



American Legion Riders
Post 1340
Post Meeting Minutes

Commander: Ralph Branham

The Meeting was opened at 10:12 by the commander and was declared to be an informal meeting due to the low turnout.

Finance officer presented a membership check that had been lost for longer than 90 days and was not honored by the issuing bank. A request was made to the adjutant to send a letter requesting a reissuance to the writer of the membership check due to the fact that the membership had been applied to the members 2008 membership and the 2007 was forgiven.

The finance Officer reported that the current balance was \$ 8,600.00 and that a concise finance report would follow at the next meeting.

A proposal was made that the constitution be amended to allow any eligible rider to own or operate a motorcycle that was capable of maintaining highway speeds during a group ride safely and was mechanically sound in the judgment of the Road Captain. The motion was shelved until the next meeting.

A discussion was made that in view that the 2007 4th of July poker run was so successful that consideration should be given to the idea that another bike be purchased for renovation and raffled off at the 2008 4th of July Poker Run. Argument was given that it could be said that the reason for the great success could be given to many factors, some not related to the raffle and careful consideration should be given to the idea of renovating another bike for the sole purpose of a raffle. The discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

The commander noted that a large number of sport bike riders were on the streets and the post should define a plan to include them in the membership and bring the total membership to all bikers and not just the heavy cruisers.

The commander stated that he would like to see all of the post minutes posted on the website on a secure page where the username was AL1340 and the password was the members American Legion membership number. The adjutant suggested that the finance

reports and the membership administration be behind the same secure firewall. The adjutant will contact the web designer/administrator to complete these tasks.

The post has chosen to not sponsor a child due to the fact that the sponsored child was not a son or daughter of a veteran. Further: it was stated that the post will respond to the needs of the child if and when the child or the children's home makes a request. Further the post will further sponsor a child if a child can be found that is a bona fide veteran's child as stated in the constitution of the home.

The Commander suggested that the next Saturday meeting be advertised as a "FREE" public pancake breakfast and ride with the idea being to boost membership. Something like Pancakes free, bacon and eggs free with a new membership. The idea was shelved till the next meeting.

The members present broke the meeting and rode to Post 170 (Midwest City) for a visit to see the facilities that were being offered to Post 1340 as a new post home. The visitation was a great success.