

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

On March 15, 2011, the Unit meeting was called to order at 7:03pm at the American Legion Post 331. Butch Orr opened the meeting, please silence all cell phones. A \$5.00 penalty if it goes off during the meeting. There were 20 Members present.

Richard Huston confirmed the room is secure. Any phone calls are to be made outside of the meeting room.

Butch Orr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

We began recognizing Resolution 288, the designation of a POW/MIA chair.

Guest Chaplin Steve Rainbolt (Post 145) led us with a Prayer.

Butch Orr led the Riders Response.

Debra Marsh, Bob Luenebrink and Steve Rainbolt were announced as Guests, and Ray Everling transferred his membership from 500 and Darlene Spitz and Ruth Ruble were introduced as NEW members! Welcome all!

Officer Updates:

Secretary Updates: (N.Day)

Dave Richardson motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes since they were emailed to all members and a copy was passed out prior to the meeting. Mike McClain 2nd the motion. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

Assistant Director Updates: (J.Ruble) – has Bob Luenebrink here to talk about The Path Home, as we would like to have The Path Home as a signature ride. Bob will speak at a later time during the meeting.

Treasurers Report: (C.Roos) – officer was absent. Penny Orr stated via an email from Chas that beginning balance was \$3096.75 with a few outstanding checks making our final balance of \$2823.75, motion to accept by Dave Richardson, 2nd motion Steve Shaffer. Motion rescinded, Jerry Ruble Ride monies of \$575.00 still need to be discussed. Motion to accept by Dave Richardson, 2nd by Steve Shaffer. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

Ride Coordinator Updates: (D.Day) – reminder that the ALR Break-Out-Ride is 3/26, begins at 11:01am then KSU. All the other posts have agreed and are on board for the Dart challenge! Doug read the instructions for the break out ride. Each post is to provide an official and he will have a scout from our group to make sure we have someone there at each post. This is not a group ride, so go at your leisure. This is a Rain or Shine, Freeze or Burn! Doug passed out the ride coordination sheet with that currently shows at 95.7 Butch Orr is in 1st place for the Rider of the Year program with Doug Day in 2nd. A reminder to sign up by 3/25 for Miracle Ride, hoping for 40 ALR members in state to support, only 8-9 signed up so far. A sheet was passed out on what rides are possible to go on each month or you can look at web-site to view our calendar. The rides with an * denotes rides for points. You can also look at lets-ride.com for other ride suggestions in any state. Summer Festival is July 30, starting at Northside Harley, escorted ride about 90 minutes long.

Chaplain Updates: (E.Roos) – absent. Frank Buckles who was 110, the last WW1 veteran, enlisted in 1917 when he was 16, told them he was 21. Also, USS Indianapolis last Marine Corp survivor Earl Riggins died at age 86 on Feb. 23, 2011. A couple of airmen killed in Germany. Keep in mind not troops are not only in Iraq and Afghanistan, we sent a bunch of troops over to Japan to help after the tsunami.

Communications Director Updates: (D.Ruble) - web site is up and running, still working on making it user friendly and working out the bugs. The minute's page should be up and ready on the web-site by our next meeting. Penny mentioned a problem when clicking on the names of the officers on the web.

Membership Director: (C.Roos) - absent

Historian Updates: (N.Day) - nothing to report at this time!

Old Business:

