

Indiana State Chapter Meeting April 10, 2010

Jim brought the Meeting to order at 1pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and Riders Response were recited. Bo Mckie give a prayer of thanks and guidance.

Blue brought to the front and introduced the nominee for National Commander, James Foster. He spoke of the Riders Program and it's successes in helping the Legion grow and the huge amount of money we have raised for donations. He will be relocating from Alaska to Oklahoma to be in a central location for his tenure as National Commander. He give us all a thank you for all our hard work and deduction.

Roll Call of the State Officers by Kim were Jim Hamilton, Pat Phillips, Kim Dietz, Mike Fathman, Rick Haberman, Deb Milar, Bo McKie, Blu Garr, James Shipley.

Roll Call of the Chapters present was taken with Pat Phillips reading them and Kimy marking them down. We had 44 Chapters in attendance out of 85.

Jim asked each of the State Officers to come to the front and speak to the members.

Pat talked about protocol for problems with your chapter being First talk to your District Chairman. If that doesn't resolve the issue then go to the State Director or Assistant Director for help.

Kimy asked how many of the Chapter Directors received the last newsletter/ Minutes mailed out. There were not as many hands up as hoped. The Chapter Data forms need filled out so that she can communicate with each chapter and so that the State officers know who the current officers are for each Chapter. There are getting to be a large number of chapters and new faces involved. Please go to the www.indianalegionriders.org website and fill the forms out any time there is a change of officers in your chapter!

Mike had a thank you from the DAV for our donation to help put on the volunteer appreciation banquet. Mike introduced Denny Pettit who presented the ALR a plaque of appreciation for the donation. If you have some time to volunteer at the home please contact Carolyn Johnson, Volunteer coordinator. Mike recognized chapters who exceeded their last years membership. We now have 2,210 members in Indiana. Mike read the treasury report for April 2010 with Dan Price making the motion to accept and Rusty Payne seconding it. The report passed by vote of delegates.

Rick stated he has a few new chapters to add to the State web page. He has cleaned out the forum and it is empty. Please go in and add your chapter meeting time. Post the day and hours of Legion operations so possible guests will know when they can stop in. He reminded us to send him the names of deceased veterans to add to the memorial page. He reminded all to help keep our privacy by Blind Carbon Coping (BBC) so that no one else can see and use your send list. There are many viruses on the web and we do not want to be passing them around! And hackers steal large mailing lists to use for their devious activities.

Deb asked for photos of events to be e-mailed or mailed to her. If you see a photo in the book you would like to have a copy of she will e-mail it to you.

Bo give an intro of the 16 years he has been involved in the ALR. He spoke of our privilege as free people and the freedom to belong to our Legions and be involved in activities we love to do and be respected as a community member. Diversity is only one's opinions and passion, help one another. Be responsible, do not mar the Legion name.

Blue says thank you for allowing him to be himself and hold a position in the ALR.

Ship has a central state ride planned and announced Mark Gosney as the Ride coordinator for the Closing of the Books in June. Details will be posted on line when they are final.

Committee Reports:

Indiana Veteran's Home Report, not given, chairman not present.

State Rally Chairman, Kent Mullet stated there was only one application turned in and that was Jonesboro. Kent proposed that the Chapter's who would like to host the 2011 Rally have their applications in by the fall conference, to allow time to plan the Rally. The current committee of Kent, Reggie and Billy has been released and Jim will appoint a new committee for the next Rally.

Bylaws Committee Chairman, Mark Gosney introduced the committee as Custer Egley, Bob Schnell, Pat Phillips, & TJ Small.

- ? They recommend in Article 5 Section 1A of the Constitution that the words be added: MC endorsement or Learners Permit be required for membership. Much discussion on this was had and it was stated that each change would be voted on separately. Some feel they need to know they are riding with qualified riders for safety and feel they have a right to know that the riders are insured also. Others feel if a rider is not legal and something happens the police and courts will take the legal actions necessary. We have the waiver forms signed to hold us not responsible during rides, activities and functions in case someone has or causes an accident. Holding an endorsement and insurance doesn't prove you can ride well and safely anyway. We are not police. Each rider has the responsibility to make sure they are legal by state laws to ride. What do we do about the wives who don't have their own bike and don't need to be endorsed or have an insurance card?
- ? In the Constitution Article 8, Section 1 - list of officers they recommend adding immediate past Director to it.
- ? In the Bylaws Management Article 2, Section 2 - add all past Directors as a part of the discussion group for decisions but they would not have a vote.
- ? Bylaws Duty of Officers Article 4, Section 8, Run Coordinator - add May not enter into any contracts without approval of the executive committee.
- ? Bylaws Article 8, Section 5, Meetings Hospitality room - Change to - The schedule will follow the Legion's hospitality room closing times, i.e. ceremonies, commanders ball and be closed during the ALR meeting.
- ? No alcohol beverages at the meetings or conference ceremonies.

The Constitution and bylaw changes proposed will be typed up and posted on line and presented at the next meeting.

Jim asked the officers if the Minutes from the January 15, 2010 meeting had any changes to them to be made. He pointed out the approval of reimbursement to the Treasurer Mike Fathman needed to be added. Kimy will correct that. Doug Heiser from Chapter 97 made a motion to accept with adjustments, Mark Gosney from Chapter 492 seconded the motion and it passed by vote.

January 15 minute change:

(Bob Schnell made a motion to pay the Treasurer \$100.00 a month for expenses. This will be retroactive to January 1, 2010. Mike Harper from Chapter 97 seconded. There was much discussion on the topic. Approved by vote.)

TJ called each District Chairman to stand and be recognized. Call them if you are having problems in your Chapter. If they can not help they will get in touch with the State officers. TJ explains that the District Commander appoints the District Chairman and he answers to the Legion District Commander for the activities of the ALR.

Randy District 7 is seeking info for the troops at Crane Military Base. They are from all over Indiana and he would like to give them info on the ALR, MC safety courses, and ALR events in their area when they get home. Rick told him to go on line to our website and he will find all that info there to print off and hand out.

Kent Mullet From Wabash Chapter 15 asked why we do not have a 50/50 any more? Jim asked if he would like to cover that and use his Posts License to conduct it?

Zionsville 79 has a pamphlet to help with Veteran's cemented remains in Indiana who still need buried. It was stated the State of Indiana has a law that says they have to be buried and can not be left in holding. It was also stated there are many who still need buried in the State of Indiana.

Jim announced the New Chapter's and presented Charters and Response Posters to those in attendance. New Chapters are: Elberfeld Chapter 351, Morristown 102. We also will present Van Buren Chapter 368 with a Charter as they were never presented with one.

Cory Moore, Chapter 47 made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Doug Heiser, Chapter 97. Passed by vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Kim Dietz
Indiana State Secretary
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