

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

On September 20, 2011, the Unit meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at the American Legion Post 331. Butch Orr opened the meeting. There were 23 Members present.

Room Secured by Sgt at Arms (R.Huston)

POW/MIA Chair Recognition

Invocation by Chaplin Steve Rainbolt, pray for the family of Bret Wood, killed 9/9

John Ruble led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Riders Response (all members)

E-board Roll Call (J.Ruble) 1 E-board member absent

Introduction of Guests/New Members (R.Huston) Mike Montgomery and Wryan Bailey were announced as guests.

Mike Montgomery discussed offering the 4th Friday of October, November and December to the ALR to have dinners in the canteen to build up our funds. He suggested we get a committee chair and a few volunteers to get things started. Waitresses will be provided by the post for the dinners.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Assistant Director Updates: (J.Ruble) – had nothing to report at this time.

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.

Richard Huston 2nd the motion. Motion was passed.

Historian Updates: (N.Day) – Discussed the rides that she participated in and the pictures that were taken. Nora will be working on getting those put on the Legion website.

Treasurers Report: (P.Orr) – Penny informed the membership that she has the financial report and that it was unavailable, but informed us she can give us our final balance of \$2939.27, prior to the clearing of the check for the challenge coins. The treasurer's report was presented verbally and informally accepted as discussed.

Event Coordinator: (P.Orr) – nothing to report at this time.

Membership Director: (D.Taylor) - Currently our membership has 73 eligible with 66 current. We have 17 who have paid their 2012 memberships prior to Labor Day and 4 renewals were paid this evening. Pugman shared some information regarding the Legacy Run and Fund.

Ride Coordinator Updates: (D.Day) – We Survived the Flood Run on Sept. 24, at Sheridan American Legion, KSU 8:15am from Post 331. On Oct 1, joining Zionsville for their ride "Josiah's Ride, with KSU at 8:01am from Post 331. Then, on Oct 2 there is the Newport Hill Climb with KSU at 9:01am from Post 331. Cold weather was the safety tip for the month.

Chaplain Updates: (S.Rainbolt) – attended funeral on 8/26 for Don Rennels who is member of Post 145, 9/3 funeral for Stanley Lamerson in flag line who is a Zionsville Post, 9/6 funeral for M.L. Vance in Post 145 Avon, 9/16 represent 331 at funeral for Donald Craft of Post 331, 9/11 did the benediction at the Hoosier Heroes Ride on 96th street.

Communications Director Updates: (D.Ruble) - absent.

Old Business:

1. Update Challenge Coins – Penny Orr stated that the coin company never received the money, ck has not cleared. She used her personal debit card, and the sale is “pending”. She contacted the company and is still waiting for a respond via email.
2. Update on ALR dues. They are still being accepted through December. See Dale Taylor after the meeting tonight, dues are delinquent after Dec. 31st.
3. All Post Meeting take-away: Continue open discussion on what we can do to better the Post. Any ideas, give them to the Commander.
4. ALR Tire status, Merrill Brunner was not present. So no update was given.
5. Frank McFarland (Cowboy) offered to assist the Post Entertainment Committee with ideas for future events. Ernie Roos is also involved. If anyone else is interested, please see Charlie Milish.

New Business:

1. Continue to think about which ALR office YOU would like to be nominated for next month for 2012. Elections will be held in November.
2. Delegates for State ALR election assignments/volunteers. Need 8 commitments to be at the meeting on October 8th at 1pm. (Frank/Terri McFarland, Steve Rainbolt, Mark Nicholls, Dale Taylor, John Ruble, Doug/Nora Day, are available, Steve Stewart as an alternate)
3. Consider participation in Aux. Benefit Dinner, see Chasity Roos. She discussed an accident of a 21 yr old; Jacob Eller who had an automobile accident is now paralyzed from the waist down. He had no health insurance and will be living with his parents and they will need to make changes to their home to accommodate the wheelchair. Ernie will be donating material and time to help build a ramp and rebuild bathroom, see him after the meeting if you are interested helping (Norm Bayliss interested). Do we want to have a dinner or a ride to raise money for Jacob Eller family? Dale Taylor made a motion to have the proceeds from our Friday dinner, Oct 28th to go to the family, Ernie Roos 2nd. Discussion is that we need a committee chair for the dinner along with volunteers, see Chasity if you want to be on the committee. Motion was passed.
4. Post Vet Event Oct 15, ALR Booth 10am – 3pm, volunteers needed. Dale Taylor will be committee chair, Steve Rainbolt to assist as well. They will be passing out ALR information and a jar will be set out to collect money for the Eller family.
5. Discussion/volunteers to support Queen of Hearts night, 4th Friday of each month to cook. We will only be committing to the October dinner. The months of Nov/Dec will not work out for the dinners due to the holidays.

6. Nancy Spaulding mentioned that they will be having an Auxiliary's annual garage sale on Oct. 8th, with proceeds going to Beth Reynolds to help with granting a wish from Kelci for braces. If you have any items you want to donate, please let Nancy know. Sale starts at 8am - ?
7. Richard Huston wondering if we will be selling the Christmas Trees again this year. After discussion, the membership has decided NOT to sell them!
8. PugMan is in need of \$100.00 to have more brochures printed up for the ALR. A motion made by Steve Stewart, with Penny Orr 2nd. Motion passed.

Standing Committees Report:

1. ALR Constitution/Bylaw Committee, no open items. The next review meeting will be scheduled when State guidelines are completed.
2. ALR B-day Committee for Post 331 Charter, N. Bayliss – will be combined with the ALR Christmas Party this year, on Dec. 20th.
3. ALR Pavilion Committee, S. Stewart – shed money is needed and submit a blue print to the membership. This area will be used for parking bikes in, storage, cooking out, etc. Committee is Steve Stewart, Mike Parr, Mark Nicholls, need a Legionnaire, Dale Taylor volunteered. Anyone else interested, please see Steve Stewart.
4. "Signature Ride" Committee: Handicapable Ride, P. Orr, information regarding the check presentation for \$2,500.00. Penny was given a letter of appreciation for doing a great job for her ride. Penny passed out a few letter of appreciation to the membership for the help.

Correspondence: (D.Day)

1. Note from Diana Colvin Post 79 from Zionsville regarding the USS Indianapolis escort, she sent us a letter of appreciation along with the patches to those who participated in the ride.
2. Mooresville Post 103 invitation received to join in their festivities at their first annual "Legion Riders Appreciation Day" on September 24th.

Information for Good of the Order:

1. Check the web-site for updates to events <http://www.alr331.com>
2. Post 331 Auxiliary Luau Party, Sept 24th from 2-8:00pm
3. District 6 ALR Meeting, Sept 25th Lebanon, Oct. 16th in Noblesville
4. All Post 331 Meeting, Monday, Sept 26th at 7:00pm
5. State ALR Meeting (2012 Nominations/Elections) Oct 8th, 1:00pm
6. Post Vet Event October 15, ALR Booth from 10am – 3:00pm
7. Post 331 Halloween Party, October 29th (Digital VJ playing that night)

50/50 Raffle was pulled by Wryan Bailey and the winner was 622356, Butch Orr in the amount of \$28.00, of which \$57.00 was collected.

Next meeting will be conducted on October 18, 2011 at 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn meeting by Frank McFarland and 2nd by Mark Nicholls.

Respectfully,
Nora Day
ALR 331 Chapter Secretary