



American Legion (AL) Riders  
Post 1340

General Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2005

Commander Ken Larcher opened the meeting at 7:03 pm outside Charley's.

***Introduction of Guests / New Members:***

Kyle Conrad is transferring in from another post and Debbie Blankmeyer was visiting.

***Sick call:***

JD and Trudy Ogle are home now and doing okay per Dennis R.

***Adjutant:***

Alan mentioned the minutes from the 20 Sep meeting were released via e-mail to all and posted to our website. Also, that he wasn't at the 4 Oct meeting and hasn't received the minutes yet to type up. Motioned by Rick S, second by Walt C, to accept the 20 Sep minutes as posted. **Motion Carried (MC)**

***Sons:***

Dennis R, recognized two new members: Kevin Keepers, and Jim (LBJ) Craig (Big Jim's son).

***Auxiliary Report:***

- a) Ken L. mentioned his disappointment to all present that our post was unable to meet our commitment of a fall picnic at the Children's Home. He encouraged everyone to do their best to fulfill any commitments we make with the Children's Home in the future.
- b) The next event at the home is our Christmas dinner and gift giving from our very own Santa (Billy Mays). We need members to join us for this trip (see events below for more info).
- c) Dawn C. stated that Donta was doing fine.
- d) No finance news to report.

***Post Finance Officers Report:***

Mel C. read the financial report: post balance is \$1,630.08 (includes Auxiliary balance of \$843.00. Motioned by Jerry K, second by Walt C, to accept the financial report as read. (MC)

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Rex W stated that he posted Donta's picture, personal sizes, and needs to the site.

**Completed Events:**

None

**Ongoing Projects / Events:**

Air Conditioning System for Children's Home Gymnasium

- Nothing reported.

**New Opportunities / Events:**

- a) **Veteran Center in Norman Christmas Party & concert – 11 Dec, 2:00 p.m.**
  - Edgar Cruz will perform a mini concert and belly dancers are expected for the vets and us to enjoy.
  - Some gifts still needed for the vets include personal items: toothbrushes, socks, shaving cream, ladies items, etc. Please pick a few items up and pass them on to Ken L or Linda S.
  - A departure time will be set at the next meeting for those that want to meet at Charley's and ride to the vet's center as a group.
- b) **Children's Home Christmas Party – Saturday, 17 Dec**
  - The dinner meal will be prepared and hosted by the Huff Minor Post 14 in Ponca City
  - Our post will provide all the needed food items for 100 people and deliver them by 13 Dec
  - We need post members to assist in soliciting donations for this food
    - i. Please see, e-mail, or call Ken ([ken.larcher@faa.gov](mailto:ken.larcher@faa.gov); 261-0176) or Alan ([sodaker@cox.net](mailto:sodaker@cox.net) 670-9573)
  - The Angel Tree will be set up at Charley's Last Stand again this year to receive gifts for the approximately 63 kids.
    - i. A child's name with information will be hung on the tree (like a box ornament) and the donor can either give an appropriate gift or cash. A secure box will be there for those cash donations.
- c) **Blood Drive Poker Run – 5 Nov**
  - The plan is for the blood drive 'blackjack' run to start at the Runaway Bar and then ride to Charley's to meet the Red Cross who will receive donor's blood.
- d) **Auxiliary Sponsored Scavenger Poker Run for Vet's Center – Date TBD (November)**

**New Business:**

- a) Mel C. talked about the riders gathering at the funeral for a deceased Army soldier in Chelsea to counter-protest the Baptist Church members from Kansas. He was the only post rider in attendance but encouraged other Legion riders to participate in future funerals if the protesters will be there.

The **50/50 drawing** – Netted \$24 for the Post's Children's Home fund and the winner of the other half was Lou F.

**Next Executive Committee Meeting** – 8 Nov

**Next General Membership Meeting** – 1 Nov

**Adjournment** at 7:45 p.m.

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AL Riders Post 1340

ALAN WELCH  
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