



American Legion (AL) Riders
Post 1340

General Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2005

Commander Ken Larcher opened the meeting at 7:05 pm at Charley's.

Introduction of Guests / New Members:

None.

Sick call:

None.

Adjutant:

Alan noted the minutes from the 6 Dec meeting were released via e-mail to all and posted to our website. Motioned by Barry R, second by Mel C, to accept the 6 Dec minutes as posted. **Motion Carried (MC)**

Sons:

No report.

Auxiliary Report:

- a) The Christmas dinner at the Children's home was a success.
- b) No finance news to report.

Post Finance Officers Report:

Mel C. read the financial report: Post balance is \$1,331.24 (includes Auxiliary balance). Motioned by Barry R, second by Doug C, to accept the financial report as read. **(MC)**

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No updates.

Completed Events:

- a) Veteran Center in Norman Christmas Party & concert – 11 Dec; The Edgar Cruz concert was enjoyed by all residents and guests. Thanks for those members that helped with donations and logistics.

- b) Children's Home Christmas Party – Saturday, 17 Dec; Again, the event was a success. We did come up short on financial contributions for gift cards. Santa (Billy May) was enjoyed by all. Thanks for those members that helped with donations, logistics, and participation; especially to the member who made an extra special contribution to ensure all kids received a gift card of the same value!!

Ongoing Projects / Events:

- a. Air Conditioning System for Children's Home Gymnasium
- Nothing reported.
- b. Cleaning/repairing of Legion Memorials around the metro (i.e. one by the Veteran's memorial by the State capital, one in Moore, the anchor by the Skirvin, etc). Our Post is to look for more information about getting these memorials refurbished. needs work. The State American Legion would be expected to supply the needed material to paint/refurbish it. (POC: Ken and Dennis)

New Opportunities / Events:

None

New Business:

- An Appreciation Plaque for Tommy Reed
- He has donated a lot of food items numerous times this year in support of our Post fundraising events
 - Motioned by Charlie W, second by Mel C, to purchased a plaque or something similar for up to \$100; MC (POC: Ken)

Planning for 2006 – Topics and possibilities as follows...

- a) **Post Rides:**
- i. Use one of our meetings each month to plan a ride for that month; dinner, pleasure, etc.
 - ii. Some type of ride sponsored by the Hornets basketball team that would end up at a Hornets game in the Ford Center
 - iii. A ride that would end up at Charley's for a Post steak night
 - iv. Overnight trip; Lake Murray was suggested
- b) **Fundraising from the Food Trailer:**
- i. Still seen as a money maker for the Post but the decision was to be more selective on which events would be profitable and how often to participate; we need to prevent 'burn-out' of members working them
 - ii. Plan to support Charley's Bike Night but only on the 1st Wednesday of each month
 - iii. A suggestion was for the Post to disclose what our annual fixed expenses and incomes are for the year to give members an idea of how much money needs to be raised to keep a positive bank balance for our Post; (Mel will work this up)
- c) **Pantry Trailer Upgrades:**
- i. A new freezer and wiring was already completed
 - ii. Possibly using cargo netting or something to keep items from falling off shelves; Barry R, volunteered to install it and Alan W, stated he had some netting to donate

- d) **Post Membership Drives:**
 - i. Couple ways to increase our membership was to obtain free space at the motorcycle swap meets held at the Fairgrounds, especially the one on 21 & 22 Jan (POC: Ken)
 - ii. Putting a small ad in the Tinker Take Off to encourage younger membership or even setting up a booth at the annual air show (POC: Kyle C)
- e) **Funeral Support Team:**
 - i. How and what level of support should the Post provide was discussed
 - ii. The decision was not be make a firm commitment for the year but to get the word out (e-mail, website) about requests for representation so those members able to respond can do so
- f) **American Legion Children's Home Activities:**
 - i. The Post will plan four trips to the home (picnics, rides, sponsorship day, etc) plus the Christmas dinner event which is tentatively set for 23 Dec 06
 - ii. Christmas event lesson learned this year – a) set up the Angel Tree right after Halloween; and b) set up Angel Trees in more than one location
- g) **Norman Veterans' Center Activities:**
 - i. The Post will plan two trips to the center plus a Christmas event
- h) **Membership in COC:**
 - i. All 12 members present voted to maintain Post membership at an annual cost of \$50
- i) **Election Planning Info:**
 - i. Publishing of the Nominations meeting – No later than (NLT) 25 Apr 06
 - ii. Nominations meeting – NLT 23 May 06
 - iii. Post Elections – NLT 13 Jun 06
 - iv. State Convention – 14-16 Jul 06
 - v. Installation of newly elected officers – 1 Aug 06
- j) **Should the Post look into a Permanent Post 1340 Home:**
 - i. 11 members for, 1 undecided to research the possibility (POC: Ken)
- k) **Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Events**
 - i. The Post will continue to support these ABATE sponsored events as Road Guards or otherwise

Post Rides:

None.

The **50/50 drawing** – None.

Next Executive Committee Meeting – Not set

Next General Membership Meeting – 10 Jan

Adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

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