

Indiana State Chapter Meeting October 8, 2016

Mark brought the Meeting to order at 1:00pm. The Sgt at Arms, Danny Price secured the room. The Pledge of Allegiance and Riders Response were recited. Lee Berry said a prayer of thanks, safety and guidance.

Roll Call: 2016 officers present : Mark Gosney, Charlie Whelchel, Dina Long, Kimy Dietz, Lee Berry, Danny Price, Bruce Shepherd. Linda Cook was excused.

Sign in: of the Chapters- 41 present.

Minutes: TJ Small, 409, made a motion to waive reading and accept as written, seconded by Kirk Crawford, 257, passed by vote.

Treasury Report: Totals and overview of details read by Dina Long, with a detailed written copy available for review. Bob Resners, 331 made a motion to accept, seconded by George Wilson, passed by vote.

Membership: Please make sure to add area codes on your applications. There are parts of Indiana where it will have to be used on local calls also.

There was 3,390 members in 2016. so far there are only 614 members paid for 2017.

Chaplain: Lee Berry asked that we all bow and give a moment of silence for the riders who have passed since last meeting. John Reghn, 495; Teresa Lawhead, Charlene "Charlie" Liparula, 97; Robert Gustin, 377; Marty Anderson, 64; John "Six Bits" Regan, 495.

Historian: Danny White says the American Legion Riders Face Book page is up and running. Please submit pictures to Danny White to be posted.

Communication: Linda is now in New York but will still take care of the duties until January. The 2017 Director will need to appoint someone to fill that position once in office.

Elections: The chapters present were called up with the number of votes the chapter are entitled to and checked for how many they qualify for today. The representatives then went to the hallway to vote. Results will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Officers Reports:

Secretary: Kim spoke of the need to make sure you have filled out a Chapter Data Sheet so that you will get your newsletter. It's best to have it send to your home so it is received and is in a timely matter. IF, you do not get one a month preceding the meeting by the 15th you should call one of the offices and let them know. That is the only way we know there is a problem! Also all of the officers and members information you have is confidential and is NOT to be shared with anyone! If someone wants a phone number or address for contact, please, ask that they give you their info, to give to the person they want to talk to so that that person can make contact.

Membership: Dina Long talked about the many scams that are going around. Telemarketers are calling cell phones now. Scammers are trying to get numbers of others through you. DO NOT GIVE OUT CONTACT INFO FOR OTHERS! DO NOT GIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION TO ANY ONE ON THE PHONE, COMPUTER OR OTHER WISE! If you receive a call from an odd number you don't recognize do not answer it! Call the Attorney General and turn the number in if you know they are a scammer. Then block that number!

Guests today:

Commander, James May, thanked the riders for our service to the Legion. here is a 1 time grant to help veterans in emergencies. Indiana Veterans Transitional Emergency Service, which is the Commanders special project. He said thank you for attending today, thank you for our support and be safe.

Jim Kouts, past National Commander, says thank you for your support of Operation Comfort Warrior. We are still raising money to help our veterans and we are getting requests every day. Thanks to all who ride the Legacy Run in support of our veterans. He listed several posts for their donations. There is a special Pistol Raffle where there are only 16 made with a special Operation Comfort Warrior design.

Committee Reports:

Indiana State Rally: Bob Schnell announced the next Rally will be hosted by South Haven Chapter on June 22 through 25, 2017. Bruce Shepard give the financial for the 2016 Rally: They took in \$4700 total. Received \$475 from vendors. Had \$3400 in expenses. The profit was \$ \$6544 which was donated to the Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Project and the Operation Comfort Warrior.

Run Coordinator: Bruce Shepherd - Legacy Run Report: The flags on the bridges rocked! The Luncheon Harley Davidson put on was great. The Alabama escort did a wonderful job. The bikes were placed up front in the parade which worked well. The 2017 Run will be to Reno, Nevada.

IVH Committee: Connie Shaffer, 502, reports from Tom Smith say there are 196 residents at the home with a capacity of 331. The application for residents is on the Indiana.gov website.

They are in the process of renovating the Dining/ Recreation Hall.

The Fallen Soldier Statue, which is the highest statue in the US has been placed at the IVH and they are selling bricks to be placed at the site. You may purchase them and put the name of a friend or loved one on the brick.

The home now has in house consulting.

Thanksgiving turkeys are being donated but they may not be enough to feed them all so they may be looking for more donations to cover that need. There is a wish list available today for the homes needs.

Tom Smith sends a huge thank you for all the help we have given the home.

207 veterans passed away this year.

2016 ALR Donations: IVTES- motion by TJ Small, 97; seconded by Connie Shaffer, 502, passed by vote. A motion was made by George Wilson, 495 and seconded by Brian Hawkins to divide the rest between the 7 other projects. Passed by vote. They are: Wreaths Across America, Indiana National Guard Relief Fund, Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Oxygen Association, Let My Light Shine, Indiana Veterans' Home, Legacy Fund, Operation Comfort Warrior.

Election Results for 2017 ALR State Officers:

Director: Charlie Wheelchel 196

Assistant Directors:

Northern: Ron Boyd 97

Southern: Mike Brady 463

Secretary: Deborah Braun 182

Financial: Dina Long 500

Sergeant at Arms: Danny Price 79

Chaplain: Lee Berry 182

Run Coordinator: Bruce Shepherd 331

Historian: Danny White 152

Communications: To be appointed by 2017 Director.

A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Danny Price, seconded by Lee Berry, passed by vote.

Charters Presented to: Hamlet 356, Albion 246, Lapel 212.

Good of the Riders: Bruce Shepard suggested that we all carry an application with us to sign up new members. Wear your vest and promote the American Legion.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Bruce Shepard, 331; seconded by Kirk Crawford, 257, passed by vote.

Lee Berry Chaplain said a closing prayer.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Kimy Dietz 2016 State Secretary
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