

American Legion Department of Indiana
Legion Riders
Minutes of State Meeting July 13, 2019

Mike Brady, Director, called the meeting to order at 2:04 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.

There was a discussion of recognition by Sgt. At Arms to address
The issue of recognition of white hats in the meeting. Most of these people
Were not in favor of being singled out as someone special. These white hats,
Present, are also legion riders and don't want special recognition, because
They are present, in this meeting as riders.

Roll call of officers:

Mike Brady, Director, present, Northern Vice, Ira Glover, present, Southern
Director, vacant, Secretary, Mary Lou Melton, Present, Treasurer/Membership,
Dina Long, present, Sgt. At Arms, Tony James, present, Run coordinator, Rocky Baize,
Present, Historian, Danny White, present, communications officer, Jacinda Stover.
Present.

Sign in: 35 Chapters represented 56 members total. Quorum present.

Minutes: Minutes have been printed and are available for review, at the
Registration table.

Cliff Weikel, Chapter 47, Discussion of items in the minutes, items discussed
At the last meeting having to do with updates discussed, were questioned,
Director, Brady stated these items were discussed and are included in the
Recorded info the secretary uses to print the minutes. This information is
Only included in minutes as a discussion took place on these issues.
A motion was made to remove this information, properly seconded and motion carried.

Finance/ Membership: A printout of the bank statements and a finance report
Are available for review, she stated these can be read, but not circulated, because of the
Account info on them. It would need to be obliterated. The finance report is generated
Each quarter and a copy is available at each of our meeting for review. If you
Have any corrections or questions, please speak with her.

Jeff Everman, Chapter 64, made the motion, seconded by Cliff Weikel, Chapter 47, to
accept For audit, motion carried.

T.J. Small, Chapter 409, brought up a question about there being no hotel charge turned in for either quarter, for Director. Mike stated he hasn't turned any charges in. Mike hasn't activated the Riders charge card that he was issued.

Last night, at the executive board meeting, he presented the hotel and part of his mileage expenses and received the approval of these expenses and a check, for Jan. through April will be issued.

Membership cards are available to be picked up today. With the extra humid Weather; please allow them to acclimate to the surroundings. So they won't stick together and damage them. Purple lettering on the roster sheet for each Chapter is 2019 members, paid, Orange is for 2020 members. If you paid for 2019 you have a 2020 card if you didn't you don't. One chapter of 35 members Only got three cards because of this. Dina's info is on the bottom of the membership sheet. Please when sending in membership to include all your contact info and chapter number. It takes a second to add this and saves time because of the volume of mail Dina receives.

Remember to write down info to be included in your Consolidated Chapter Report, it's due May 15 to Dina. If you make a quick note, when an event occurs, it will be easier to give a complete report of your activities.

National needs to see how actively we support our Veterans and needy causes. They have no clue how vital we are and how are supporting the programs of the Legion. Let's toot our own horns!

As of June 24, 2019 we have 3062 paid members. Lots of Chapters have no paid Memberships.

If your chapter had no paid memberships by close of books, you have **no** votes For Officers, at our election in October.

IVH: Ira reported the census is 187 with two female veterans and 40 family members of veterans. Their wish list includes cash donations to help with next years fireworks, new awnings and a fence around an area that some of the residents who tend to roam, could safely enjoy being outside. The Awing and fence cost is approximately \$5000 each. They also need new, in sealed package, 4-5X clothes. They are making one of the restrooms ADA compliant, and could use phone cards also.

Tammy Bolen is the Activities director.

Historian, Danny White, mentioned upcoming Greenfield ride and number of riders. Send pictures of your events to him.

Sgt. At Arms, Tony James, talked about the upcoming legacy ride, in August. The parade will be at 4pm Aug. 25 on Pennsylvania ave., for registered riders.

Run Coordinator: Rocky Baize, commented, the national romp was a great event; Indiana had more riders than Kentucky present. The Director, from KY, had to shave his head.

Only 8 riders showed up at the meeting location to ride down.

Director Brady, brought home 5 bottles of a limited addition of Basil Harden whiskey, which were raffled at this meeting. Thank all who participated and purchased them. The money goes to the 7 marines, families, killed on their bikes in New England.

Chaplain: Lee Berry stated, we lost twelve riders this quarter. Jerry Nickles, Chapter 88, LaPorte, Johnny Wheeler, chapter 286, Manchester, Robi Burnett, Chapter 495, Indianapolis, Charles Noble, chapter, 196, Bloomfield, Keith Waltke, chapter 215, LaGrange, Cletus Miller, chapter 143, Bristol, Bryan Crocker, chapter 497, Indianapolis, Roger Boomsma, chapter, 66, Griffith, Gregsy Paz, chapter 17, Hammond, Sandra Armstrong, chapter 24, Columbus, Jay Cook, chapter 64, Indianapolis, Ronnie Noble, chapter 434, Kingsford Heights. Held a moment of silence for our fallen, brought up a fellow rider Who always wears a helmet, but needed something just around the corner from His home, and didn't grab his helmet, was involved in a serious accident. In ICU with part of his skull cut away to relieve pressure. After the meeting He informed me this rider, Kevin Brzoska, chapter 17. Hammond has passed away. Lee then stated some issues that he felt made it necessary for him to resign his Position as chaplain and removed himself from the meeting.

