

ALR State Meeting Minutes Oct 5, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Chaplain, Wilmer McNeil offered prayer

Rituals were observed.

Roll call of Officers: Director, Mike Brady, present, Northern Director, Ira Glover, present, Southern Director, Jeff Everman, present, Secretary, Mary Lou Melton, present, Finance/Membership, Dina Long, present, Sgt. At Arms, Chris Baker, present, Historian, Danny White, present, Chaplain, Wilmer McNeil, present, Run coordinator, vacant.

Minutes accepted as written, for July meeting, motion by Kirk Crawford, Chapter 257, Seconded by Neil McKinney, Chapter 497.

Minutes accepted as written, with exceptions, for Sept. 22 special meeting. Motion by Bobby Burnette, Chapter 497, seconded by Diedra Hogan, Chapter 497.

T.J. Small stated, we can't vote to accept constitution and by-laws because this is the first legal reading. Second meeting, minutes also enclosed, where the vote was legally taken.

Doug Hershberger, Chapter 308, wanted it noted, that he didn't receive notification of the Sept. meeting, Daryl Veach, Chapter, 83 also stated he didn't receive notification. Director Brady, stated, it was in the newsletter and online about the meeting, also stated in the July meeting. They restated, as well as others, agreed, that did not get the Information. Also, discussion about 45 day notice and proper quorum number issues and closing meeting and opening another meeting immediately for vote due to quorum being legal, parliamentarian, okayed.

Charlie Ayers, Chapter 42, noted, quorum not met, Director Brady, clarified, quorum was present at second meeting, noted. Natalie Stewart, Chapter 451, noted 45 day advance notice required for second meeting.

Stopped the discussion at this point and moved on to adopting the meeting minutes.

Sgt at Arms introduced guests, none noted, Director Brady recognized: NEC, Jerry Jordan, Leading candidate for Dept. Commander, Mark Gilliam, 11th District., Dept. Historian, Steve DeFayo.

Finance report: notion to accept, Shannan Kuesis, 66 2nd by Deidra Hogan, 497 motion carried.

Dina, verified all chapters present signed in.

Membership report: Dina has no report.

Northern Director report: Ira Glover, I've been on a couple rides, things looking good and keep up the good work.

Southern Director: no report

Historian: no report

Sgt. At Arms: no report. How many chapters in attendance today? 38 chapters represented

Chaplains report: 5 riders lost this quarter, Harold Bishop, District 10, Chapter 152, William Smith, District 1, chapter 54, Brian Burns, District 4, chapter 98, Delnice Nevil, District 4, chapter 88, and Harold P.? District? Chapter 210.

Communications: I have several people who have signed up for the newsletters but haven't responded to the confirming e-mail. 263 people haven't confirmed and therefore aren't on the mailing list. I will be sending confirmation e-mails again, please respond to get links, newsletters and meeting minutes. We have a new, as of yesterday, Department of Indiana American Legion Riders, facebook page. The format is to disseminate information about rides, events, etc. and to download documents available, changes will be by noted, on this page and be easier and quicker to find. It's a closed group but everyone will be accepted.

Unfinished business

T.J. again, addressed the placement of the work divorced in the constitution and by-laws and was told again, that after discussion, it was decided to leave it in special definition section.

Deidra Hogan, chapter 497, noted that when this first vote was taken, in September, the vote to accept was unanimous.

Discussion about making the State Finance/Membership position a three year appointment. Pros and cons discussed. This was accepted to be included in proposed changes.

Mark Harper and T.J. still stated this was not a proper vote because there was still not a proper quorum at second meeting and vote wasn't legal.

Shannan Kuesis, Chapter 66 made a motion to approve second reading and called for a vote. Seconded by Deidra Hogan, Chapter 497, seconded.

Natalie Short, chapter 451, stated not proper, 45 days notice, Doug Hershberger, Chapter 308, stated Improper and illegal, vote, notice not sent properly, as 3rd District Chairman.

Director Brady asked for a show of hands to vote, as presented by your hands.

T.J. stated, these by-laws, take the power out of the membership.

Director Brady, stated, are these perfect no. But I asked for feedback and only heard from three or four Districts but only in these meeting. He stated he personally attended meeting to discuss these changes.

Natalie short, Chapter 451, noted that he didn't attend her meeting and had no contact with her.

Neil McKinney proposed a committee to adopt the motion on he floor.

Dr. Brady: Call for second reading and approval.

