

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 49 APRIL MEETING MINUTES

The April 10th, 2023 meeting was called to order at 1800 hrs. Opening ceremonies were performed.

ROLL CALL: There were 12 members present

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The March minutes were read. Motion to accept: Randy, 2nd Linda. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was read. Motion to accept: Jody, 2nd Randy. Motion carried.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT: There was no report as Bob was absent. Bruce Johnson informed the group that the CVMA will be having a ghost ride this coming Saturday 4/15/23 to Hornell, NY. All are invited.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The current roster is available to the members. We have 32 total members on our roster: 10 unpaid and 22 paid. We are at 69%. A motion was made to pay the memberships for the Thalls if they still wish to be members. Rich Barlow's membership dues will also be paid by the chapter. 2023 membership stickers are available for paid members who haven't received theirs.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Mike Duda updated us on our upcoming golf tournament. We still have openings for teams. Corey Creek will open this coming Tuesday and a signup sheet will be available. We are in really good shape in regards to hole sponsorships. We have many nice items for the raffle along with items for the auction. We will need people to be at the golf course at 0730 on the 21st to help set things up. Mike will be finalizing plans for the food on Tuesday the 11th. It was discussed purchasing hand towels and sewing our relief patch on them to be handed out to the golf participants. Mike made a motion to purchase the towels, 2nd by Bill. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Nancy contacted the Bath and Wilkes-Barre VA hospitals in regards to making monetary donations. Wilkes-Barre has a program called the "Comfort Project" which helps veterans that are dealing with cancer and also helps with supporting their emotional and spiritual well-being in dealing with their quality of life issues. Hand-written cards are always well received by the veterans in this program. Nancy suggested when we hold Bike Night, cards should be available for attendants to offer supportive messages to send to the veterans in this program. A motion was made by Jodi, 2nd by Linda that we make quarterly donations to the Comfort Project. Motion carried. It was also decided that we will make monetary donations, at will, to the Bath VA for their program needs. Bill suggested that we have a table set up with cards during future events at the club. People will have the opportunity to fill out a greeting card with their personalized message to a veteran. The start of Bike Night is coming up. It will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, May thru Sept. For those wishing to purchase food, they will be able to order from the club's menu.

NEW BUSINESS: Carl introduced members of the Northern Tier Veterans Group which is located in Bradford and Sullivan counties. This group helps veterans financially who are waiting for their Veterans Temporary Assistance Claims to be finalized. A check was presented to this group and a photo op was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE: A request from the Guthrie Healthcare System for sponsorship for their Cancer Care fund. Since there was no mention of any veteran inclusion, it was tabled. Mailings were read from the PA American Legion pertaining to the upcoming National Convention being held in Charlotte, NC on August 25 thru the 31st. Golf shirt orders for the convention, an evening honoring Dept. Commander Craig Wilhelm on April 29th in Morgantown, Pa., the PA American Legion Riders State Ride, and Annual Flag Day Round Up. Applications for attending these events are available upon request. The state ride will be held May 18th thru May 21st. The ride will start in Wormleysburg and end in Lehighton-Jim Thorpe. A Flag Day roundup will be held at Wormleysburg on June 11th at 1100 hrs rain or shine. PCNTV sent out nomination forms to various clubs throughout Pennsylvania who support members of the armed forces. For a fee such clubs can nominate members for this tribute. A Thank you note was read from Todd and Tina Congdon A Thank You note was read from Kim Cole for our generous donation to the Todd Congdon benefit. A Thank You letter was read from Casey Wood for our donation to the Mansfield Military Scholarship Program.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER: The Bean Bag boards will be completed soon and will be ready for Bike Night. The Legion auxiliary will be sponsoring a bus trip on Sept 7th to Sampson Naval Training Center in Romulus, NY. The bus will accommodate 50 people. It will be a first come, first serve event. A meal will be provided on the way home. Last year's trip was well received by the participants. Mike Duda nominated Nancy Sheffield for "Rider of the Year". Seconded by Jeni. Motion carried. Nancy will be placed in nomination at the State Legion Riders convention this year. Jody mentioned that the Richard Springman Memorial Ride will be held July 8th in Trout Run.

Closing ceremonies were performed and the meeting adjourned at 1904 hrs.

Submitted by Steven Chappell