

American Legion Riders
Post 283 Membership Meeting
November 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Secretary called the attendance roll:

Present: Director John "Pops" Lane, Asst. Director Danny Hill, Treasurer Ella Rae Jansen, Secretary Randy Clayton, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Sgt. At Arms Shelley Blevins, Asst. Membership Director Beth Lowy, Road Captain Mark Lowy, Safety Officer Jim Wallace, Webmaster Randy Clayton.

Not Present: 2nd Vice John Lafferty, Chaplain Suzy Heitt, Asst. Sgt. At Arms Gerry Heitt, Historian Karen Hunter-Novak.

Sgt. at Arms reported no visitors and 1 transferring member: Robert, retired navy, member of Beaches Honor Guard, transferring from Post 316 to 283.

Secretary reported last month's meeting notes have been posted to the website. Motion was made to accept the notes as posted, 2nd, passed.

Treasurer reported details of account balances. A decision needs to be made on the 2 trophies and plaques and to whom they should be awarded, as well as the dollar balance we want for next year's Poker Run event. \$3,000 was decided, the same amount as last year. Motion was made to accept the report, 2nd, passed.

Assistant Director reported, for the last month, 9,094 miles ridden, 996.5 hours, donations of \$20,900. Year to date miles is 30,442, 3,816 hours, \$30,100 donations. \$20,000 was donated to K9 Lives.

2nd Vice is away at daughter's wedding. The rider's will not do the December dinner. January's dinner will be the annual Chili Cookoff Competition. Mark and Beth volunteered for February 2022. We need help for the day AFTER Thanksgiving to cook Tacos.

Membership reported no new applications at this time. Remember it's that time of the year to start renewing your dues. Director reported that there are a number of life-time rider members that are not current with their Post dues. Life Time members are suspended while their Post dues go unpaid. They must pay ALL past dues to the post.

Chaplain was not present for a report.

Road Captain reported no ride today due to rain forecast. 9/24/2022 is the next Poker Run. Director discussed plaques from other Post we have captured and need to be returned.

Safety Officer had nothing to report. Check your tire pressure.

Historian was not present for a report.

Sgt. At Arms reported 1 guest and 33 people and \$46 donated.

Quarter master reported that nothing was brought in for purchase today.

No old business to report.

Shelley discussed 19th Street Charities, and what is done with the donations. She has worked 4 years with Mike the Marine and his Toys For Tots charity. Half the donations are giving to Mike's charity and Shelley gives out the other half.

Director had several member's names but no email addresses. He asked if anyone knew these folks and can get into contact with them for info.

Director report Summit 2022 is coming up February 3 through the 6th. The Rider's pay for the hotel expense. Five rooms will be reserved asap, and we can cancel them if necessary. A motion was made to reserve and pay for 5 rooms for 4 days at \$99 per night. 2nd, approved.

There is a Thanksgiving Dinner including turkey and seafood, at Tonya's (plenty of parking) on 21st at 3 PM.

Post 283 rider's have a new plaque, create by the Jean the bar tender. We are not yet registered. Rider's can rescue their own plaques when 5 or more riders go to retrieve it. We will make note of who takes a plaque. The rider's Christmas party is at Brenda and Alie's house, December 18th. Bring food and drinks. Chinese gift exchange. Motion to donate to Mayport USO \$1000. 2nd, passed. Wounded Warriors Jacksonville vs Wounded Warrior Project. Motion to donate 1,500, 2nd, 3rd, discussion...too much. Motion was amended to \$1,000, 2nd, passed. Motion to donate to 19th Street Charity. There is some confusion about the check. Motion was made to donate \$100 to ?. 2nd, approved. American Cancer Society motion for \$500, 2nd, passed.

Motion made to donate \$70, for \$10 gifts for a 7 month period, for Shelley's awards to riders. 2nd, passed.

Motion to adjourn. 2nd, passed.

Meeting ended at 9:45 AM.