Secretary, Mary Lou Melton, counted the hands for approval as 80. Secretary counted hands for rejection, 40. So, 80 yea and 40 nay, motion passed.

This is following the resolution of 2014, If Districts want to change this, the need to write a resolution and get it passed through the system.

Mike Harper, Chapter 97 called to suspend the regular meeting business to hold our elections.

Brian Hawkins, chapter 182 seconded. Motion carried.

Elections proceeded, results will be given when tabulations completed.

Motion to resume meeting, Shannan Kuesis, chapter 66, second by Neil McKinney, chapter 497. Motion carried.

Jeff Everman, made a presentation to increase membership. This was really an idea by Danny Price at A meeting that he wanted to present. The gold Star program. At the executive meeting last night he presented a rocker patch with gold stars attached. The program is for adding members and the requirements were discussed. The only objection was to the color of the stars, several colors were discussed and it was decided to change from stars to motorcycles, and the name to star members not gold star program.

Mary Lou Melton, made a motion to accept this program, 2nd by Wes Worth, motion carried.

Dina long discussed raising the dues to \$5 per year starting with the 2021 year and noted that the dues amount has never been raised. With all things considered, it's time to do this.

Bob Snell, Chapter 500, wanted to know the reason for the increase. The purpose of this is increased costs for postage, and printing regarding the newsletter, and funding for the proposed budget expenses, and reimbursements and continued donations as in the past.

Question by Rick about printing services fees explained.

Motion by Neil McKinney, chapter 497 to accept increase of dues to \$5. Second by Shannan, Kussic, chapter 66, motion carried.

Wayne Zeeman, chapter 83 asked about amount for mileage reimbursement. The stated amount is Less than the fed allowed amount of \$.56 per mile allowed. Dina has copies of expenses and reimbursements, available, he requested a copy.

Question about check for \$464 to Brownsburg post. Meals fee required by them for proposed meal expenses at special meeting. This was partially covered by fees for lunch paid by attendees at this meeting. We were required to estimate attendance, we estimated 100 but only 80 were in attendance. The Money was collected, that day and the unpaid amount was covered by prior approved amount by the executive board.

Also explained the outstanding check to Director Brady was a previously approved expense check by the executive board that has never been cashed by Director. He had the check in his hand and tore it up in front of the group.

Director Brady had presented his expense, by department guidelines, for \$9000, He asked for reimbursement of only the \$2900 part for printing expenses, which the executive committee approved. All Department's have expense accounts. There is no ALR financing or legion financing for Directors and officers of our ALR at present.

He and Dina both have charge cards for approved expenses, his has never been used.

Mike Harper, chapter, 97, questioned \$700 to jarhead's? This donation was funded by the raffling of the alcohol donated by Director, Brady and Director, Jeff Everman, for the Marines killed in New England on a benefit ride's families.

Kirk Crawford, chapter 257, made a motion to reissue the check to Director Brady, 2nd by Shannan Kuesis, chapter 66. Director Brady stated they were out of order with this motion.

Larry Nye, chapter 182, made a motion to have all District Directors information with the communications officer.

Donna Butler, chapter 468, never on the website.

Jacinda, stated her info, phone number and e-mail are available, in the newsletters and online.

Secretary, Melton, offered to get officers info and forward a copy to Communications officer, after the meeting.

A Monthly roll call or a spot to click on to verify seeing communications was mentioned. Doug Hershberger, mentioned personal accountability.

In the middle of June give info about winter conference.

Terry Smith, is Dept. Asst. Adjutant

Ron Patten is newly appointed ALR Dept. Chairman

Good of the Riders: Diedra Hogan, stated let's get the profanity off our vests.

National Organization is looking at us, and common sense should tell us to have nothing profane on

our vests.

Richard, Chapter 187, Stated, what we wear, in our posts, is not also proper out in public.

Several Chapters mentioned upcoming benefits and rides. If you have an upcoming event bring your fliers to midwinter conference.

Election results: Newly elected officers, Mike Brady Director, North Director, Mark Harper, South Director, Jeff Everman, Chaplain, Wilmer McNeil, Sgt. At Arms, Doug Hershberger, and Communications officer, Jacinda Stover. Dina, Mary Lou and Danny were unopposed in this election. Mark Harper, declined his position and asked for Ira Glover to retain the position.

Chaplain, Wilmer McNeil offered prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. By Director Brady

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Mary Lou Melton Secretary.