

**American Legion Riders, Avon Post 145
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 22, 2009**

Called to order by Director Bob Mullins
Pledge of Allegiance
Prayer
Riders Response

Bob welcomed new member Robert Bedwell

Floor was then turned over to Bob Schnell from Post 500 Speedway and the new members were sworn in.

Bob Mullins then turned the Gavel over to the new Director Andy Hall

Motion to waive minutes from November meeting by Howard Lacey and 2nd by Terri McFarland and passed.

Officer Reports:

- ✍ **Assistant Director:** Rick Haberman announced the 1st Committee meeting for the Blue Star Salute was that evening the 22nd. It will be on May 16th; we will be riding on the oval this year at ORP. More details to follow.
- ✍ **Treasurer:** Dave Williams advised we have \$2368.00 in the bank and \$400.00 cash to be deposited.
- ✍ **Ride Coordinator:** Don Mosson advised there were no scheduled rides for January or February. Possibly in March depending on the weather. Next meeting will discuss possibility of doing the Directors run again.
- ✍ **Membership:** Bob Mullins advised we currently have 116 Riders and 3 honorary members. We are now 2nd in the state. Post 500 currently #1 with 123 Riders
- ✍ **Chaplain:** No Report
- ✍ **Communications:** Rick Haberman reminded everyone of the ALR Chile night the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The website is up to date and the minutes from the meetings can be viewed there. You can also find the monthly Calendar of events www.avonlegion.org.
- ✍ **Historian:** No report
- ✍ **Sgt at Arms:** Frank McFarland announced there would be a 50/50 draw and explained the \$5.00 fee for the breaking of the flag plane to our new member and first time meeting attendees. All cell phones are to be silenced during the meetings.

Old Business:

- ✍ The Brick is in and as soon as the weather breaks it will be laid outside.
- ✍ There were 16 Challenge coins sold in the 2nd batch.

New Business:

- ✍ Kevin Morgan wanted to remind everyone that the 3rd Saturday of the month the Masonic Lodge is still putting on their all you can eat breakfast.

- ✍ The SAL has their breakfast the 4th Saturday of the month and they have asked the ALR to be involved so anyone willing to help with the breakfast see Cary at the Post. They are willing to share some of the profits.
- ✍ Reggie Osborne feels more ALR members should try to make the state meetings. (Group Discussion concerning this everyone agreed). Rick Haberman will start posting in advance the dates of the meetings on the website.
- ✍ Andy Hall suggested that we have a rider of the month each month and a plaque would be purchased more details at the February meeting.

Standing Committees:

- ✍ **Charity Committee:** Donna Williams announced that the ALR Chile night will raise the price to \$5.00 all you can eat, with peanut butter sandwiches and a salad. We will be doing the Sock Hop in March and the Thunder on the Rail ride in August. Donna ask for Volunteers anyone who would like to be part of this committee see her after the meeting. We need help!!
- ✍ **Safety Committee:** No report

For the Good of the Order:

- ✍ Bob Mullins thanked everyone for their support throughout our 1st year.
- ✍ Andy Hall thanked everyone for welcoming him.
- ✍ Donna Williams thanked Shannon Watson for attending every ride last year; she is a true inspiration to all of us.
- ✍ Open Discussion concerning possible Fund Raisers for 2009.
- ✍ The 500 post attends as many of our functions as possible and we discussed our ALR attending their Monday night Spaghetti Dinners once a month.
- ✍ Reggie Osborne announced he will be riding to the Wall Memorial weekend along with some members of the 500 post anyone interested see him after the meeting.
- ✍ Terry McFarland in charge of our ALR store and if there is anything you're interested in see her after the meeting.
- ✍ Rick Haberman next meeting February 18th.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Frank McFarland 2nd by Reggie Osborne

Meeting adjourned by Director Andy Hall

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