



American Legion (AL) Riders
Post 1340

General Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2005

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

Introduction of Guests / New Members:

Ronnie Fugate is transferring in from another post.

Sick call:

Chaplin Rick Spencer's wife (heart) and Mike (a.k.a. Dutch) cancer.

Adjutant:

- a) Alan mentioned three sets of minutes need to be approved, August 2nd, 16th, and September 6th. Also, that a correction of the 2 Aug meeting minutes was noted in the 6 Sep minutes under 'Introduction of Guests / New Members'. Motioned to accept all previous minutes by Rick Spencer, second by Rick Short. **Motion Carried (MC)**
- b) Alan also passed around a photo of Donta, our sponsored child at the Legion Children's home, and some other information about him.
- c) A "Thank You" letter was received from the Children's home about the July picnic with music and motorcycle rides for the kids.

Sons:

Dennis R, wasn't present. Big Jim mentioned that his son, Jim the IV, has joined.

Auxiliary Report:

- a) Dawn C. stated that Donta was doing well.
- b) A letter was received from Donta thanking our post for sponsoring him. Other information about Donta: he's a 14-year old 7th grader; he's playing football and even provided his football schedule; he also enjoys basketball and listening to music. His picture may be found on the post website if determined appropriate.
- c) The next picnic planned at the Children's Home is 15 Oct. We plan to leave early enough to attend Donta's football game that morning. (see events below)

Post Finance Officers Report:

Mel C. read the financial report: post balance is \$868.82 and auxiliary balance is: \$813.00. Motioned by Rick S, second by Doug C, to accept the financial report as read. Motion carried (MC).

Post 1340 Webmaster:

Rex Warlick was out of town but has done a lot to our website; check it out at www.al1340.com.

Completed Events:

None

Ongoing Projects / Events:

Air Conditioning System for Children's Home Gymnasium

- Nothing reported.

New Opportunities / Events:

- a) **Children's Home Picnic – Saturday, 15 Oct, 7:00 a.m. departure**
 - **Meet at:** Conoco station on 2nd Street in Edmond (across I-35 from the big white cross)
 - **Agenda:** Attend Donta's football game in Ponca City at 10:30, flag retirement ceremony, give the kids rides, and then the picnic
 - We'll need at least four legion members to participate in the flag ceremony
- b) **Veteran Center in Norman visit & concert – 11 Dec**
 - More to come at a later date
- c) **Veteran Center in Norman Christmas Party – Date TBD**
 - The usual gifts; belly dancers; and more.
- d) **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. Items already being worked are: Turkeys, soda, dinner rolls, and milk
 - ii. Items still **needing volunteers:** Ham, stuffing mix, corn on the cob, yams, broccoli, green beans, pies, ice cream, potatoes, gravy, cranberries, and butter
 - iii. Please see/e-mail/call Ken (ken.larcher@faa.gov 261-0176) or Alan (sodaker@cox.net 670-9573)
 - The Angel Tree will be set up at Charley's Last Stand again this year to obtain 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.
 - ii. Volunteers are needed to set up the Angel Tree. Please contact Dina Lattig, jlattig@cox.net
- e) **Blood Drive Poker Run – Date TBD**

- It was agreed by all that a blood drive for the Red Cross is a great idea, discussions after the motion was made included:
 - i. Is 8 Oct too soon to do this (publicity wise)
 - ii. Should it actually be a poker run, a poker walk (just have different stations set up on-site for participants to walk to for their cards), or a black-jack run
- f) **Scavenger Poker Run for Vet's Center – Date TBD (November)**
- g) **Post Christmas Dinner Party** – Possibly 3 Dec
 - Looking for suggestions for what and where to have it

New Business:

- a) Lee R, wanted to inform post members that the Veteran's Council has a **Scholarship Fund** set up for dependants of veteran's. He'll bring applications and more info to the next meeting.
- b) Jim G, received a flyer about an upcoming **Veteran Services Poker Run**
 - The run is set for **5 Nov** and starts at Dale's Country Bar
 - We were asked if we would be interested in setting up and selling food
 - i. The decision was to find out more information before committing
- c) Linda S, has received comments that maybe it's time we do some type of event for **our own kids and/or grandkids**
 - She suggested a **Halloween party**; time and location yet to be decided
 - Please contact Linda if you what to help or have suggestions, eaststate2003@yahoo.com
- d) Big Jim C, has noticed the **flag pole** outside of Charley's is bending or leaning and he's afraid it may fall (and it did look that way even tonight).
 - The problem appears to be where the first and second sections are joined; Ken L, will look into it.
- e) Big Jim C, also asked Boyd W, to tell all members present what happened at the last Downed Bikers Association (DBA) meeting.
 - Boyd stated that he was elected to be the Executive Vice-President of DBA
 - Boyd also mentioned he hopes this will provide the opportunity to solidify the relationship between the two organizations
- f) The **Blue Star Mothers Poker Run** will be held on Saturday, 1 Oct.
 - The first bike out from Charley's will be at 11:00.
 - AL Post 1340 members are encouraged to wear black shirts and attend this worthy event.
 - The cost for active duty members is free.

The **50/50 drawing** – Tickets were not available

Next Executive Committee Meeting – 11 Oct

Next General Membership Meeting – 4 Oct

Adjournment at 8:05 pm.

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