selections and sponsors, planning and management, grand prize amount. A summary of the outcome from these discussions follow:
 - i. Improve our flyer
 - ii. Add dunk tank
 - iii. Start soliciting sponsors now and get commitments from them (pledge or promissory type note); then follow up with sponsors on a regular basis to hold them to their commitments
 - iv. Identify and publicize a more tangible goal or objective that folks and identify with
 - Motioned by Charlie W, second by Rick S, to make our goal be an air conditioning unit for installation into the Legion Children's Home gymnasium. **MC**. Ken L, will request additional information about the gym with assistance from Boyd W.
 - v. Improve promoting and advertising by working closer with radio and TV stations and starting this sooner; Billy M, has a POC at a local station that's willing to give air time to vet organizations; we should take advantage of this
 - vi. Bob H, was recognized for obtaining tables and chairs for customers to sit down and eat the food they bought from us
 - vii. Improve registrations; possibly give out pins, patches, or shirts when people preregister; this also gives our event more exposure; we could set up at bike nights or other events to do this
 - viii. Working so many events prior to the 4th was identified as a hindrance to our run; folks were getting worn down and it also took them away from concentrating on other needs to support the run
 - ix. Because the 4th is on a Tuesday next year, a motion was made by Keith C, second by Rick S, to set 2 Jul 06, for our annual poker run, with 9 Jul as a rain date. **MC**.
 - x. Encouragement was pushed to continue having a 4th of July run date and work on improving it for a couple more years
 - xi. Having a run in conjunction with the Veterans Day ride to the state capital was brought up; Charlie W, stated that is a day set aside for veterans and we should take advantage of it;
 - Motioned by Randy, second by Keith, to pursue another run on Veterans Day. Boyd identified the need to discuss with ABATE and Marine Corp League about having this event. **MC**.

Ongoing Projects / Events:

- a) **Annual State Legion Convention**
- The support we provided with our hospitality suite was a success.

- An unfortunate event occurred while closing down the event. Jim S, was given the 50/50 container with the tickets and half of the income (\$67.50) in it. He set it aside and went on to assist with the cleaning-up and moving of post belongings. Jim accepted responsibility for the loss and stated that he would replace the money. He also requested his resignation as the Post Sergeant at Arms for personal reasons.
 - i. Motioned by Charlie W, second by Rick S, to not accept the lost \$67 or Jim's resignation. The tickets were lost so there is no way to complete the drawing and the lost money would not have belonged to the post anyway. **MC.**
 - ii. On behalf of the post, Charlie W, thanked Jim for his honesty and ethics.

b) **Mid-Summer Thunder** – 28-31 July at Lake Eufaula

- We will be set up to sell burgers and breakfast burritos. Help is needed!!!
- Some workers will be leaving on Wed, 27 Jul at 2:00 from Charley's to haul out the trailers and set up. Ken L, will pull the kitchen; Rick S, will pull the pantry; and Rex W, will pull a trailer with the grill and cooler box on it.
- Billy M, will drive his R.V. there for our use. It sleeps about 5-6 people. Some cots will be available if folks could just bring a bag to throw on it and sleep outside. Bringing your own tent would help.
- If you're interested in helping at this event, **please call Billie's cell phone (201-6875) prior to your departure.** There may be a need for something that you could bring along.
- They expect to return about noon on Sunday.
- Any help you can provide for this event is needed and appreciated.

c) **Post Ride Plans**

- 20 Aug, Talimena Scenic Ride, from Talihina, OK to Mena, AK
 - i. Reservations need to be made with the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge (www.queenwilhelmina.com, 1-800-264-2477). Cost for rooms is \$81.75 for two (2) persons (king or two doubles). Add \$10 for each extra person.
 - ii. Seven (7) rooms have already been reserved at the Lodge those for post members who have committed to going.
- Future ride sites that were agreed to are (no dates set at this time):
 - i. Indian Village in Anadarko
 - ii. Sulphur State Park by Davis
 - iii. A winery tour

New Opportunities / Events:

None

New Business:

- a) Dennis R, asked if the post would be interested in setting up the kitchen for the DBA's night poker run on 6 Aug.
 - Ken will research and let Dennis know soon.
- b) Barry R, thanked all those that met their son at the airport (a soldier returning after being gone for over a year) and rode along side him on his new Sportster to their home.

- c) Ken L, presented Charlie W, a check for \$1,600. This represents the final payment back to Charlie of the \$3,000 he loaned the post when we first formed our organization.

The **50/50 drawing** netted \$17.50 for the post and the winner of the other half was Julie L. Thanks Julie for donating it towards the Children's home fund.

Next Executive Committee Meeting – wasn't set

Next General Membership Meeting – is 2 Aug

Adjournment at 8:55 pm.

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