

Indiana State Chapter meeting September 26, 2009

TJ brought the Meeting to order at 1pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and Riders response were recited. Mike Moore give a prayer of thanks and guidance.

Tj asked if there were any questions or corrections on the typed copies of the Minutes from the July 11, 2009 meeting. Randy from Chapter 2 Brazil made a motion to accept, Frank from Chapter 113 Lebanon seconded and passed by vote.

Mike gave the Treasury Report. He announced that Fifth-Third Bank offers our members a free checking account. They will come to the next meeting to give a presentation. Lennie Thompson, Chapter 377 Woodburn made a motion to accept, Dawg from Chapter 147 Jasper seconded and passed by vote.

Membership for Indiana is now at 2688 members.

Committee Reports:

Legacy Ride donation from Indiana Riders announced.

Mike Gunder, Chairman of the committee of three Riders who made the decision of who would get the award announced, The Rider of the Year Award Winner as Earnest "Blu" Garr. There were only three nominations for the whole state of Indiana this year.

Nominations Opened for 2010 State officers:

Director: Closed

Assistant Director: David Egley, Chapter 423 Orland

Nominated by Cliff Wiekle, Chapter 47 Ft Wayne

Rusty Pain 113 Lebanon Bruce, 113 Lebanon

Pat Phillips 500 Speedway Cathy Cole 97 Auburn

Closed

Communications: Closed

Finance: Closed

Sgt at Arms: Closed

Chapan: Closed

Historian: Closed

Run Coordinator: Danny Price Cliff Wiekle, 47 Ft Wayne

James Shipley 28 New Albany

Secretary: Closed

July Meeting Nominations:

Director: Jim Hamilton 257 Fremont Ernest Garr 47 Ft Wayne

Mark Gosney 492 W Lafayette Dan Becker 406 Wheatfield

Jeff Bickel 423 Orland Declined

Marty Skaggs 64 Indianapolis Roger Bradford 103 Mooresville

Asst. Director: None

Secretary: Kim Dietz 157 Churubusco Bob Schnell 500 Speedway

Treasurer: Mike Fathman 492 W Lafayette Bob Schnell 500 Speedway

Chaplan: Mike Moore 148 Ft Wayne Bennie Edwards 148 Ft Wayne

Bill Hagerman 47 Ft Wayne Declined

Sgt at Arms: Ernest "Blue"Garr 47 Ft Wayne Cliff Weikel 47 Ft Wayne

Historian: Deb Miler 92 Auburn Mark Gosney 492 W Laffayette

Ride Coordinator: Bob Schnell 500 Speedway Declined

Communications: Rick Haberman 145 Avon  
Jim Hamilton 257 Fremont

Dawg made a Motion to accept all uncontested offices by acclamation. Pat Phillips seconded and passed by vote. Mike Harper made a Motion to have each contested office nominee give a one minute speech to help the officers and members a chance to know who they are and tell us what qualifies them for their position.

TJ handed out the New Chapter's Charters and Response Posters to those in attendance while the Election results were being tallied. New Chapters are: Huntington Chapter 7; Marion Chapter 10; Elwood Chapter 53; Danville Chapter 118; Jasper Chapter 147; Nappanee Chapter 154; Butler Chapter 202; Brownsburg Chapter 331; Ft Wayne Chapter 499.

Election results were announced:

Director: Jim Hamilton Fremont 257  
Assistant Director: Pat Phillips Speedway 500  
Secretary: Kim Dietz Churubusco 157  
Treasurer: Mike Fathman W Lafayette 492  
Chaplan: Mike Moore Ft Wayne 148  
Sgt at Arms: "Blue"Garr Ft Wayne 47  
Historian: Deb Miler Auburn 92  
Run Coordinator: James Shipley New Albony 28  
Communications: Rick Haberman Avon 145

Dawg announced that Indiana has the most chapters in the nation. There are 6 new chapters for a total of 88 chapters in Indiana – 2,688 members.

Mike Fathman reminded us that we need to pick our donations as the ALR to Legion projects. We have \$5000,00 to give out.

Motions by officers were made to give: \$1500 to the Commanders Project  
\$1500 to the Legacy Ride  
\$1500 to the Veterans Home  
\$500 to the Disabled Veterans

Mike Harper had a question about how District Officers are chosen or voted on. Different versions of the bylaws on the web site contradict each other. The correct way is by Legion bylaws. Each new District Commander chooses the officers who work under him. Dawg said we should be using the latest version which was reworded about three years ago, to align with the Legion's way.

Dawg reported that out of all our members in Indiana that we only had about 100 people at this years State Rally. Dawg made a Motion that on the weekend of our State Rally no Chapters can have an event. There were discussions for and against and the issue was never seconded. It was agreed that we need to plan this event much earlier than we have been so that we can put it on the calendar and plan ahead for it. This means planning should commence the last meeting of the year for the following year.

Alan Schuette, Chapter 82 made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Neal Hull, Chapter 82 seconded. Passed by vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Kim Dietz  
Indiana State Secretary