

American Legion Riders
Post 331
Department of Indiana
Brownsburg, Lincoln Unit

On Feb. 15, 2011, the Unit meeting was called to order at 7:03pm at the American Legion Post 331. Director Butch Orr opened the meeting. There were 17 members present.

Butch Orr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ernie Roos led with Prayer.

Butch Orr led the Riders Response.

Don Mosson, Mike Dove, Cindi Scheib, were announced as Guests.

Assistant Director Updates: (J.Ruble) – working on by-laws and constitution to be passed out today and to view for voting at the next meeting in March. Voting is all or nothing.

Treasurers Report: (C.Roos) – beginning balance \$2965.45, with deposits of: 22.00 patches, 32.00 50/50 at Italian dinner, 45.00 3 members (Deb Smith, Merrill Brunner, Scott Spaulding), 80.00 Jersey raffle, 252.00 Italian dinner, 30.00 2 yr membership (Comville ?), 15.00 membership (Jeff Jackson), 484.00 Sock Hop dinner & 50/50, ck 2515 for 160.00 (Steve Stewart) and ck 2516 for 15.00 (Richard Huston) were voided - \$ given to them out of the Christmas tree fund unknown to Chasity, deduct 101.97 for GFS (Italian dinner), 361.36 Sam's Club (Sock Hop), 130.00 cash drawer sock hop for a new ending balance of \$3,556.62. Total profit for the Christmas Trees Sales was \$541.66. Total profit for the Italian dinner was \$230.03 and we lost \$80.00 on the Sock Hop. It was a learning experience and a good event. Steve Stewart offered to get reimbursement from Legion on funds lost and Butch Orr declined to proceed. Motion to accept by (), 2nd motion Richard Huston.

Secretary Updates: (N.Day)

Dave Richardson motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as they are posted on the bulletin board at the Legion, emailed to all members, placed on the website and a copy was passed out prior to the meeting. Steve Shaffer 2nd the motion.

Ride Coordinator Updates: (D.Day) – Update on the Rider of the Year program (which will be placed on the table to view) John Ruble leading with 71.8 points and Doug Day/Butch Orr in second with 60.9 points.

9-11 ride, met with Post 64 as well as a HOG chapter and the ride will be on April 9th, leaving Brownsburg Post heading to Richmond in turn will go to Stout Field in Indianapolis. Staging in Richmond is 10-12 with KSU at 12:30pm with Post 64 having a hog roast afterwards. We will leave Brownsburg taking off as a group to meet up with the others in Richmond. Speedway Post will NOT have their breakfast that morning. Richmond will be having breakfast at their post. Scheduled rides will be based on the 50/50 rule. If 50 degrees or colder and/or 50% chance of rain, the scheduled ride will be cancelled. You can choose to go on your own at that point.

Miracle Ride will be June 4th, 5th and Mark Gosney has picked this as his pet project. Reading under the website of indianalegionriders.org, \$50.00 pp to register ALR signed up to be a group sponsor, any ALR member will get a t-shirt and ride together at the front of the pack, register before March 25th to be part of the sponsorship online. The participation will look great for our Post. Other notices for rides are listed on that website as well. Richard Huston questioned if a non-member can sign up to ride as a passenger, he was informed by Pug that it is designed for members only and maybe we could sign up his friend for Legion membership prior to the ride.

3 members have signed up for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Training Course for "advanced riders" will be on Sunday, May 15th if anyone else is interested.

Results from the survey are on a list you can look over. For instance, the Blue Star will be on June 18th.

In the process of planning a break-out ride in March. This will be an multi ALR post ride for a dart challenge (using a dart board). The ride will start at Brownsburg Post, you will take 3 shots for \$5.00 and your score will be marked on your sheet you will take to the other posts. The last stop will be at Brownsburg Post and we hope to raise enough \$ for pizza afterwards. The best total score will win a prize.

Chaplain Updates: (E.Roos) – nothing to report at this time.

Communications Director Updates: (D.Ruble) - the minutes have been added to the web page, when he receives them, he will add them to the website as well as the by-laws. The web page is in the process of being re-designed to be user friendly. If you want something added or changed or need help finding something, please let him know. Hope it to be working by next meeting.

Membership Director: (C.Roos) – current membership is at 38 renewed members out of 44 previous members, 3 have transferred, expelled or deceased (combined) and 7 members in the process for state. Those are NEW members. Members have been emailed regarding their dues as a reminder. She has a list of members that still need cards, (includes replacement cards) which will be mailed to her at home so they will not be lost at post and will mail them to you. Per Butch Orr any changes in phone, address please get that to Chas.

Historian Updates: (N.Day) – no new news other than to remind members that the phone tree started up and to please make sure you take a copy off the table.

