



## **Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283**

### **Membership Meeting**

**Oct 5, 2024**

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

Chaplain Yvette Moore offered prayer.

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

Plague of Allegiance led by 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. Ashley Rall volunteered for the position and was approved by the membership in attendance.

**Roll called.** Present: Director Jim Nowak, Asst. Director Edward Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Lyn Wayman, Chaplain Yvette Moore, Adjutant Ashley Rall, Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, , Membership Karen Hunter-Nowak, Webmaster, Jim Nowak, Historian Kaytlyn Satterwhite. Safety officer position was vacant. John Lambert volunteered for the position and was approved by the membership in attendance.

Not present:

(Quorum is met)

**Not Present:** Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen (excused), Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen (excused), Event Coordinator: Ella Rae Jansen (excused)

**Guests:** 3 guests and 2 new members to vote in. New members to be voted in by the membership: Robert Sikorsky and Leonard Tucker. Terry Goller made the motion to approve and it was properly seconded by Vicki Skipper-Compton. All members in attendance voted in approval.

### **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** As the Finance Officer was absent, Ed Johnson read the finance report submitted. Checking \$11,904.88 Rider down fund \$2669.19, Total Operating funds \$14,574.07, Money market \$4116.71, Charity Account \$5,403.89, Poker Run Acct \$25,063.41. Total funds available \$49,158.08. The motion was made by Vicki Skipper-Compton to accept the finance report subject to audit, it was properly seconded by Kyle Satterwhite and without any discussion the motion passed.

**Asst. Director:** Sep totals: 6,937 miles, 978 hours, \$1500 donations. YTD: 89003.7 miles, 7,923.76 hours, \$2500 donations. This coming Tuesday will be our 1<sup>st</sup> Bike Night at La Contrina restaurant on Yellowbluff at 6PM. This will be posted on our Rider's Facebook page.

**Chaplin:** Two get well cards sent out. One for Mark Lowy and one for Aaron Tyler. Please keep our members and chapter in your prayers.

**Sgt at Arms:** 32 members 1 guests. \$20 for Rider down fund. Auxiliary is purchasing from our leftover poker run supplies a case of eggs and a case of bacon.

**Road Captain:** We will be getting back to riding more and building more comradery like we were doing before. After the meeting, there will be a ride to Billy Jacks BBQ for lunch.

**Safety Captain:** Nothing to report

**Membership:** Currently we have 47 lifetime members. 3 new members, 28 that renewed. 59 people to renew yet.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** Thanks was offered to all those who assist with and help with our dinners. Special thanks to those who stepped up for our Poker Run for K-9 Line. Last month's dinner: \$214 proceeds. Taco Tuesday: \$225 proceeds. Next meal will be Brats on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Help needed to prepare onions and peppers. Jim will be getting us some hot mustard for the meal.

**Webmaster:** Info to new members – if you want your picture on the website, see Karen or Jim after the meeting. Same for members who want to update their picture.

**Historian:** POW/MIA ride was a great ride. Our poker run went well. 88's bike night had a good turnout.

**Event Coordinator:** Excused.

**Quarter Master:** Excused.

**Lady Veterans:** Military Women's Memorial program available to all women veterans alive or deceased. Yvette has a QR code to get more information on the program. The program is free. AARP is wanting to serve veterans to let you know of different programs they will have throughout the year. Programs are free and you will get a swag bag.

**Director:** Great job on the poker run. There were some things that didn't go as smoothly as we'd like but we will improve on next event. TW recognized a few members who went above and beyond for the poker run behind the scenes. Without the help of all of the legion families, our event would not have been possible. A motion was made by Kyle Satterwhite to set up a committee to debrief and prepare for next year's event by next meeting. Motion was seconded and approved by all members in attendance. Volunteers needed to clean the smokers from the use on the poker run.

Recognition and thank you was given to all those who helped in the poker run, all the people of our kitchen crew and everyone who volunteers in our activities that we do. Notice to the membership that Google has been having issues where some emails aren't going through or going to spam. If you aren't getting emails, please get with Jim. New members reminded to make sure Karen in membership has their email so they can be added to the distribution group.

Rules and conditions for Merry-go-round and Chapter of the year were printed and placed on each table. Both were reviewed and discussed for member knowledge. Unity Ride southern route was brought up by Kyle Satterwhite. We need to ride as much as possible this month.

Riders points game posted on the wall. Still time for people to catch up. Prizes handed out at December's meeting.

District ALR meeting Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Post will be providing the food.

Donations for hurricane relief to be placed on back table. They will be transported to AL250.

Upcoming events to be mailed out to the membership. Also check 5<sup>th</sup> District calendar.

Wes' party still on for Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. Same date as ALR316's Zombie Ride. Face painting 10-noon. KSU 1:00 PM.

Will need some highway cones for Wes' party. Starts in afternoon and runs through the night. Plenty of room to set up tents, generators, etc.

Bike Night Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.

Next post swarm will be in November. Membership voted to go to post 88.

**Old business:** Suggestion box in back of room.

**New business:** PO Box for riders is overdue for renewal. Jim to get with Ella.

Brenda made a motion to donate \$500 to ALR316 to their Zombie Ride. Vicki Skipper-Compton seconded. All members approved.

Rick Knight expressed a desire for us to get help to North Carolina and Tennessee posts impacted by the hurricane but wasn't sure how to get that done. Suggestion to bring it up at District meeting coming up.

Karen brought up issues with renewals done at the bar as dues are getting lost. Bar is not informing membership that memberships are being renewed. It was requested that you put all renewals at the bar in an envelope and place into the riders box there.

Our next meeting will be Nov 2, 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*

