



Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

March 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 09:00.

Chaplin Suzanne Hiet offered prayer.

Pow/Mia flag placed on chair by Sgt at Arms Vickie Skipper-Compton

Plague of Allegiance lead by Sgt at Arms Vickie Skipper-Compton

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

Roll called. Present: Director John Lang, Asst. Director Rick Knight, Chaplin Suzanne Hiet, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Adjutant Kam Sons, Safety Officer Yvette Moore, Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, Historian, Karen Hunter-Novak, Webmaster, Jim Novak

(Quorum is meet)

Not Present: 2nd Vice: Mark Lowy, Asst. Chaplin: Rick Tessler, Membership: Elizabeth Lowy, Asst. Sgt at Arms Shawn Conley, and Road Captain, Mark Lowy

Guest: New member's wife Pam Peterson

Committee Reports:

Adjutant reported that the minutes from February was on the website and in lieu of reading of the minutes. A motion was made by Danny Hill to accept the minutes as posted and was properly seconded by Yvette Moore and there was no discussion, motion passed.

Finance Officer read detailed report of account balances, checking \$11298.50, Rider down fund \$5065.19, Money market \$5868.27, Charity Account \$2453.26, Poker Run Acct \$5290.00 for next year. 24685.22 total funds available. Motion was made by Kam Sons to accept finance report subject to audit, seconded by Vickie Skipper-Compton and no discussion, motion passed.

Asst. Director. Reported year to date miles 32094.5 and year to date hours of 24753. Year to date is 53920.00 in donations.

Membership: In lieu of the membership officer the directed reported. 1 member was presented to be voted in. Bob Peterson

Chaplin: Steven Lowy a new rider, had a motorcycle accident and is the hospital still and will be there are a while, please keep him in your prayers, Jim Brown had surgery. We received a Thank you are from Mikey and his mom for helping with the Night to Shine event.

Road Captain excused. In lieu for the Road Captain the Director spoke about the plans for the ride that day. He planned going to Post 137 and stealing our plaque back and he would bring in back to the post and then meet everyone at Post 129 to steal their plaque and then to Post 316 for their Oyster Boil

2nd Vice excused.

Safety Report: She spoke about the information attained from summit in the Road Caption's class: The if someone has a machinal failure closest to them should stop and render help. If they are the last person in line then the person in front of the should look in their mirror and make a safe U-turn and render help. Also it is illegal to pass anyone in same lane. She ordered some stuff from the Safe Rides booth for us at summit but is not in yet. Someone also asked her early that morning was what the rarest blood type, and it is AB- and O- is most universal. Director chimed in on the Safety Officer's report and stated if someone get out of line, just move up to space and keep riding. Danny Hill suggested maybe we could have a flashing light to put on the road when rendering help.

Historian: She is taking pictures for the website.

Sgt at Arms reported there was 1 guest, 24 members and \$19.00 in donations.

Quartermaster: No activity.

Event Coordinator: Creating a flyer/letter to those who have ridden in our previous rides and supports. Also will be putting a committee together next month.

Director: Director, John Lang started the meeting by explaining the proper way to run meetings and he will start run the meeting correctly as instructed by district and department. He stated in making a motion you must stand and state your name and seconded as well. He also stated fund being donations are decrease in the recent months and that is why the charity account is getting low. He stated that the Mardi Gras was this month on March 24th, wear your Mardi Gras attire and it is Cajun food. Ella Rae Jansen heads it up and will send out a email to the director to send out an email for help. He asked the Web master to check on the calendar on website it does not bring up a current calendar w/ event. He introduced the new Junior Rider program and showed the patch for their vest. He opened a discussion on what their dues could be and if we charge them for the patch. He informed everyone that we have to update our standing orders to be approved by department and we are working on this. He sent everyone an email with the new Rider manual and Road Captain manual. He will be putting Rider Manual, Road Captain Manual, a copy of the medical form, and the waiver form and that will the new member packet. We need to have a medical form sealed in an envelope on your bike and one given to the Road Caption, this is to help you and the EMT's need to know if you go down. Please also on the contact please add another person that does not ride with us. He would like these to start being turned in at next meeting. We are also supposed to be signing a waiver every year when we renew our dues. March 27 is a ride for Post 372 we are donating a bottle of liquor, they are working to get their own post. The Unity ride is also coming up with 3 routes April 16 thru April 23rd, if you would like to ride please let us know and we can take

care of the hotel rooms, and the standard rules will reflect the amount of meeting and amount of meals you must help with to get reimbursed for rooms. There is also a virtual rider to raise money for the Unity ride and can win prizes. They are also raffling off a Harley Davidson Street glide. You are buy tickets here at the post. Zane who is our 1st vice and he will leading the East coast ride from Jacksonville and would like to see everyone join, they will be going to all the post here in Jax. Please go on the website and see all the information. American Legion Florida and click on Riders and then events. This Thursday March 9 th at 7pm for Post 37 who finally got a Chapter and are being installed at the Armory 195 San Marco Blvd in St Augustine. The District picnic is coming up March 25 for VFW. We still need to plan a ride to the Museum in Salt Springs for they donation.

Nominations: Director, John Lang- he accepted, there was no more nominations. **Asst Director**: Rick Knight was nominated - he declined. Jim Nowak has already been nominated. **Adjutant**: Kam Sons was nominated- She accepted. **Finance Director**: Ella Rae Jansen is already nominated. **Chaplain**, Yvette Moore has already been nominated. **Road Captain**: Steve was already nominated. **Safety officer**: Kevin Smith was nominated already. **Sgt at Arms**: Vickie Skipper-Compton was already nominated. **Asst Sgt at Arms**: Road Captain: Tonya Seymore nominated herself. The rest of offices are appointed but if there is more than one, we will vote. **Membership**: no nominations. **2nd Vice**: no nominations. The Adjutant can also be Membership and Road Captain can be done by Safety office. We are happy with our Web master, Historian, and Event coordinator.

Requests for donations: Community hospice requested a donation. Team Johnson Motorsport for an honorary sponsor.

Motions: Yvette Moore moved that we charge \$8.00 for dues, and it includes the patch. This was properly seconded by Vickie Skipper-Compton. No discussion, motion passed.

Correspondence: Thank you from Community Hospice for the \$200.00 donation, Certificate of appreciation from St Jude's. A thank you from the coordinator for the Night to Shine for the boys from our post for our donation and the boys had a good time walking the red carpet. The VFW veteran's village thanks us for our donation.

TW volunteered to lead ride to St Augustine for installations on Thursday.

If anyone would like to lead a ride to Daytona for Bike week please let the Director know.

Yvette Moore reminded everyone about Blood Drive on Sunday March 12, 2023.

Danny Hill motioned we adjourn the meeting.

POW/MIA flag retrieved by Sgt at Arms Vickie Skipper-Compton

Closing prayer offered by Suzanne Hiet

Director John Lang adjourned meeting at 09:51:27

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:

American Legion Rider Chapter 283

Adjutant

Kam Sons