1. Update on the purchase of an ALR flag - John Ruble stated that it the flag has been purchased and is present at our meeting tonight. Need sand in the bottom of the stand still.
2. Update on the purchase of Post 331 commemorative Brick for Jerry Ruble - John Ruble has turned in the money and form, no date for when the brick will be in and placement will be in the flag pole area outside the post.
3. Update on the brick for the Lilly sponsored Veteran's Home in Indianapolis - Penny Orr stated that their website said the brick we will be purchasing is actually 8 x 8 for the \$200.00 w/logo. Since they have not begun manufacturing of the bricks at this time, we will wait to place our order until they have started making the bricks.
4. Update on the Project 9/11 shirts and patches - Chasity Roos began the ordering process and orders will be placed at noon on Friday, March 18 to (for delivery on April 4th) but to ensure our order is done prior to April 9th for the Project ride. Any future orders can be given to Penny Orr. A sample shirt is behind the bar for any other orders if anyone is interested, do we want to order any extra shirts to sell? The membership decided NOT to purchase any additional shirts due to the fact there is a order form at the bar where orders can be taken. John Ruble has 10 extra patches if anyone wanted one and did not get one ordered. After the 28th of March, the t-shirts will not have "Honor Guard Escort" printed on the front of them.
5. Update on the Legacy Run Sponsorship - the 2011 and 2012 sponsorship has already been decided on. Pug Man (Dale Taylor) stated that he would like to send in the package for a proposal on Post 331 sponsoring the Legacy Run for 2013.

New Business:

1. Regarding the Constitution and Bylaws. Mike McClain questioned under Nature, Article 3, and page 4 discussing the honorary member voting process. Butch stated that they are introduced to the membership at the 1st meeting, voting at the 2nd meeting and that person should not have to attend the meeting, and then bring them in for their presentation on the 3rd meeting. The membership agreed. Butch stated there are to be 2 readings of the Bylaws and Constitution before we vote, but last month everyone got a copy (consider the first reading) and he offered to read the Bylaws and Constitution tonight is considered the second reading. Motion to waive the reading of the Bylaws and Constitution by Steve Stewart with a 2nd motion by Steve Shaffer. The copies are then to be given to the Legion E-Board for approval and then sent off to the State ALR as well for approval. It is noted that there was concern for not reading the Bylaws and Constitution prior to voting and that we need to have a foundation to build upon and changes or suggestions for change can be made at any time. The motion earlier was rescinded with the new motion to waive the reading of the Bylaws and Constitution with authorization that the copies should be looked over again and any typographical errors are to be corrected prior to presenting them to the Legion and the State. Membership approved waived the reading of the Bylaws and constitution, motion passed. Bylaws and the Constitution were approved with a motion by Dave Richardson and 2nd by Mike McClain.

2. ALR March Monday Dinners were 3/7 (Chili) and 3/14 (Irish Stew) at which \$138.00 was made from the Chili and \$113.00 was made from the Stew. There will be one more Monday night dinner on 3/21, which will conclude the Monday night dinners at this time. Mondays seems to be an off day for dinners. The dinner on 3/21 will all be profit at this time.
3. Event Coordinator Nominations/Vote – this is a new position that added to our officers. Nominations are being held tonight. John Ruble nominated Penny Orr as our Event Coordinator which she accepted and Mike McClain 2nd the motion. This was approved by the membership and passed.
4. Treasurer, Chaplin and Membership Director Openings – May have heard that Chasity Roos and Ernie Roos are resigning their positions to pursue support for Jr. SAL. We now have openings for the following positions. Butch has spoken with a couple of people who would be or are interested in these positions. If anyone interested in the positions should contact Butch Orr because he will be appointing someone for the position at the April meeting.
5. Mike McClain informed the ALR that with his motion, the Legionnaires donated \$1000.00 to the ALR in support of the Project 9/11 Beam Escort. Receipts are to be kept if anything is spent for the Project prior to 4/9, then a check will be presented to Project 9/11 in Richmond minus any of the expenses. In the event that the guy with Project 9/11 is in need of an expense taken care of while he is out of town, then we can take care of that situation for him to help out. Butch stated that a Committee is needed to manage the expenses; Butch proposes that the committee should consist of Mike McClain and Dale Taylor. They accepted the position. Question was on whom the Treasurer will be for the committee, it was stated that there will only be one Treasurer for the unit. We will look into getting a debit card as well that the new Treasurer will look into getting for the ALR.
6. Bob Luenebrink came in to talk about The Path Home as we would like to adopt “The Path Home” as a signature ride every year. We want to bring in \$ for the Path Home. For the first one, would be the Vets for Vets Fishing Tournament at Raccoon Lake. A little of history of The Path Home, it was founded here in Hendricks County and they helped out 282 people last calendar year. They received 27 calls in the last week and getting 50 hits weekly on the internet at this time. So, the organization is very busy and with VA claims, help the families directly, and with employment. The donations or fundraisers are greatly appreciated! They are going to start up a new project that will be costly is “Helping Homeless Vets”. This is mainly for people in Hendricks County and for the women, but they will not turn down anyone that is in need help. As of to date, there is nowhere in the state for a female to go for help and they are going to change that. For many reasons they may be homeless after being in combat, so they are to be taken care equally as the men.
7. Vets for Vets is a Bass Fishing Tournament that will be held on Sept. 11, 2011 at Raccoon Lake. 60 boats with 120 veteran anglers along with Bill Emery “Got A Love It” Bass Fishing series with Mike Dove. The tournament is 100% payback to the fishermen. Bill is not taking his commission on this project. Penny and Mike have been out getting donations and give a ways from vendors via phone or during the Boat, Sport and Travel show. This will not be a ride this year. This will be a very busy day due to dedications (monument) and other rides with it being 9/11.
8. Just so the membership is aware, we would like to have 3 “Signature” rides every year:
 - a. The Path Home
 - b. Jerry Ruble Ride - We need to make sure the money from the Jerry Ruble Ride (\$575.00) is given to the Legion (Denny Manning) for the “scholarship fund”. Penny Orr will be in charge of making sure this is completed. Anyone interested in apply for the scholarship needs to do this thru the Legion’s Scholarship Fund.