Old Business:

1. Per John Ruble the ALR flag and stand – info emailed to Chas and will be taken care of this week. Will take up to 6 weeks.
2. Per John Ruble the Jerry Ruble brick has been ordered today as well.
3. Penny Orr stated that the brick for the Veteran's Home has not been decided on by the members. A motion is needed to begin the process. Steve Shaffer motion to purchase, Chasity Roos 2nd motion. Motion was amended to purchase the \$200.00 brick for the Veteran's Home. Steve Shaffer motioned with John Ruble as 2nd. Penny Orr will be in charge of getting brick. The brick will read American Legion Riders Post 331.

New Business:

1. Butch Orr presented Mike Dove with an Honorary ALR Membership certificate from Post 331. Mike greatly appreciates the support from the ALR and accepted the certificate from the members.
2. Path Home discussion from Mike Dove. You can find information by looking on pathhome.net or dovefishing.com. John Ruble wanting to adopt the Path Home to be discussed at the next meeting.
3. Pugman talked about a Legacy Run Sponsorship for 2011 or 2012. Parking may be an issue for this year for us to be a Host Post. Do we have room for 300 motorcycles and 70 cars? May be able to use the property across the street. If we want to be considered for 2012 the request must be submitted by Oct 2011. Run will end in Indianapolis in 2012. Butch proposed a Committee for the Sponsorship; the Chair will be Dale Taylor, along with Steve Stewart and John Ruble. If there is a need for help, they will let the members know. (The Legacy Run is the primary fundraiser for the Legacy Fund put together by the American Legion to pay for college scholarships for kids whose parents were lost in the 9-11 terrorist attack. The government is contributing at this point now. Rides can be up to 1800 miles, they come from all over the US) Butch stated that if we can do this year, lets do it! Committee will work on the issues and report to the membership.

Standing Committees Report:

1. ALR Post 331 Events – by chair Penny Orr, Sock Hop went over well; March nothing planned so she can work with Doug on the Break Out ride. April Doug has the 9-11 ride planned so she will be helping with that as well. March 4th the Avon Post is having a dinner with all the proceeds going towards Zach Gentry's (Nora Day's son) trip to Washington DC. The Avon ALR, SAL and Auxiliary will be helping out one of our members, and Penny believes that our post should be able to help out as well. The trip will be in June after school is out. Mike McClain thinks it is a splendid idea, with the accept ion that Zach give a presentation about his trip upon returning. Motion on the floor by Penny Orr for \$200.00, with 2nd by Mike McClain. All of the membership was in favor. No one opposed.
2. Constitution and Bylaws committee – a lot of hard work has gone into this! Doug Day started this and the committee has been working on this for over a month now. A recommendation was brought to Penny's attention by Bill Sloan (on a national level) regarding our constitution. Look under Finance, Article 8, Section 5 (page 4) it is a suggestion that it should be added in our constitution and by laws that an Officer of the Post will have a signature on our checks that are written over \$500.00, (2 signatures, but not physically) It is just recommended/required for the language to be included into our constitution. It is proposed that it will go back to the committee for review. The presentation of the constitution and bylaws are to be viewed now as is, and vote them in next month THEN when can amended accordingly, let's get them in place first! If you have any questions, please ask a committee member or email the chair person!

Other Correspondence:

1. (D Day) Rider Safety Rules hand out is to be taken when you leave, they are on the table. He is getting information from Motorcycle Safety foundation and other sources. We will have a little training course on safety and hand signals. Bring your questions to the next meeting.

Information for Good of the Order:

1. Next State Meeting April 2nd at 1pm
2. Steak Night at Post 331 Feb 25th
3. Post 331 American Legion Idol, 16th and 23rd in the Canteen, come out to support our own Nora Day (Cha-Cha) who is still in competition
4. 9-11 Beam escort, ride planned for 4-9-11 KSU at Post 331 at 8:01am
5. Meeting minutes will be posted on the ALR bulletin board in addition to website
6. Avon ALR 145 to donate proceeds from their March 4th dinner starting at 6:30pm in support of Zach Gentry's Worldstrides Discover DC, Washington DC trip. (previously discussed)

50/50 Raffle (R Huston) ticket was pulled by Mike Dove and the winner was 131189 with nobody claiming to be winner, so another ticket was drawn with the winner being Doug Ruble in the amount of \$26.00, of which \$53.00 was collected. (Richard Huston had the original winning ticket, unknown to him)

Closing comments by the Director: Please review the constitution and bylaws!

Next meeting will be conducted on March 15, 2011 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Steve Shaffer and 2nd by Pugman.

Respectfully,
Nora Day
Chapter Secretary