

## Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

## **Membership Meeting**

## April 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 by Past Director Rodney Fullwood.

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Mark Lowy, 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**: Director John Lang, Asst. Director Rick Knight, 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 March were posted on the website and in lieu of reading of the minutes. A motion was made by Mark Lowy 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 \$12632.38, Rider down fund \$5065.19, Money market \$5868.27, Charity Account \$3631.78, Poker Run Acct \$5290.00. 27197.62 total funds available. Motion was made by Terry Wallace to accept finance report subject to audit, seconded by Vickie Skipper-Compton and no discussion, motion passed.

**Asst. Director**. Reported year to date miles 33559 and year to date hours of 26152. Year to date is \$53949.00 in donations.

**Membership:** We have 2 new members to vote in today: Ronald Smith and Edward Johnson Yvette Moore moved that we accept the 2 new members into the chapter. It was properly seconded by Vickie Skipper-Compton No discussion, motion passed.

**Chaplin**: Steven Lowy a new rider, is doing better, please keep him in your prayers, Keep Pops in your prayers after his surgery, Kevin is doing fine as well.

**Road Captain** We are going down to Saltwater Gun Range and lunch in Saint Augustine and stop by post 129 on the way back. 30 minutes after the meeting we will have a safety meeting then ride out.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice**: Mardi Gras was a great success; Ella Rae is doing April. He requested volunteers for May dinner, TW volunteers to do a Low Country Shrimp boil on May 26, 2023. Asked for desserts for April meal.

Safety Report: Check your bike before riding and check for any recalls, if it doesn't feel right, don't take it out.

Historian: She is taking pictures for the website.

Sgt at Arms reported 24 members and \$24.00 in donations.

Quartermaster: Please send all pictures so they can be put on websites.

Event Coordinator: Getting ready to start moving w/ Poker Run.

**Director**: Riding into History April 15,2023. Military child's table is April 1<sup>st</sup> w/ luncheon. Unity Ride April 17, 2023 through April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2023. We requested if anyone wants to join the unity ride, please let the director know so hotel rooms can be reserved. John Lang, Ella Rae Jansen, Richard Lightener, and Steve are riding so far. We need to move the money from the Rider down fund due to non-use and we will move it and then rebuild it. Ella Rae Jansen suggested we move some of the Rider Down Fund into the Charity account and the savings account can be moved there as well.

Nominations: Director, nominated- John Lang: there were no more nominations. Asst Director: nominated Jim Nowak: there were no more nominations. Adjutant: nominated -Kam Sons there were no more nominations Finance Director: nominated -Ella Rae Jansen there were no more nominations. Chaplain: nominated Yvette Moore there were no more nominations. Road Captain: nominated Steve, Mark Lowy was nominated and declined it. Safety officer: nominated Kevin Smith, Mary Lowy was nominated and accepted. Sgt at Arms: nominated, Vickie Skipper-Compton there were no more nominations. Asst Sgt at Arms: nominated, Tonya Seymore there were no more nominations. Membership: Liz Lowy, if no one else wants to do it, she will continue. The rest of the offices are appointed but if there is more than one, we will vote. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: no volunteers. Web master, Historian, and Event coordinator all staying the same.

**Requests for donations**: Sno-ball Express for Patriot Riders we are also adding 2 cars to the train, and we are donating it back to them as well. We will donate a bottle of liquor for post 88's fun run.

**Motions:** Jim Nowak moved that we donate \$500.00 to Sno-Ball Express to benefit gold star kids, it was properly seconded by Vickie Skipper-Compton, no discussion, motion moved. Mark Lowy move that the Riders donate \$100.00 to the Juniors it was properly seconded by Vickie Skipper-Compton, no discussion, motion carried. Mark Lowy moved that we donate \$1000.00 to Vet Relief for unity ride. It was properly seconded by Jim Nowak, no discussion and motion carried. TW moved to move half the funds from Rider down fund to the charity account, it was properly seconded by Vickie Skipper-Compton. No discussion, motion carried. Kam

Sons moved that the money collected at each meeting goes into the Rider Down Fund and rebuild it. It was properly seconded by Mark Lowy, no discussion, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** no activity.

Mark Lowy motioned we adjourn the meeting.

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

Closing prayer offered by Suzanne Hiet

Past Director adjourned meeting at 09:59

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:

American Legion Rider Chapter 283

Adjutant

Kam Sons