



Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

Sep 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 by Director Jim Nowak.

Chaplain Yvette Moore offered prayer and a moment of silence for the loss of Brian Brewer.

POW/MIA flag placed on chair by Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton

Plague of Allegiance led by Asst. Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

As the Adjutant had resigned, the position was opened to the members to fill if they desired. Nobody volunteered at this time so Director Jim Nowak called the roll

Roll called. Present: Director Jim Nowak, Asst. Director Edward Johnson, 2nd Vice Lyn Wayman, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Chaplain Yvette Moore, Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Membership Karen Hunter-Nowak, Webmaster, Jim Nowak, Historian Kaytlyn Satterwhite

(Quorum is met)

Not Present: Adjutant – Position vacant, Safety Officer – Position vacant, Event Coordinator – Position vacant, Asst Sgt at Arms Sean Sons, Road Captain Kyle Satterwhite

Guests: Chuck Down (Post 372), Josh Dewey (to be voted in), Ricky Sikes (to be voted in)

Chuck Down addressed the assembly about their upcoming poker run and asked for ALR 283's support and donation for their charity.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant Director Jim Nowak 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 \$11,589.72 Rider down fund \$2669.19, Money market \$4116.65, Charity Account \$4,458.88, Poker Run Acct \$17,751.28. Total funds available 40,585.72. 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: Aug totals: 14,703 miles, 1,135.6 hours, 0 donations. YTD: 82,001.7 miles, 6,922.26 hours, \$1000 donations. We had another \$1000 donations to Iowa posts which will be added to next month's numbers. The motion to move money into a new CD was discussed with three banks or financial institutions as options and rates. Members opted for putting \$2000 4.9% on 7 month CD.

Chaplin: Card for Ami in relation to loss of Brian Brewer being passed around for members signatures and wishes.

Sgt at Arms: 33 members 3 guests. \$30 for Rider down fund. On the 28th Vicki will be doing breakfast for our poker run with 3-5 volunteers lined up. Breakfast will be a breakfast in a sack and fresh fruit.

Road Captain: Excused

Safety Captain: Vacant position.

Membership: Currently we have 138 members. 47 lifetime members. 10 that renewed. 79 people to renew yet. Membership voted to approve Josh Dewey and Daniel Davidson as new members of the riders.

2nd Vice: Thanks was offered to all those who assist with and help with our dinners. Friday dinner spent \$175 and made \$498 in sales netting \$315 in proceeds. Taco Tuesday we spent \$242 and \$343 in sales netting \$101 in proceeds. Baked ziti coming up for next ALR dinner. Dinner prep for poker run being reviewed with Tom Harris on Friday.

Webmaster: All pictures except for very latest events are on the website. Members were encouraged to provide any information they would like to see posted.

Historian: The patch ride after last meeting was a great ride helping many of us signatures for our district patch. On 17th we did a plaque retrieval along with some raiding on the way back, followed by more raids on the 18th. We had a great turnout at the Jumbo Shrimp game on the 18th. Ella and Vicki went to the National Convention in New Orleans on the 21st. Post swarm at 316 was completed on the 30th.

Event Coordinator: Position vacant – no volunteers stepped up at the meeting.

Quarter Master: no recent activity.

Lady Veterans: Yvette attended a celebration for servicewomen hosted by AARP which was an all-day event yesterday. It was very informative and afterwards, they were given a tour of the USS Orleck.

Director: 372 has a ride tomorrow. Motion was made to give \$500 to post 372 for their poker run. Motion was properly seconded and approved by the membership. A bottle of alcohol will be raffled off for them as well.

A plaque was presented to ALR 283 by ALR 9 as thanks for our support in the Boots on the Ground poker run. Plaque to be mounted on the wall post meeting.

Upcoming events through the end of the year was emailed out. Please check email and spam folders as Google GMAIL has been having issues lately.

Incidents were reported of members doing things or saying things that offended some members. It was asked that we be mindful of what we do and be respectful of members because everyone is watching how the legion riders behave.

When we cleaned smoker from the Hannah Park picnic we apparently ruined a garbage pail and Richie asked us to replace it. Motion was made to replace 32 gallon Rubbermaid garbage pail. Motion was seconded properly and passed.

Riders Point game will stop at the end of November. Awards to be presented at December meeting.

October is Merry-go-round month. It was stressed that we need to ride as much as possible in October to get our bonus points and numbers in for chapter of the year.

Recognitions – Thanks to all who come to the meetings and the core people who support all of our events.

Rider of the year, we would like a committee to bring this back. Need volunteers.

Oct 26, Wes's Rider party to be rescheduled as it is same day as Zombie Ride.

District 5 karaoke contest at 283 still being discussed. Need a committee and volunteers to design the event.

Game night, no information yet, try to get something on the calendar.

Old business: nothing discussed

New business: Post cleanup Sep 15th. A dumpster is being delivered for debris. Cleanup volunteers will get a free breakfast.

Ed Johnson asked for members to bring items for our silent auction at our poker run on September 28th so that we can make baskets for auction. Volunteers encouraged to help make the baskets.

Valerie Valls discussed donating some Thomas Kinkaid prints to be auctioned off. Approvals to donate them was obtained.

Vicki Skipper-Compton mentioned the September 30th funeral date for Brian Brewer that she saw posted. It was discussed that this was just a date that had to be entered in as a placeholder for the fund raiser. A memorial ride will likely be formed by ALR 129 that we could attend.

Ella discussed the funds collected for Ami and family. A motion was made for the money picked up this morning at the meeting and the 50/50 at our Friday to be donated to Brian's family. It was seconded and approved by all.

Rodney Fullwood reminded member to go to Legionlife.org for \$1000 free life insurance that we can sign up for.

Karen Hunter-Nowak discussed our poker run and the volunteers needed. It was asked that more people step up to volunteer for the poker runs.

Our next meeting will be Oct 5, 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 Chaplain Yvette Moore

Director adjourned meeting at 09:48:00

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:

Chapter 283 Director

Jim Nowak

