

Indiana
American Legion Riders
State Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by Director Bob Schnell

Attendance: Discontinued

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer & a moment of silence for our fallen riders -

Terry "Chopper" Marsh - Bedford

Rick Kephart - Post 103 Mooresville

Richard Williams - Post 500 Speedway

Bill Roberts - Post 500 Speedway

Riders Response

Roll Call - 23 Chapters present

STATE ROLL CALL 2007 - October 6 State Conference

POST CITY PRESENT POST CITY PRESENT

2 Brazil Yes 157 Churubusco Yes

9 Madison 173 Versailles

11 Lafayette 196 Bloomfield Yes

15 Wabash 239 Lawrenceburg

17 Hammond Yes 243 Ligonier

31 Angola Yes 250 Mitchell Yes

36 Rochester 252 Greenwood

42 Floyds Knobs 257 Fremont Yes

44 Newburgh 258 Pierceton

47 Fort Wayne Yes 276 Beech Grove Yes

64 Indianapolis Yes 290 Rosedale

70 Shelbyville Yes 297 New Carlisle

76 French Lick 308 Osceola

82 Fort Wayne Yes 313 Fairmount Yes

85 Huntington 368 Van Buren Yes

89 Seymour 409 Leo

94 Valparaiso 423 Orland Yes

95 Jonesboro 430 Merrillville Yes

97 Auburn Yes 434 Kingsford Heights

103 Mooresville Yes 470 Fishers

113 Lebanon Yes 484 Millersburg

119 Greenfield 485 Schererville

124 Ferdinand Yes 492 West Lafayette Yes

139 Sullivan 495 Indianapolis Yes

148 Fort Wayne 500 Speedway Yes

50 TOTAL CHAPTERS 23 present

We dispensed with the regular meeting to continue nominations and then vote for State ALR Officers for 2008. Nominations are as follows:

Director - Bob Schnell, Tom Small

Assistant Director - Mark Gosney, Marty Skaggs

Finance/Membership - Mike Fathman

Secretary - Dina Long, Kim Deitz

Run Coordinator - open

Communications - Rick Haberman

Chaplin - Poppy, Juan Roman, (Bo McKee withdrew)

Historian - Kim Deitz, Deb Miler

Sgt. @ Arms - Jim Hamilton, Tony Clark, (Pat Phillips withdrew)

Nominations were closed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept all unopposed nominations by acclamation.

There was a break for decision making by posts/delegates.

23 Chapters voted per the number of delegates they were allowed and that were present in the room.

There was a break for the votes to be counted.

The new State ALR Officers for 2008 are as follows:

Director – Tom Small

Assistant Director – Mark Gosney

Finance/Membership Mike Fathman

Secretary – Kim Deitz

Communications – Rick Haberman

Run Coordinator – open

Chaplin – Juan Roman

Historian – Deb Miler

Sgt. @ Arms – Jim Hamilton

Regular Meeting:

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting was waived – hard copies handed out.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as printed.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

Assistant Director, Marty Skaggs – no report.

Finance/Membership, Mike Fathman – Read a letter from the American Legion thanking us for the \$288 donation to the Legacy Run and showed us the plaque we received. Mike wrote a check for \$2,324.53 that Bob presented to the Legacy Run. Mike reminded all that state dues are \$3.00 per member and please state whether a membership is new, renewed, or transferred – and which chapter a transfer is from. Finances - beginning balance \$4,514.52 – ending balance \$4,066.95. We have 1421 members now. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report as read.

Run Coordinator, Mark Gosney – no report.

Chaplin, Poppy – no report.

Historian, Kim Dietz – Give Kim any photos from the past year.

Communications, Trent Norton – no report

Sgt. at Arms, Pat Phillips – Pat thanked everyone for making his job easier over the past year.

Department Chairman, Keith Jones – The Department Chairmen heard the Constitution & By-Laws read and recommend the membership accept them as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

Challenge Coin – Bob shared samples of Challenge Coins from other groups. Price is an issue. Pug Man explained what a Challenge Coin is – It identifies you as a member of an organization and if you are challenged in a group and can't show your coin, you buy a round. Pug Man will head a committee to investigate and bring information to the next meeting. We can decide whether to do a chapter coin or a state coin with a place to put chapter numbers. Coins could cost \$5-\$6 each – quantity discount might help.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

We have received one application for Indiana Rider of the Year - Alan Schuette of Ft. Wayne.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Alan as IROTH.

By-Laws and Constitution Committee –

Mark Gosney worked on the changes and got Legion approvals. The next step was to read them one more time.

Bob read the Constitution.

A motion was made, seconded to accept the Constitution as read.

Discussion –

If passed, it will be effective immediately.

A vote was taken and passed to accept the Constitution as read.

Bob read the By-Laws.

A motion was made, seconded to accept the By-Laws as read.

Discussion –

Article VIII, Section 1 – Official head wear – this is for general sessions only

Regalia section – the suggested changes were made. It is up to the chapters to enforce the rules.

Grandfathering of old regalia/vests is still in effect.

A vote was taken and passed to accept the By-Laws as read.

Bob thanked everyone for their part in this monumental step.

We can now move forward and write a Resolution to state that all associated appointees must be ALR members.

NEW BUSINESS/:

We have 5 new chapters -

#94 Valparaiso - July

#257 Fremont - August

#31 Angola - August

#9 Madison - August

#89 Seymour - September

Bob presented Chapter Charter Documents to those chapters present.

We now have 49 chapters. Bob's goal was 10 new chapters during his term, and we have reached that. We will still have more by the end of the year.

Legacy Run – Bob thanked all who adopted an overpass – it was an impressive show. The ALR vest that was donated by Post 500 to the National Commander was auctioned off in Reno – along with a helmet donated by the National Headquarters. We raised \$409,000. We had 536 riders registered with 400+ cycles, and over 1,000 volunteers. A new goal will be set for next year.

Chapter Data Forms – Only 9 old chapters have sent in updated forms. Bob will be sending copies of the new Constitution and By-Laws to all Chapter Directors, and needs current information/names/addresses.

Charity Donations – We can donate \$2,500 to a charity. Discussion – Mike Fathman suggested the Indiana Veterans Home. He and his wife both volunteer there and there are several things we can donate to. One is the volunteer dinner which happens once a year. (15,000 volunteer hours) A suggestion was made that we purchase a Pressure Chair/Bed for \$1,500. More discussion.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that we donate \$1,500 for a Pressure Chair/Bed.

A motion was made, seconded and not carried that we donated \$1,000 to the IVH Volunteer dinner.

A motion was made, seconded that we donate \$500 to the Knightstown home. This motion was amended to donate \$500 to Knightstown Home and \$500 to the IVH Volunteer dinner. The amended motion was seconded and passed.

A suggestion was made to put a "wish list" on the state website for everyone to use.

The Constitution and By-Laws will also be posted on the website.

State meetings/Legion Conference dates are on the website – meeting times could be added.

The next meeting is in January of 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

INFORMATION FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bob thanked everyone for aligning with the Legion on the Constitution and By-Laws.

Dawg thanked the out-going state officers for a job well done.

Pat thanked everyone who came to Bill Roberts' funeral and gave a special thanks to Bo for his part in the services.

Dina suggested we do away with the sign in sheet because members always forget to sign in. There were no objections. We will just do Chapter Roll Call at the beginning of each meeting and each chapter can give a head count of how many of their members are present.

Marty called for a moment of silence to recognize those who have fought and fallen.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Dina Long, State Secretary

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