

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

On October 18, 2011, the Unit meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm at the American Legion Post 331. Butch Orr opened the meeting. There were 29 Members present.

Room Secured by Sgt at Arms (R. Huston)

POW/MIA Chair Recognition (R. Huston)

Invocation by Chaplin Steve Rainbolt, asked to pray for the family of Tommy Gritton!

John Ruble led the Pledge of Allegiance

Riders Response (all members)

E-board Roll Call (J. Ruble)

Introduction of Guests/New Members (R. Huston) – Greg and Carol Creese were announced as New Members (WELCOME) and Larry Hartley as a Guest.

Our Director, Butch Orr announced that he has sold his bike due to care for some unexpected and unforeseen developments. "The officers are aware of this situation, and are divided on how to proceed thru the rest of the year." So at this time, Butch and Penny Orr will excuse themselves from the meeting so the membership has the opportunity to share comments and concerns before the board makes a final decision regarding Butch and Penny keeping their positions within the ALR. The Sgt at Arms will be dispatched when a decision is made by the board. According to the amended resolution 32 on May 4,5th stated that the ALR programs may allow continued memberships to those who have given up motorcycle ownership due to age, injury, illness or other reasons outside of the member's control. John Ruble asked for a show of hands to let Butch and Penny continue until the end of their term. The membership voted, majority ruled to allow them to continue!

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Assistant Director Updates: (J. Ruble) – The State/District meeting put John as chairman of Internal Affairs. ALR is not recognized at this point, they have not reached that level as of yet. They are at State and Post level; an amendment has been made to change that.

Secretary Updates: (N. Day) - Frank McFarland 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. Dave Richardson 2nd the motion. Motion was passed.

Historian Updates: (N. Day) – Discussed that the ALR web site has been updated with some new photos and if anyone has any photos they want to share, please let Nora know.

Treasurers Report: (P. Orr) – Penny informed the membership that the ALR balance currently is \$1935.43. In gaming, we currently have \$120.00 in the account and will be depositing an additional \$55.00 for a balance of \$175.00. Steve Stewart made a motion to approve the financial report, Scott Spaulding 2nd the motion. Motion was passed.

Event Coordinator: (P. Orr) – Reminder that we will be running the Queen of Hearts dinner (Taco Bar) on Oct. 28th, which is from 5-9pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Chasity Roos, proceeds to go to Jacob Eller. The ALR Christmas Party and Birthday Party will be held on Dec. 20th, there will **NOT** be a monthly meeting on that night. Penny asked if the ALR wants to purchase a ham/turkey and then the membership bring a covered dish to the party. Richard Huston motion the ALR purchase a ham/turkey, Nora Day 2nd the motion. After discussion, Nancy Spaulding has volunteered to donate a turkey for the party (with Jan Brunner cooking the turkey). Motion passed to purchase a ham.

Membership Director: (D. Taylor) – We have 68 members, you know the rest.

Ride Coordinator Updates: (D. Day) – ROTY is currently led by Doug Day with 397.2 points. 11 members supported the Josiah's Ride out of the Zionsville Post, 6 members went to the Newport Hill Climb and 10 members rode to the State ALR meeting where we received 6 votes at the election. 6 members attended the Pumpkin Run out of Post 500. Oct 19th, there is a Medal of Honor Bridge dedication downtown (west 10th/White River) and the Zionsville Post will be having a Veteran's Day Ceremony escort in November in honor of Jerry O'Donnell, a USS Indianapolis survivor at 11am. The safety tip for the month is to discuss intersections, proceed with caution. If it is wet, be careful with your turns and use proper PPE (personal protective equipment) and stop to warm up if you are cold.

Chaplain Updates: (S. Rainbolt) – attended service for John Irwin who is member of Post 331 on Sept 22nd, and he wanted to thank Post 145 for their help! A card was sent to Penny Orr in regards to her father who is currently fighting cancer.

Communications Director Updates: (D. Ruble) - the web site is now up to date! Douglas apologized for the delay; he has started a new career and the birth of their daughter.

Guest Speaker – Larry Hartley informed the membership that the ALR is considered one of the high points here at the Post, we set a good example, he likes the way we conduct business, what we do for other people. We are reflective of what the Legion means. There will be a Veteran's Dinner on Nov 11th; this is not only for Veterans but their families as well! Cocktails and appetizers will be available at 5 pm, with program starting at 6 pm. Please do come out and join us! Motorcycle parking needs to be considered, where they thought they were putting it, is used for the cars to turn into parking spots. He wants us to set up a committee to bring ideas to him and Larry will give the recommendations to the Executive Committee on where we would like the parking (a couple of ideas) Butch informed Larry that we have a committee already established, Steve Stewart is the chairman and he will get with Larry after the meeting.

Old Business:

1. Update Challenge Coins – Penny Orr stated that the coins are scheduled for shipping on October 22, 2011.
2. Update on ALR dues. They will continue to be accepted through December. See Dale Taylor after the meeting tonight, dues are delinquent after Dec. 31st.

3. ALR Tire status (M. Brunner) – the tire has been turned over to John Brunner to work on it, unfortunately his new career has him traveling a lot, so at this time, no work has been done. He will get with John upon his return.
4. Discussion/volunteers to support the Queen of Hearts dinner, 4th Friday of each month to cook? Richard Huston made a motion to do October dinner but decline doing the dinners for the months of November/December due to the holidays, Scott Spaulding 2nd the motion. After discussion, the membership has decided NOT to have the dinners as well. The canteen will do the meal since we don't wish to do the meals those months. Motion passed.
5. State meeting election results: Congratulations to our own Steve Rainbolt elected as the ALR State Chaplain, and Doug Day as the ALR State Run Coordinator! Great Job Gentlemen!

