

American Legion Department of Indiana
Legion Riders
Minutes of State Meeting April 6 2019

Mike Brady, Director called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Sgt.at Arms, Tony James, Secured the room.

The Pledge of Allegiance and rider's response were recited. Chaplain Lee Berry, offered A prayer of thanks, safety and guidance.

Roll call of officers present were: Director Brady, present, North Director, Ira Glover Present, South Director, Jim Cole, absent, Secretary, MaryLou Melton, present, Finance/ Membership, Dina Long, present, Sgt. At Arms, Tony James, present, Chaplain, Lee Berry, present, Historian, Danny Price, present, Run Coordinator, Rocky Blaise, present, Communications officer, Jacinda Stover, present.

Point of order noted by Deb Bickel, Director fined for having a tie on, \$20.00.

Sign in: 42 Chapters present. Quorum met.

Introduced, Jacinda Stover, new Communications officer and Rocky Blaise, new Run Coordinator. Noted resignation of Southern Director, JimCole.

Minutes: Minutes have been printed and are available for revue, as a pass out at the registration table. Richard Hunter, Chapter 355, made motion to accept, 2nd by Julie John, Chapter 103, passed by vote.

We have one guest, Fred our Web designer; any questions, discuss them with him after the meeting.

Committee reports:

Finance: Finance report has been printed and is available for revue, as a pass out at the registration table. Motion to accept. Question amount listed is for 2018 donations, not 2019, no donations last quarter. Motion by Julie John, Chapter 103 and second by Deb. Bickel, Chapter 97. Passed by vote.

Membership:

By-Laws: Copies of Draft, of the proposed by-laws were made available at the sign in table for membership to review and comment and discuss, and suggested changes. We tried to go through changes one at a time and vote up or down. The discussions were lengthy and therefore we didn't get through a lot of them.

First discussion was on Article I-Name

Section 1. **Deleted the word Chapter and added Department.** This was passed with no objection.

Next was Article IV-Organization

Section 4. Remove Section four and add proposed changes.

Chapter participation at the District level is Voluntary.

Discussion by Mark Harper, Chapter 97: District ALR should have money not go to Legion for money.

Discussion: because of non-profit status Post ALR, should have Post finance officer on our account. IRS has problem on being tax exempt.

Discussion: Terry Smith was asked about this. He said he was only at our meeting as an Observer. But to answer the question, the Legion finance officer must be a signer on all accounts, but isn't in charge.

Point of order by Director, we are putting these changes on the floor not taking a vote.

Point of order by District chairman, and also District Commander, Chapter 83, Zeeman, each time you stand or sit on the question of acceptance or not you, are taking a vote.

Brian Sowders, Chapter 33 asked: what is the benefit of an extra set of officers.

Reply, Director Brady: A different level of riders helping other riders out, with new volunteers and another set of officers.

The District option doesn't have to be chosen by each chapter. Question, will we not have a choice, answer, yes. Question: If a majority of a Districts Chapters elects to organize as a District, what happens to the ones in that District that chose not to organize as part of The District? Will they be left out to themselves and then in a year or so be told that they must comply with the rest on the District and come under the District leadership?

The 3rd District Chairman stated that we, the 3rd District, will not support this starting point to change the by-laws, our by-laws have been approved and can be changed annually, for a 12 month period.

Ron Neely, Chapter 33, clarified, we are not voting to approve these by-laws as presented in this draft.

Motion by Rod Strater, chapter 451 and Second by Dan Barnett, 5th District Chairman to remove all verbiage about Districting in this draft of the by-laws.

Chapter 83, Wayne Zeeman, stated the District can't organize legally at this time without this wording in our by-laws.

After a lengthy discussion the consensus was no and the motion was defeated.

Article V- Membership

Section 1A,

Add must also present documentation of current registration and proof of insurance.

