

Indiana State Chapter Meeting Minutes October 6, 2018

Charlie brought the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. The Sgt. at Arms, Bruce Shepherd, secured the room.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Riders Response were recited. Lec Berry offered a prayer of thanks, safety and guidance.

Roll Call: 2018 Officers present were: Director, Charlie Wheelchel, Northern Director, Ron Boyd, absent, Southern Director, Mike Brady, Secretary, Mary Lou Melton, Finance/Membership, Dina Long, Sgt. at Arms Bruce Shepherd, Chaplain, Lee Berry, Historian, Danny White and Run Coordinator, Brian Hawkins were present, Communications Officer, Tammy Salonko, absent

Guest speaker, Past Department President, Lisa Liford, ask to address our group about support for our Indiana Candidate for National Aux. President, Past Department President, Vicky Koutz, for the Year 2021-2022.

Sign in: 30 chapters present

Minutes: Ira Glover 502 made a motion to accept the minutes, with noted corrections, seconded by Danny Price 497. Passed by vote.

Treasurer's Report: Totals and overview of details read by Dina Long, with a detailed written copy available for review, TJ Small 409 made a motion to accept for audit, second Neil McKinney 497. Passed by vote.

Membership: Dina Long stated that two old Chapters have come back. Frankton and Hammond Chapters, making 120 Chapters with a membership of 3326 Paid for 2018 and 530 paid at present, for 2019.

Question about how long 2018 cards are valid. They are no good on Jan. 1, 2019.

The date to figure voting strength, for this election, 2018 for 2019 officers, is your Chapter paid membership totals at close of books, June 1, 2018.

We donated to 9 charities, last year, with a total of \$5500. We have \$2000 set aside, for the monument. But with nothing in the works, at this time. We can Use this and replace it at a later date. The Department Commanders project this year is the Ernie Pyle, Memorial and Museum at Dana, In. to replace the siding with era appropriate materials. Dina thinks we should split the remaining money between the charities that we usually support. The Legacy Scholarship fund, OCW, IVH, Wreaths across America, at Marion and Brownsburg and National project, Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric chambers, Indiana National Guard, relief fund and let my light shine. She would also like for us to donate To Vicky Koutz candidate fund for National Aux. President.

Bruce Shepherd, Chapter 331, made the motion, Second by Ira Glover, Chapter 502 to accept recommendations to fund these charities. Motion passed.

T.J. requested we consider, the Ft. Wayne War Memorial, renovation project and was reminded, that all requests are to be in writing buy a certain date to be considered each year. He will submit it for consideration for next year.

Mike Brady, acting Director, for this meeting, stated he would entertain a motion to suspend the meeting to have our election of officers. Ira Glover, Chapter 502 made the motion, seconded by Neil McKinney. Chapter 497, motion passed.

Mike Brady stated there was a change in the ballot presented. Richard Halcom, Chapter 355, stated he was withdrawing his name as candidate for Chaplain in favor of Lee Berry, who was selected, Rider of the Year. This eliminated the need for a ballot. Lee Berry will be Chaplain for the 2019 year.

Director, Brady apologized to the three candidates for Southern Vice Commander, because their candidacy letters were not printed out and made available for the membership to see, as had been stated at our last meeting.

He introduced the three candidates, Tony James, District 8, Jerry Melton, District 9 and Jim Cole, District 10 and gave each one of them two minutes to speak. Each candidate spoke and explained their plans if elected and asked for support of the whole group to make our Riders group successful. One organization, one family!

Voting was started, with Dina going over the voting strength allowed for each Chapter present. Each Chapter number was called and the number of votes stated. After a short while, it was noted and brought to the attention of the Director, that instead of each person getting one ballot only, some people were taking the number of ballots allotted to the whole chapter, not the actual number of people present from the chapter. This is wrong, so these ballots were all destroyed and ballots people had in their possession were Recalled and destroyed and a new count was started.

Only the actual number of people present from the chapter is allowed to cast ballots, not the number possible, of total voting strength at close of books number.

At the end of voting the Director stated he would entertain a motion to resume the meeting, while the election committee counted the votes.

Motion by Sharron Kueisco, Chapter 66, seconded by Ralph Hill, Chapter 70, and motion passed.

Old Business: Discussion about State Rally. No firm decision. District 11 is discussing options, Director ask to set in at meeting, but conflict with date. Post 64 to possibly host, but would like to see State rally at a neutral central location, like State Fairgrounds and each District hosting their own local rally. Director would like to be able to celebrate 100th Anniversary of the Legion to include a State Rally.

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Committee Reports:

WI-I, rep.: Ira Glover: Tom Smith at IVH, is pushing the Ageless Dream Flights, project. So far their have been 3390 flights at a Cost of \$250 dollar donation. If we want to donate to something. WWW.agelessavaitaiondreams.org. They have the Memorial bricks for fallen soldiers for \$50. Bed bugs at IVH cleared up, but still want new sealed items donated. They need triple X sweatpants, no jeans! They can also use socks and underwear, new packages. They could use \$10 only, gift cards from Wal-Mart, no other denomination. That way they all get the same amount. Also Verizon phones and minute cards. The reason for Verizon is that's the tower they have access to on the grounds. Ladies Aux. raised \$995 for them at their craft show and the ladies fall conference event.

Chaplain: Lee Berry, Stated we have lost three riders since our summer conference, Scott Delagrange, Chapter 409, Leo, Tommy Zimmerman, Chapter 97, Auburn, and Ruth Smith, Chapter 495, East Indy. Could we please have a moment of silence for these departed. Thank you

Run Coordinator: Brian Hawkins has a flier to pass out about an Accident scene Management class and gave particulars about it. Dates are 11/17 and 11/18.

Bruce Shepherd: Sgt. at Arms mentioned there is to be no alcohol in the meeting at any time. Some one said they didn't see any, acting Director, Brady affirmed he had seen it also.

Good of the Riders: nothing mentioned.

T.J. brought up proper attire for a Riders meeting and the By-Laws. Discussion followed. Director said he wasn't going to void the election because of these concerns and will table further discussion till the By-Laws can be accessed and that T.J. was out of order. Not everyone can afford the expense of vests and covers. Several stated they all had to present their riders cards to vote.

Election Results were announced:

Jim Cole was elected Southern Director. Acting Director, thanked the other candidates, Tony James and Jerry Melton for being willing to step up and run for office and wanted to see them after the Meeting, about positions vacant that he needed to fill.

Lee Berry said he needed to say something. Lee stated he could not serve in a State Leadership position with a sexual predator. Director stated he was out of order. Lee stated, I resign my position as Chaplain immediately. Director stated with the body's permission, he would table the acceptance of Lee's resignation, till things cooled down. No one voiced objection.

New officers for 2019 are Mike Brady, Director, Northern Director, Ira Glover, Southern Director, Jim Cole, Sec., Mary Lou Melton, Treasurer/ Membership, Dina Long, Chaplain, Lee Berry, Communications, Tammy Salonko, Historian, Danny White, Run Coordinator and Sgt. At Arms will be appointed by Director.

Director offered prayer and adjourned the meeting, at 2:25pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Mary Lou Melton 2018 State
Secretary

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