New Business:

1. ALR office nominations for next month's elections for 2012. We started off with nominations for:
 - A) Director: Norm Bayliss, Dale Taylor, and Steve Stewart.
 - B) Assistant Director: John Ruble. (Mike Parr declined)
 - C) Treasurer: Mike Parr.
 - D) Ride Coordinator: Doug Day.
 - E) Chaplain: Steve Rainbolt.
 - F) Historian: Nora Day.
 - G) Communications: Douglas Ruble. (Cowboy declined)
 - H) Membership: Terri McFarland. (Nancy Spaulding, Doug Ruble, Dale Taylor, Merrill Brunner declined)
 - I) Sgt at Arms: Frank McFarland. (Richard Huston, Merrill Brunner declined)
 - J) Secretary: Nora Day. (Ruth Ruble, Nancy Spaulding declined)
 - K) Event Coordinator: Mike Parr (with Nancy Spaulding to assist).

Frank McFarland made a motion to install all of the unopposed officers, Doug Day 2nd the motion. Motion passed. There will be voting by ballot for the Director's position, which will be counted by two independent Legion Members. At the November meeting, each candidate will be give up to 5 minutes to give a campaign speech. A bio can be submitted to D. Ruble to post on website.

2. Post kids' Christmas Party is December 11th; they need 2 volunteers to shop for gifts the week before. John Ruble will be Santa Claus. Nora Day, Carol Creese, and Terri McFarland volunteered to help. (Toni Schrier to contact)
3. Nancy Spaulding wanted to thank anyone who helped out with the Auxiliary garage sale that benefited Beth Reynolds on October 8th. Update is that they made \$535.00!
4. Steve Stewart brought up the idea of the membership to retain 15% from our dinners to build up our account for any upcoming expenses. Doug Day motion to retain 20%, Penny Orr 2nd the motion. After discussion, the motion was passed.
5. Steve Stewart also wanted to inform the membership he has the opportunity to purchase an \$1800.00 scooter for \$600.00 if the ALR would want to purchase it to raffle off. He will talk with the owner to see if we can pay for the scooter after we have sold \$600.00 worth of sales vs. it coming out of our account up front. Steve will get more information for discussion.
6. Dale Taylor mentioned that if anyone wants to ride in the Veterans Day Parade downtown on November 11 (Friday), Speedway Post 500 will be

- serving a **free breakfast** to anyone who rides in the parade. Meet at Brownsburg Post at 08:30 am, KSU at 08:40 am to head to Post 500. KSU at Post 500 at 10:15 am to head downtown.
7. Steve Stewart informed the membership he had the opportunity to purchase "pull tabs" at a bargain of \$5.00 per box with a profit of \$85.00 when sold. Penny Orr motion to reimburse Steve Stewart UP TO \$40.00 on his purchase, Scott Spaulding 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
 8. Penny Orr made a motion to retain 100% of our gaming during any dinners or events that we have for Signature Rides, etc. Nora Day 2nd the motion. During the discussion, it was mentioned that we need to build up our ALR account so we have the ability to fund the Pavilion, etc.
 9. John Ruble's phone went off, Sgt. at Arms (R. Huston) collected \$5.00 fine.

Standing Committees Report:

1. ALR Constitution/Bylaw Committee: State Guidelines update has been submitted to State Adjutant, and waiting to hear back per Pug.
2. ALR B-day Committee for Post Charter: (N. Bayliss) - Norm will get with Penny since the Christmas and Birthday are combined, along with Mike Parr and Nancy Spaulding. They will have a complete update for the November meeting.
3. ALR Pavilion Committee: (S. Stewart) - Once the Post property survey is in place, Steve would like suggestions from the membership on ideas for the pavilion.

Correspondence: (D. Day)

We received a request from Post 145, "Wreath Sponsorship Form". Wreaths are \$15.00 each. The sponsored wreaths will be placed in Crown Hill Cemetery in December for Veterans. Mike McClain made a motion to purchase 4 wreaths totaling \$60.00, Penny Orr 2nd the motion. Motion was passed. The form and check were completed and submitted to Terri McFarland to take to Post 145.

Information for Good of the Order:

1. Check the web-site for info. And updates to events <http://www.alr331.com>
2. Queen of Hearts ALR Dinner, October 28th, benefiting Jacob Eller (Chas Roos is chairperson).
3. Post 331 Halloween Party October 29th.
4. Post Veteran's dinner November 11th (Auxiliary to provide meal)
5. Next 6th District meeting is November 20th in Rockville.
6. Next ALL POST 331 meeting will be Monday, November 28th at 7:00 pm.
7. Kids Christmas Party (12 yrs - under) is December 11th.

50/50 Raffle: Winning ticket was pulled by John Stark's son, the winning number ended in 431. Doug Day won \$36.00, of which \$73.00 was collected.

Next meeting will be held with Director's election on November 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn meeting was requested by Frank McFarland and motion 2nd by John Ruble. The motion was passed and meeting was closed by Butch Orr.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nora Day
ALR 331 Secretary, 20 October 2011