



American Legion Riders
Post 1340

General Membership Meeting

March 4, 2008

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Meeting Minutes

4 March 2008

I. Call to order

Commander Ralph Branham called to order the regular meeting of the ALR 1340 at approx 1900 on 4 March 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

Guests were present: Susan Gerlach and Julie Bass
Returning Legion member: Henry Bass
Auxiliary transfer: Terry Williams

X. Committee Reports

Finance Officer Mel Crane reported that ALR 1340 had a total income of \$2,314.11 and \$1,253.62 in expenses for February 2008. Leaving the post a balance of 5,592.08 of which 947.71 belongs to the Aux. (finance data as of 4 Mar 2008). The 1 March 2008 poker run raised \$1,010.

- a motion was raised, 2nd, and passed to give the SAL and the AUX \$100 each for their part in the 1 March 2008 poker run.

John and Michelle Rose presented the post with a cashiers check for \$100. This money was raised from donation cans that John and Michelle placed in different establishments.

XI. Balloting on Applications

No applications were available for balloting

XII. Sick Call, Relief and Employment

Walter Courtman will be having heart surgery on Thursday morning at the VA hospital. Wicker will check in on him Thursday afternoon and brief the exec committed on Walters condition.-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 sort out the trailer and storage room in order to support the Thunder Roadhouse Rally. Members will meet at Charley's on 8 Mar 08 at 1000 hours-OPEN

The post is having a Blackjack run on 29 Mar 08 that runs from Charley's to Trinity Trikes in Moore, OK. Volunteers are needed to work a booth at the rally. Contact Jim Craig if you wish to volunteer.—OPEN

Much discussion was held concerning the Thunder Roadhouse rally, 4-6 Apr. Bottom line is the post is going to sell food items at the rally. Volunteers are needed to do a mock up of the kitchen (in order to see what items we have and what is needed prior to 4 Apr) and volunteers are needed to work at the booth. More info to come, please check your email regularly for the current info on this matter! MAX participation is encouraged. Commander Crash provided health dept requirements to the post for review and training--OPEN

XV. Initiation of Candidates

No candidates were available for initiation

XVI. New Business & Correspondence

It was reported that deployed ALR member Doug Carter was doing ok but it was agreed upon that post members should send him email/correspondence to increase/boost morale. Doug's email address is Doug.Carter@kbr.com -OPEN

Adj. Wicker reported that the Post had many US Flags that need to be properly retired. Several members mentioned that the Boy Scouts may wish to dispose of the flags for us.-OPEN

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.

It was stated that the Post membership needs to come up with ideas for a July 4th fundraiser.-OPEN

XVII. Memorial to a Departed Post Member

No memorial were needed at this time.

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 5 March 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
YES NO Boyd West