



Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

April 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 by Director John Lang.

Chaplin Yvette Moore offered prayer.

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

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

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

Roll called. Present: Director John Lang, Asst. Director Jim Nowak, 2nd Vice Edward Johnson, Chaplin Yvette Moore, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Adjutant Kam Sons, Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, Asst Sgt at Arms Rick Knight, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Membership Karen Hunter-Nowak, Webmaster, Jim Nowak, Historian, Karen Hunter-Nowak, Event Coordinator, Kam Sons

(Quorum is meet)

Not Present: Asst. Chaplin Suzie Heitt, Road Captain Shawn Conley, Safety Officer: Mark Lowey

Guests: Bill Watson and associates w/ Masonic Motorcycle association, (Widow Riders) We would like to get support for their poker run in September for K-9 for warriors. They also wanted to unite the veteran motorcycle associations.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant In lieu of reading of the minutes, they are posted on website, a motion was made to accept minutes as posted. Motion was properly accepted and without any discussion motion passed.

Finance Officer read detailed report of account balances, checking \$1494.96, Rider down fund \$2968.19, Money market \$4116.35, Charity Account \$1902.18, Poker Run Acct \$6403.24. \$29484.92 total funds available. The motion was made to accept the finance report subject to audit, it was properly seconded and without any discussion the motion passed.

Asst. Director: March 12202.7 miles and 1935 hours. We had 0 in donations as well. Miles, years to date were 88904.4 and 14625.5 hours. Year to date donation \$38150.00. Points games will be posted on the board. I have forms here for the poker run today if anyone is interested.

Chaplin: Visted Patti Hill at the Brooks Rehabilitation center, sent Christopher Sons a get-well card and spent time speaking with him. Keep them in your prayers. Spoke with Karen Hunter-Nowak; offered condolences on the passing of her father and sent a sympathy card. In lieu of flowers we will be donating to Project Vet Relief in honor of her father: James Hunter. Please see her family in your prayers. Please keep all our members in your prayers going through health issues and lost in their families. She stated "I will be doing the blessing of the bikes today as well, please stay for that".

Sgt at Arms: 29 members 3 guests (Bill Watson and member) and a new rider. \$50 for Rider down fund. Looks great that we have this many members here and donations.

Road Captain: There was talk of going to Saint Augustine today. Don't forget about the festival today down there and one at the beach.

Safety Captain: No activity

2nd Vice: On March 17 Ella did her Mardi Gras Party where we had \$763.13 in expenses and \$1194 in donations with proceeds of \$430.82. On March 26, we did Taco Tuesday which we had \$236.00 in expenses \$540.00 in donations and proceeds of 304.00. We had 11 volunteers for that night. In April 19 Alex Finley is doing Lumpia and Pacita and Pork Fried Rice. If anyone would like to volunteer, please get with Alex. We also have Taco Tuesday on April 23rd. If you would like to volunteer, please be in the kitchen about 4pm.

Webmaster: I was able to put pictures of our events on the events page. Thank you everyone for the pictures.

Event Coordinator: Sponsorship letters are here, please take some before you leave. My goal for this year is 26,000. The band has been booked, "Broke 'til Friday". Bristol will DJ from 12-4, then the band will play from 4-8 and then karaoke will continue after. Everything will be inside this year. We will be having a poker run meeting next month. Please send me a text or email if you would like to be on that committee. If you have an idea for that day or some kind of fund raiser, please get with me on that.

Quarter Master: Patches are in. They have gone up to \$50.00.

Membership: 134 total paid members and 2 new members to vote in. Neither one is here, one is on reserve duty and the other is at a go-kart race. They are Bryanna Donatello, and Lucas Hadles, who are Martin and Erin's daughter and boyfriend.

A motion was made to accept all new members, it was properly seconded, without discussion the motion passed.

Historian: No new activity.

Director: We have Chapter 88's Fun Ride today which is for Shoultz Bocher. A motion was made to donate \$1000.00 then amended to \$500.00 and was properly seconded. No discussion, motion carried.

This month is also starting Round Robin, must have a minimum of 3 Riders (can be supporter, on a bike or cage and do not have to be from the same chapter), must visit 3 post, \$5.00/member/ride. Someone needs to go

online and register. Do not multiply the miles, the website will do this for you. All information should be in no later than Friday May 3rd. This will help us keep the Trophy and help us for Chapter of the year.

Chapter 372 is having their Poker Run tomorrow for 5-star. Kickstands up at 9:30am. \$20 rider, \$10 passenger. A motion was made to donate \$500.00 to Chapter 372, it was properly seconded. There was no discussion, motion carried.

The unity ride, we need to know who is going. You do not have to ride to register, you can be a virtual rider. You can get donations from people who want to support you. This also goes toward Chapter of the year. If you want to just go down for the rally, let me know as well; so, rooms can be cancelled if they are not being used. Martin and Erin Leightner will be riding the whole route and Steve Campbell. Brain and Ami Brewer, Ella Rae Jansen, and Richard and Barbara Leightner will be going down for the weekend.

Nominations for 2024-2025 are as follows:

Director: Jim Nowak- nomination accepted. - no other nominations

Asst Director: Ed Johnson- nomination accepted. - no other nominations

Adjutant: Kam Sons- nomination accepted- no other nominations

Finance officer: Ella Rae Jansen- nomination accepted.

Bill Curnutte- nomination accepted- no other nominations.

Chaplin: Yvette Moore- nomination accepted. - no other nominations.

Road Captain: Brian Brewer- nomination accepted.

John Lambert- nomination accepted. - no other nominations.

Safety Officer: Sean Sons- nomination accepted- rescinded nomination.

Martin Lightner- nomination accepted. - no other nominations.

Sgt @ Arms: Vicki Skipper-Compton- nomination accepted.

Anthony Elrod- nomination declined. – no other nominations.

Asst Sgt @ Arms: Kyle Satterwhite- nomination accepted. – no other nominations.

Membership: Karen Hunter- Nowak- nomination accepted. – no other nominations.

2nd Vice: Lyn Wayman- nomination accepted. – no other nominations.

Webmaster: Jim Nowak- nomination accepted. – no other nominations.

Historian: Kathlyn Satterwhite: nomination accepted. – no other nominations.

Event Coordinator: that's a done deal. Kam Sons was appointed.

Voting will be at the next meeting May 4, 2024. Officers will take over positions after the next meeting as well.

The issue of the Road Captain not attending meetings was brought to the attention of the membership, that we should rewrite the standing rule to reflect that there be at 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Road Caption position. The Road should have a committee, so if someone cannot attend it can be covered by someone else. A motion can be made to change the standing rule to reflect that he has a backup in place or committee, etc. Everyone should also have their medical card with them and one to the road captain.

A request was made to have a presentation on how to use the app for miles and hours. This will help us not leave miles on the table. Kam Sons will have a class on this at the next meeting. Any time and hours should be reported. If you volunteer for any veteran's organization all your miles and hours count.

The high schools are looking for vets to volunteer to speak at the schools. Fletcher is a purple star school for military children.

Our next meeting will be May 4, 2024 @ 9am.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and properly seconded.

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

Closing prayer offered by Chaplin.

Director adjourned meeting at 09:59:12

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:

Chapter 283

Adjutant

Kam Sons

