



American Legion Riders
Post 1340

General Membership Meeting

April 1, 2008

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Meeting Minutes

1 April 2008

I. Call to order

Commander Ralph Branham called to order the regular meeting of the ALR 1340 at approx 1911 on 1 April 2008 at Charley's Last Stand.

II. Prayer

Robert Wicker led the Post in prayer.

III. POW/MIA Empty Chair Assembly

Vice Commander Big Jim Craig performed the POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony as Commander Crash Branham recited Resolution 288.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Commander Crash Branham led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance

V. Preamble

Commander Crash Branham led the Post in the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

VI. Meeting Declared Convened

Commander Branham declared Post No 1340 of Department Oklahoma, regularly convened.

VII. Roll Call

Roll call was not taken but more than 10 members in good standing, as required by by-laws, were present.

VIII. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Previous meeting minutes were read to the general membership.

IX. Introduction of guests and prospective or new members

Guest speakers present:

Debra Dinsmore, President of Aux, unit 170 of Midwest City spoke about the Auxilliary

John Webb of Post 12 briefed the post on American Legion baseball.

Debra Dinsmore: briefed that the Auxillary membership is about 1/3 of that of the Legion. She also said the Post 1340 Aux membership is currently at 6. Post 1340 needs 10 members to keep the Aux open. She recommended that the post sponsor 4 new members in order to keep the Aux. open. She stated that her favorite program is "Standdown".

John Webb: spoke to the post about American Legion Baseball. He stated that it takes about \$12,000 to field a team for the year. The league is for high school seniors and the league is very competitive and helps many young men to get college scholarships. He proposed that post 1340 help post 12 raise funds through poker runs

X. Committee Reports

Finance Officer Mel Crane reported that ALR 1340 had a total income of \$1585, expenses of \$839.22, leaving a gain of \$745.78 for March 2008. Resulting in a balance \$6337.86 of which \$947.71 belongs to the Aux. (finance data as of 1 April 2008).

John and Michelle Rose stated that about \$60 had been deposited in the VA donation cans that are placed in various businesses around the city. Some of the cans have been stolen so cans in these locations will not be replaced.

XI. Balloting on Applications

No applications were available for balloting

XII. Sick Call, Relief and Employment

Hounddog reported that a Vet in Tulsa was injured in a bike accident. He asked for donations for an auction to be used to raise funds for this vet. Christie (Quartermaster) is looking into giving him some of our post shirts-OPEN

XIII. Post Service Officer's Report

The PSO's report was unavailable.

XIV. Unfinished Business

Members of the post will meet at Charley's to take the trailer up to ThunderRun IV on Thursdays, 3 Apr 08. Members are needed to man the booth to sell food during the rally.-OPEN

The post is having a poker run on 12 April 08. the run leaves from Charleys, goes to Stillwater and returns to Charleys.-OPEN

XV. Initiation of Candidates

No candidates were available for initiation

XVI. New Business & Correspondence

The Shawnee post wants their 20 ft power cord and small refrigerator/freezer returned.-OPEN

The 19Apr08 SAL ride has been cancelled.--It was mentioned that since the SAL ride has been cancelled, the post membership should participate in the inaugural OKC memorial ride.-OPEN

XVII. Memorial to a Departed Post Member

A moment of silence was held for Navy Veteran Wesley Ritcher who had recently passed away.

XVIII. **The Good of the American Legion**
no info for this section at this time

XIX. **Closing**

The meeting was closed by Commander Crash at approx 2000 hrs (8 pm).

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Robert Wick Wicker on 9 April 08 to Executive Committee by email to ExecCom@ALR1340.org. Exec Comm members have 2 business days to contest the meeting minutes or request changes, after which, the updated/changes minutes will be released to the general membership.

Minutes approved by: YES NO Commander Ralph Crash Branham
YES NO Vice Commander Big Jim Craig
YES NO Finance Officer Mel Crane
YES NO Steve Blair
YES NO Hugh Langston
YES NO Rex Warlick