



American Legion (AL) Riders
Post 1340

General Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2005

Commander Larcher opened the meeting opened at 7:05 pm

Sick call:

None.

Introduction of Guests / New members:

None.

Adjutant:

- a) Four (4) sets of minutes (19 Apr, 3 May, 17 May, 7 June) were posted on our AL1340 Post website for all to read. Copies were also distributed before tonight's meeting.
 - Alan stated that they was a discrepancy in the 19 Apr minutes that was noted by Teri Robinette. Teri clarified the Rolling Thunder and Blue Star Salute and this update was included in the 3 May minutes.
 - Motion by Barry R, second by Doug C, to accept all posted minutes. Motion carried (MC).

Sons:

Dennis Ray just noted to Jim C. that he hasn't received the new member application from his son.

Auxiliary Report:

- a) Dina L. reported the decision to have the auxiliary's financial status accounted for with the post's financial report. The funds will be accounted for, and reported, separately but managed by our Post treasurer.

Post Finance Officers Report:

Mel C. reported the net income from working the Bikes to Bricktown was \$380. The Post balance is \$4,419.18 plus \$495.74 cash; with approximately \$3,316.05 inflow (\$798 of the Auxiliary's) and expenses of \$1,339.31. Motioned by Charlie W, second by Jerry K, to accept the financial report as read. Carried unanimously.

Quartermaster Report:

Julie L. still has Post shirts for sale at \$13.40.

Completed Events:

- a) Bikes to Bricktown – See finance report above.

Ongoing Projects / Events:

- a) **Ride to American Legion Children's Home** – Sunday, 26 Jun
- First we'll enjoy a picnic with the kids and a concert from Edgar Cruz.
 - Meeting time: **9:00 a.m.** for a departure no later than 9:30.
 - Meeting location: is by the **big white cross** in Edmond (I-35 and 2nd St exit).
 - Please wear an AL1340 shirt.
 - Doug C, will pull the rescue trailer. Ken is also looking for someone to drive a truck to pull the pantry trailer.
- b) **Post 1340's 4th of July Poker Run** – Monday, 4 Jul
- **Sponsor recruiting team:** Rick S, Terri R, and Dina L.
 - i. Rick reported recent donations from Cowpies (\$500) and Thunder Roadhouse Café (\$750). He also challenged all Post members to approach businesses about donations of cash or gifts or if a member knows of an interested source to call Rick and he will contact them himself.
 - ii. Bob H, also solicited gift certificates and cash from a couple businesses.
 - iii. Debi W, received an afghan with the Harley-Davidson logo from an anonymous donor.
 - iv. Barry R, is keeping track of the donations and where they came from to identify them the day of the event and send a thank you note to each of the donors afterwards too.
 - **Event times:**
 - i. Set-up – 9:00 a.m.
 - ii. 1st Bike Out – 11:00; Last bike Out – TBD (to be determined)
 - iii. Last Bike In – TBD, will depend on then number of entrants
 - iv. Bike Games – all afternoon
 - **Duty assignments** for the event are as follows:
 - i. Preregistration – Ramona C.
 - ii. On-Site Registration – Doug and Christie C., Mel C, and Bob H.
 - iii. Raffle Tickets – Linda S, Ramona C, and Fuzzy
 - a) Comment was made that if someone knew of a 'hard-body' type person, this would really help sales
 - iv. Vendors – Julie L and Big Jim C

- v. Poker Run Route – Sponsor team, Post Commander, and Executive Committee.
 - a) Charley's Last Stand (starting location)
 - b) Cowpies (Yukon) -
 - c) Thunder Roadhouse Café (Edmond)
 - d) Steel Horse Tavern (on South Shields)
 - e) Charley's
 - vi. Card to Points Conversion and Winner determination – Big Jim C
 - a) Cards will be drawn along with numbers to assign to them after all bikes out. The conversion will be posted later in the day.
 - b) The time when all hands need to be turned in by will be set based upon the number of participants.
 - vii. Safety – Rex W
 - viii. Food Services – Rick S
 - a) Rick wasn't sure how many participants we may have and how much food to prepare. Big Jim suggested to be prepared for up to 500 people.
 - b) Ken suggested preparing for a smaller number because Sams Club is close by and will be open on the 4th; therefore, purchasing of more food will be simple. The decision was to wait until after registration to make the initial purchase food as suggested by Barry R.
 - ix. Games (Plinko balloon toss, weenie bite, hammer bell) – Auxiliary
 - a) Sheri S mentioned that some of the games are in need of repair (because they were not properly stored) and also suggested purchasing a Wheel of Fortune at a reasonable price. She also volunteered to fix up the games if possible. Motioned by Mel C, second by Alan to allow upgrade/repair of games as needed and the purchase of a Wheel of Fortune. MC
 - x. Prizes – Barry R
 - a) A concern of 'conflict of interest' was addressed about the possibility of a Post 1340 member winning the grand prize. Motioned by Barry R, second by Rick S that; a) Post 1340 members, vendor owners, and sponsors are NOT eligible to win the poker run grand prize, and b) Post 1340 members should all help with this big event. MC
 - xi. Advertising and Promotions – Rick S and Bob H
 - a) Rick suggested radio advertisement because BOB FM (96.9) has contacted him with an interest in advertising this event for free. He had not committed due to his concern about another radio station used by Charley's. Big Jim stated he has no commitments with the another station and to proceed with accepting the free advertising on BOB.
- c) **Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall** – Tuesday, 12 July, 4:30 p.m.
- Riders are encouraged to meet the wall by the Cherokee Trading Post on I-40 (exit 180) and then escort it into Del City.
 - Those Post members that wish to ride as a Post are to meet at Charley's at 4:30.

- d) **Annual State Legion Convention** – 15, 16, 17 July
 - Our post has a hospitality suite on the ground floor of the Best Western Saddleback Inn (1 block East of Charley's).

- e) **Mid-Summer Thunder** – 28-31 July at Lake Eufaula
 - We will be set up to sell burgers and breakfast burritos.
 - The vendor and R.V. space is provided to us free of charge. Billy Mays has graciously offered us the use of his R.V. for this event.
 - Further discussion was deferred until the next general membership meeting.

- f) **Post Ride Plans**
 - 20 Aug, Talimena Scenic Ride, from Talihina, OK to Mena, AK
 - i. Reservations need to be made with the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge (www.queenwilhelmina.com, 1-800-264-2477). Cost for rooms is \$81.75 for two (2) persons (king or two doubles). Add \$10 for each extra person.
 - ii. Seven (7) rooms have already been reserved at the Lodge those for post members who have committed to going.

New Opportunities / Events:

None

New Business:

None

The **50/50 drawing** netted \$31 for the post and the winner was Dawn C.

Next Executive Committee Meeting – is 28 Jun (last meeting with current committee members)

Next General Membership Meeting – is 19 July (No meeting on the 5th).

Adjournment at 8:25 pm.

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