

Indiana  
American Legion Riders  
State Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 PM Central Time by Director Bob Schnell

Attendance: 74  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Prayer  
Riders Response

Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded us we have to be done at 1:00 sharp.  
Roll Call:

STATE ROLL CALL 2007 - July 14 State Conference

POST CITY PRESENT POST CITY PRESENT

2 Brazil 173 Versailles  
11 Lafayette Y 196 Bloomfield  
15 Wabash Y 239 Lawrenceburg  
17 Hammond Y 243 Ligonier  
36 Rochester Y 250 Mitchell Y  
42 Floyds Knobs 252 Greenwood  
44 Newburgh 258 Pierceton Y  
47 Fort Wayne Y 276 Beech Grove Y  
64 Indianapolis 290 Rosedale  
70 Shelbyville Y 297 New Carlisle  
76 French Lick 308 Osceola Y  
82 Fort Wayne Y 313 Fairmount  
85 Huntington 368 Van Buren  
95 Jonesboro 409 Leo  
97 Auburn Y 423 Orland Y  
103 Mooresville 430 Merrillville Y  
113 Lebanon 470 Fishers  
119 Greenfield 484 Millersburg  
124 Ferdinand Y 485 Schererville  
139 Sullivan 492 West Lafayette Y  
148 Fort Wayne Y 495 Indianapolis Y  
157 Churubusco Y 500 Speedway Y  
44 TOTAL CHAPTERS 20

Bob dispensed with the regular meeting to call for nominations for State ALR Officers for 2008. Nominations will remain open until the start of our October meeting. Voting will take place at the October meeting. Nominations today are as follows:

Director – Bob Schnell, Tom Small  
Assistant Director – Mark Gosney  
Finance/Membership – Mike Fathman  
Secretary – Dina Long, Kim Deitz  
Run Coordinator –  
Communications – Rick Haberman  
Chaplin – Poppy, Juan Roman, Bo McKee  
Historian – Kim Deitz

Sgt. @ Arms – Pat Phillips, Jim Hamilton

Nominations were closed for this meeting.

Regular Meeting:

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting was waived – hard copies handed out.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as printed.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

Assistant Director, Marty Skaggs – not present

Finance/Membership, Mike Fathman – When sending checks for dues, please include a list of the names you are paying dues for – include addresses & phone numbers - \$3/member. 2008 dues are now being accepted. 2008 cards are ready. You can sign for them and pick them up after the meeting today. We have 1178 paid members. This time last year we had about 800. Finances - beginning balance \$2,736.80 – ending balance \$4,514.52.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report as read.

Run Coordinator, Mark Gosney – The State Rally ride went well. Everyone had a good time. 2 bikes collided when we got back to the post, but there were no injuries. Nineteen bikes made the ride to the Lafayette Veterans Home for the Closing of the Books ceremonies.

Chaplin, Poppy – At future meetings, there will be a sheet up front to sign for deceased members/family so we can remember them in our opening prayer. Give the name, and post number of the deceased. You may also contact Poppy via email on the state website.

Historian, Kim Dietz – not present

Communications – no report

Sgt. at Arms – Be courteous during the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws today.

Department Chairman, Keith Jones – no report

OLD BUSINESS:

ALR resolution - We have to have a Constitution and By-Laws before we can present a resolution.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

We have received one application for Rider of the Year so far.

State Rally Committee –

The turnout for the Rally was low – 94 attendees. We collected \$2,254.53 to donate from the State ALR to the Legacy Run. We will write a check to the state, and Mike will write a check for the same amount to the Legacy Run. The check will be presented at the kickoff on August 18 – on behalf of the State ALR. The Rally was a lot of work for the light turnout, but everyone who did attend had a great time.

A motion was made and seconded that no chapter schedule an event opposing the State Rally. Discussion: Some events have to be planned a year in advance and there's no way to tell if it will conflict with the Rally. The Rally is a long distance/away. The Rally is not on a consistent date year to year. Other ALR events are not purposely set on the same dates. There will always be conflicts – ALR and community events. Why make a motion that can't be enforced – make it a "courtesy thing". That doesn't work because we still only get 10% participation. A vote was taken. The motion did not pass.

By-Laws and Constitution Committee –

Mark, TJ, Poppy & Steve are this committee. Copies of both documents were handed out before the meeting. Both documents must be read twice – once each at 2 separate meetings and then voted on. Mark read each section/article of the Constitution and By-Laws and we discussed each. After much discussion, the majority of the Constitution and By Laws was accepted. Under the “Regalia” there are 3 sections that need to go back to the committee and be rewritten. There were a few other minor changes. Once the By-Laws are rewritten, they will be looked over by the Dept. Assistant Adjutant Hugh Dagley. He will then forward them on to the Dept. Judge Advocate, Joe Bumbleburg. Once he has approved them they will go before the Dept. ALR Committee for their approval. At that time they will be read and voted on by the membership at our October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/INFORMATION FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The next meeting is the first weekend in October.

Bob has not received any information on new chapters. TJ said info from 243 should be coming.

Legacy Ride –

Leaves from Post 500 on August 19 at 8:00 AM EST. On Saturday, August 18 there will be a party, hog roast and entertainment. 200 pre-registrations have been received. Food will be free for registered attendees with wrist bands. There are 2 overpasses that have not been adopted yet for flag waving/cheering when the riders pass. Exit 25 at Waynetown and exit 8 at Covington. Nebraska has 71 overpasses to be adopted - and has challenged the other states to adopt all theirs. We will present the check to the National Commander at dinner on Saturday. All Indiana riders present are invited to participate in this presentation. Also, let Bob know if your group has a separate check/money they want to present at this time.

Chapter Data Forms – Bob has only received 13 updated Chapter Data Forms so far. Even if there are no changes, each chapter needs to turn in a Chapter Data Form every year. This will keep our contact data up to date.

ALROH – Our Indiana nominee Clarence Eley of Post 97 won the ALROH award! Congratulations Clarence!!

National Romp update from Dawg – The ALR founders were there and were recognized. Bill Sloan told us we are going forward to make the ALR a Nation Program. This won't mean any changes for us, just monetary support for administrative things like postage, flyers, office supplies, etc. Also, National could take over the handling of our membership cards, and add a membership number to be consistent across the nation. Emblem Sales is the only authorized dealer for ALR regalia. Apple Pie was voted the national beverage for the ALR. Ferdinand will host the 10th annual romp in 2012. Next year the romp will be in Iowa. The Riders Response that was created by Bo McKee was accepted nationally. ALROH has 1 winner per 100 Chapters. Indiana has had 3 ALROH winners since the program started. Indiana is being looked at as a model program. There were attendees from 7 Indiana chapters at the romp.

Bob – Challenge Coin – We will research this to see if we want one created for the ALR. Cost about \$2.50 each. More info at next meeting.

Bruno and Maria were thanked for hosting the hospitality room. This is a lot of work! We can use more donations from all chapters next time – alcohol, beer, supplies, food, etc.

A motion was made that the state half of the 50/50 go to the hospitality room. Seconded and passed.

Bob has Chapter Charter documents – see him after the meeting.

50/50 = \$60.00

Meeting adjourned at 12:59:5 PM CT  
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