

American Legion Riders of Indiana State Chapter Meeting January 14, 2012

Mark **called the meeting to order** at 1:00 P.M. with the Sgt. at Arms, Ron Temple securing the room. Steve Rainbolt, State Chaplain give a **prayer of thanks and guidance**, we recited the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the

Riders Response.

Mark called for the **Roll Call of officers** present. All the 2011 State Officers were present but Cory Moore, Sgt. at Arms.

There were **40 of 104 chapters present.**

Indiana State Commander, **Mike Miller** was a guest at the meeting, He said, "Thank you to the ALR for their energy. Have a great year and keep on keeping on."

Mark **dismissed all the committees** from 2011.

Outgoing officers speak:

Pugman stated that being a state officer is a challenge everyone should try.

Bo stated "That it was a privilege to serve the state as Chaplain in 2011."

Mark said, "The outgoing officers took care of a lot of behind the scene work, thank you."

Hugh Dagley conducted the **Installation of officers** with Mike Gunder stepping in as Sgt. at Arms.

The 2012 State Officers were presented:

State Director Mark Gosney

Assistant Director Kirk Crawford

Secretary Kimy Dietz

Treasurer/Membership Dina Long

Sgt. at Arms Ron Temple

Chaplain Steve Rainbolt

Run Coordinator Doug Day

Historian Deb Miler

Communications Officer Rick Haberman

Hugh said he appreciates all the riders do. The riders can call on Hugh anytime.

Mark **presents a Challenge Coin and Patch to Hugh** for his collection and Pugman give him a copy of the history of the challenge coins. When Steve Short retires in February Hugh will be taking his position.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the October 8, 2011 meeting were passed out to each Director. **A motion to waive reading the minutes** was made by Lenny Thompson 377, seconded by Kathy Cole 97, passed by vote.

Brent Fareland made a motion to **accept the minutes as written**, 2nd by Benny Smith 28, passed by vote.

Kimy asked that the Chapters please get the Chapter Data Sheets filled out on the website for the 2012 officers.

Treasury Report:

Dina Long, State Treasurer read the **Financial Report**. Vegen 495 made a motion to accept, seconded by, Frank Brown 252 and passed by vote.

Membership: is at 2280, 2012 paid members with 104 Chapters. Please get the memberships paid up before the close of the books. Dina reminded everyone they need to use full sized letter paper to send in the membership reports, using one line per name.

Dina is checking into putting the **Legion Membership numbers** on the ALR Membership cards. Please add those numbers to your membership forms. It will not be a problem if you belong to one Legion but have ALR membership at another.

Please make sure the qualifications of membership is being checked, no dual memberships, mark which chapter a person is transferring from when they are coming into your chapter. Dan Price asked if we would need to add L, A or S to the cards?

Assistant Director: Kirk Crawford says thank you for voting him as the assistant for 2012. He will be visiting chapter

meetings around the state during the year.

Chaplain: Steve said to feel free to call or e-mail him anytime if you need to talk. We had a moment of silence of those we have lost in the past.

Historian: Deb Miler, Keep sending photos. The books are at the back of the room for you to look through.

Run Coordinator: Doug Day reminded the officers that the data sheets are very important to the state officers as that is how he will make contact with the ride coordinators. The state rides will include Close of Books, Legacy Ride and the Scholarship Ride.

Communications: Please remember to put your events on the web site. The Chapter Start up packets will soon be on the website on the resources page.

If a district or chapter has a website can it be linked to the state site? Yes if you send Rick the URL.

Committees: Each Chair will pick the people to work with.

Bylaws - Pugman

State Rally - Bob Schnell

Rider of the year - Mike Gunder Announced the deadline this year is April 5. The form is on the resource page on the web site. Need to get it to him or your District Rep.

Legacy Ride - Will be running through Indiana again so we will be doing the Bridge flag lines again. If you would like to be the coordinator for the bridges, talk to Mark.

Chairman's Meeting: Bob Schnell asked that each Chapter Director please police the patches that are on members vests. They are a sore spot for the Legionaries! Use the Indiana State Web site for your official communications.

The donations to the Kootz Fund are due by Noon April 14th, 2012.

Old Business:

Indiana has been asked to lay the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in DC and Mark will officiate, if he can not Kirk will. The ceremony will be at Arlington Cemetery at 1:15 P.M.

If you would like to join a group to ride to the Wall in DC contact Bob Schnell or Lisa Jones.

New Business:

TJ made a motion to give \$1500.00 to the Jim Koontz Fund, Jim Hamilton 2nd. Member from Pendelton questioned that was too high. The candidacy to run as National Commander requires him to travel to all Districts in the US and that is expensive. We should be proud to have a National Commander from Indiana. The vote passed at 54 with 38 against.

The question about **raising the state dues** was asked. Mike Gunder made a motion to leave them where they are, 2nd by Bob Barker 79, passed by vote.

So far no details about the **National Romp** for this year, past it will be in Hayes Kansas June 15-17.

Indiana State Rally details were given by Pendelton Chapter 117. Gate will be \$35.00 with preregistration at \$30.00.

This will be the **6th Annual Legacy Ride**.

The Indiana State Commander, Mike Miller's pet project is the **Scholarship Fund**. The fund uses the interest to pay the scholarships but with interest down the base needs built up for that to work.

Legacy Fund Plaques were presented to 16 Chapters, Districts and the State. District 4, Chapters 257, 377, 47, 61, 500, 241, 210, 147, 44, 252, 15, 499 & 331. One did not have a chapter on it but it belongs to 97.

The **changes in the election process** will be nominations at the July meeting then closed. The nominees must be present to accept. Each Candidate will write a paragraph for the state newsletter. Vote will be by written ballot, counted by three District reps chosen by 2 numbers drawn out of a hat and 1 selected by the State Chairman.

That allows the ballots to be printed before the meeting. The changes will be presented to the bylaws committee. Chapter Charters are presented to the Chapters but are owned by the Post and may only be relinquished by the Post ex board. All funds stay with the Post if the chapter folds for any reason.

Special Membership - There is an application form to use. It will be available on the web site. The special membership retains all rights and can hold office in the chapter.

Banjo 47 makes a **motion to adjourn** the meeting, seconded by Gary Wilson 495, passed by vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Kimy Dietz

2012 Indiana ALR State Secretary

February 5, 2012