Communications: Jacinda, send me your information to be posted on our website, about events. We have added a tracker to see how many hits our site is getting. If some of your info submitted previously has been accidentally deleted please Resend it to me.

Proposed rules of Nominations for officers read by Ira Glover, Ira asked for a motion to adopt the rules of election be adopted. Motion by Dina Long, chapter 500 second by Jeff Everman, chapter 64. motion carried.

Proceeded with nomination of officers for 2020 year.

Director	Mike Brady, 8	Ira Glover, 501
Motion	By Richard Halcomb, 355	by T.J. Small, 409

North asst. Director		
	Ira Glover, 501	Mark Harper, 148
	By Dina Long, 500	By T.J. Small, 409

South asst. Director

Tony James, 200
By T.J. Small, 409

Jeff Everman, 64
By Dina Long, 500

Chaplain Richard Holcomb, 355
By self

Willmore McNeal [Big Mac] 497
By Dedria Hogan, 497

Sgt.-At Arms Doug Hershberger, 308
By?

Tony James, 200
By Richard Halcomb, 355

Communications officer

Tisa Baker, 64
By Jeff Everman, 64

Jacinda Stover, 103
Julie John, 103

Unopposed offices

Secretary- Mary Lou Melton, 250
By Dina Long, 500

Finance/Membership- Dina Long, 500
by Ira Glover, 501

Run Coordinator- Rocky Baize, 463
By Kent Selby, 8

Historian- Danny White, 152
by Mary Lou Melton, 250

Motion to return to regular business made by Doug Hershberger, 308 and seconded by Ira Glover, 501. Motion approved.

Unfinished business, Director Brady, stated by-laws passed and approved Jan. 2014 at Freemont, to Establish ALR chapters into Districts. Resolution 2014, M O 7. Mike has all the supporting documents and will make them available. We need to implement and get Them into the bylaws.

Numerous meetings have been held with Dept. staff and Judge Advocate regarding this. The 3rd draft of our bylaws will be posted on our website, Monday morning as a result Of these meetings.

Sunday morning at 10 am, September 22, 2019, A special called meeting will be held at Brownsburg, Post 331, 636 East Main St. Brownsburg, In 46112.

If you have questions or concerns, or suggestions, write them down. These issues will be Addressed at this meeting. **This meeting will be to address bylaws issues only.**

An Italian lunch will be served for \$15, please pre register for lunch, so they will have an accurate count, let Mike know.

Diedra Hogan, chapter 497, asked if a, current, Post Commander can serve as Director of The Riders at the same time. The answer is yes, unless you have something in your Chapters by-laws preventing this.

T.J. Small, has a question about approved charities for donations, was told the finance report he was looking at was for 2018 and the donation he was referring to was for the 2019 year and would be funded then.

Rider of the year: Bill Moffatt, District 6, Sheridan chapter was the winner this year.

His award was accepted by Danny Price. Only two applications were received.

Danny Price also stated he was sure people were eligible for this award that weren't being nominated.

Anything you do in support of veterans and your volunteer efforts need to Be noted and recognized for this award.

T.J. price again made the statement you need to know who your District Reps. are and asked the ones present to stand and be recognized.

Charter presented: to Knox chapter 131 today. Present to accept the Charter was, Todd Leinbach. We welcome you!

Good of the Riders:

Three rides that are in the next day or so were mentioned
Suggestions given, to make a better event included, following up with Posts you will be stopping at to confirm, close to the event, also contact escorts to confirm.

Big Mack, 409, Sheridan, spoke about his first romp experience. No one has applied to host next years State Rally.

T.J. mentioned a possible site in Kokomo and gave numbers to contact if interested in hosting.

Director discussed and presented a copy of a Riders Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies. He discussed including this with new Post officers guides. These will be available at the Oct. meeting if approved by DEC.

This is not a rule book but a resource.

The Legion riders of southern Indiana face book site, is a good resource to post your ride or event. It's hosted by John Bubala and lots of people see this page.

With no further business, to come before the group
Chaplain, Richard Holcomb led us in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Melton
State Secretary

Added addendum:

Director's note: After the meeting, Director Brady relieved Tony James, as Sgt. at Arms, from his office, for failure to attend Executive Board meetings and failure to perform his duties in accordance with the by-laws. Specifically, failure to set up the meeting room, failure to take charge of the flags, POW/MIA and other regalia and insure their proper placement for the meeting. As Mr. James has been an appointment and not elected position, no board approval was needed.