- c. Handicapable Camp Ride – camp is September 9/10th. We will ride down and present them with a check.

A motion to accept all three rides by Richard Huston, with a 2nd by Penny Orr. All members were in favor, motion carried. One committee will be formed as the Flagship Ride Committee; it will consist of the following members: Doug Day, Penny Orr, Richard Huston, and John Ruble.

Standing Committees Report:

1. ALR Post Events – Penny Orr already addressed her business earlier during New Business.

Other Correspondence:

1. Penny Orr had our Charter certificate framed and we will ask if we can have it hung in the War Room with the rest of the Charters.
2. Butch brought up the fact that Larry Hartley started up a Leadership Committee at the Legion consisting of all the Directors and Event Coordinator of each unit at the Post. To make sure that the different units are in the know of each others events so we don't overlap. We need to have Public Relations Committee from our unit to represent the ALR. John "Patch" Ruble was nominated (which he accepted) with a motion to approve by Penny Orr and a 2nd by Mike McClain.
3. Mike McClain just wanted the membership to be aware of the ABATE Midwest Swap meet at the Marion Co. Fairgrounds on April 21st. You can find anything needed for your motorcycle.
4. Butch is encouraging our members to get out and see other chapters.
5. Steve Shaffer announced he will be moving to Savannah, Georgia next month for employment. It has been a pleasure helping with getting this Unit up and going. Butch thanked him for all he has done!

Information for Good of the Order:

1. Next State Meeting April 2nd @ Marriott Indy East 1pm
2. Post 331 Steak Nights, 3/25 and 4/8
3. Next District Meeting April 10th @ Avon
4. Post 331 Break Out Ride & Dart Challenge 3/26, KSU 11:01am
5. Project 9/11 Beam Escort on 4/9, KSU 8:01am to Richmond, rain or shine, burn or freeze! Cars are welcome, but at the **end** of the escort line only.
6. Avon ALR 145 donated \$474.00 from their March 4th dinner to help sponsor Zach Gentry's Worldstrides Discover DC trip. They have added to that donation with \$100.00 from the SAL, Auxiliary and Legion. The Brownsburg ALR donated \$200.00, the Auxiliary declined and nothing has been decided by the Legionnaires or SAL at this time.

50/50 Raffle was pulled by Steve Shaffer and the winner was 622303, Darlene Spitz in the amount of \$25.00, of which \$50.00 was collected.

Next meeting will be conducted on April 19, 2011 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Richard Huston and 2nd by Mike McClain

Respectfully,
Nora Day
Chapter Secretary