Also add clarifying statement, to include, a sentence that states, **and the membership person is the person responsible for viewing the required information for a member's proof of eligibility.**

Section 3, remove **shall** and **add may**, at the discretion of the chapter, and add divorce, Approved.

Section 8, **add regular or special members**, in good standing may hold office.

Skipped to Article IX- elections

Discussed voting to change the word majority, by Mark Quinn, Chapter 252, tabled till the July Convention meeting due to time constraints today,

Several asked about having at least a two hour meeting scheduled for these discussions. It was apparent in today's meeting, that these changes require more time than that allocated presently.

Resumed meeting

Northern Director: Ira Glover

Lots of visits to Posts, thanks for the hospitality. Make sure you have your meeting dates and times reported and updated or if you're having or not having them. Don't want to Miss one because of outdated information. We need to push attendance at our Chapter meetings. Post your rides on our website.

Run Coordinator, Rocky Blaize.

State Rally: We are supporting and attending the National Romp in Elizabethtown, KY in lieu of State Rally June 27-30th. Rocky had a handout with information.

Rally point: exit 92 I-64 Leavenworth. June 28th.

Meet at the old truck stop across for the pilot truck stop.

Start checking in at 10:00 eastern time, kick stands up at 11:00 am Eastern Time.

60 Mile ride to Post 113 Elizabethtown, Ky

Must register at: ALR 2019 Annual Romp

A. 1173 IN-62, Leavenworth, In 47137

B. American Legion, 1251 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, Ky 42701

Via IN-62 IN-135

They would like to have 12 riders for National Parade, if you're interested call 317-630-1264 and talk to John Crosby.

The National commander is having a road trip from Indy to Post 1 Missouri and would like a rider escort, May 9, to the Illinois border or to Meeting site in St. Louis.

If you aren't taking part in the whole Legacy Ride in Aug. to National Convention, in Indy but are planning on joining before they reach Indy, at some point. They would like for you to pay the fee for the Legacy Ride. This way you will be included in the Group ride for This the Last National Parade, on August. 25th, 2019. You can still ride in the parade, if you don't pay; you just won't be with the Legacy Ride group.

Lunch on the 22nd of Aug. as part of the Legacy ride, will be at Post 9, Madison, In. This is noted in the web site newsletter.

Unfinished business: \$2000 was set aside by us for the Department sign. Motion by T.J. Small, Leo Chapter to send this to Department now.

2nd By Shannon Kusic, Chapter 22. Motion carried, Dina will send the check.

Presentation of new Charters. Syracuse, Chapter 223 and Sellersburg, Chapter 204 were present and received their charters and welcome.

Chesterton, Chapter 170, Hammond, Chapter 232, Decatur, Chapter 43, Ligonier, Chapter 243 and Newport Chapter weren't present to receive their charters.

New Business, Objectives of the War Veterans Memorial Shrine C American History, Inc. [DBA Veterans National Memorial Shrine.]

Saturday, Sept. 8th, 2018

The objective is not only to Honor the deceased, but also to provide inspiration for the living to search for and work for the better America.

This museum contains over 200 military artifacts, and is located in northeastern Indiana.

New business continued, we were going to discuss proposed election rules and action.

Tabled till July meeting, due to time constraints.

Chaplain's report: Memorial to departed riders, by Lee Berry.

5 riders passed this last quarter. Jerry Nickels, Chapter 286, Manchester, Johnny Wheeler, Chapter 286, Manchester, Robi Burnett, Chapter 495, Indianapolis, Charles Noble, Chapter, 196, Bloomfield and Keith Walker, Chapter 215, LaGrange. Let us stand and have a moment of silence for our departed brothers

Good of the riders: Any gaming that we do that is gambling, must be run through Our Post's gaming accounts. Do it according to Hoyle!

Chaplin: Closing prayer, Ended with prayer for appreciation of patience and understanding during our deliberations and respecting each others opinions.

Director Brady declared the meeting adjourned, at 3:16 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Mary Lou Melton
2018-2019 Secretary