

TROY AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 49 MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The March 12th, 2023 meeting was called to order at 1804 hrs. Opening ceremonies were performed.

ROLL CALL: There were 13 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The January meeting minutes were read. Motion to accept: Jeni, 2nd: Linda. Motion accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was read. Motion to accept: Randy, 2nd Mike Duda. Motion accepted. A copy of the Treasurer's report is available upon request.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Bob stated that he hasn't received any new information from Bruce Johnson pertaining to the AMVETS upcoming ride schedule. The AMVETS ride schedule is as follows: Saturday, June 4th is the Big Brothers/Big Sisters ride and August 27th is Bradford County Veterans Memorial Park ride. Carl stated that Saturday, June 10th will be the Combat Vets Michael Plank Memorial ride. The Plank ride will meet at the CVMA classroom at 117 Coates Ave, Elkland. Registration will be from 0830 to 1015 hrs. Kickstands up at 1030 hrs. Helmets will be required as the ride will be traveling through New York state. April 30th is the Maple Festival Ride. We will leave from the Vets Club at 0930 hrs. As usual, the weather will dictate whether we take a short ride or just go straight to the Maple Festival. Bob has reached out to the Rainbow Riders, Animal Care Sanctuary, and the Troy Fire Dept. in regards to their upcoming ride dates. The date Bob suggested for the Rainbow ride was over the Memorial Day weekend which won't work. The date for the Rainbow Riders is still to be determined and a Sunday ride is preferred by them. The Animal Care ride date of June 24th or 25th was suggested. Bob is waiting to hear back from the Animal Care Sanctuary. The Troy Fair is July 30th for the bike show. Sept 9th or 10th was suggested for the fire dept ride. Bob is waiting to hear from them. Sept 11th is the ride out of Montgomery. We were invited to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Scranton. However, due to the presumed upcoming bad weather, the ALR participation was canceled.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: No change from last report.

CORRESPONDENCE: A Thank You note was read from the Animal Care Sanctuary for our donation from the ride we did for them. A letter from Mansfield University was read thanking us for our continued financial assistance to the Mansfield University Veterans Scholarship program. A letter from the POW/MIA race car sponsorship program was read thanking us for our donation.

GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE: Mike Duda stated that as of now we have 5 hole sponsors with more coming in. We have 19 teams signed up so far. Items for the chinese auction are still needed. Mike suggested that towels with the Relief Rider emblem along with bags would be nice to have on hand for the players. Higher end items for the auction were also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Jodi to increase funding to both the Bath, NY and Wilkes-Barre, PA VA along with the Bradford County Manor and Northern Tier Veterans Group. Seconded by Jeni. Motion carried. Mike Duda made a motion to donate to the Jersey Shore ALR golf tournament on June 16th. Seconded by Carl. Motion carried. Motion by Jodi to donate to the POW/MIA race car sponsorship program. Seconded by Jeni. Motion carried. Motion by Jodi to donate to the Mansfield University Veterans Scholarship program. Seconded by Jeni. Motion carried. Motion by Jodi to donate money to purchase items for the Goodies For Our Troops box. Second by Nancy. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER: The next meeting will be on April 10th at 1800 hrs due to Easter being on April 9th. Jody will make note of the meeting date change on her robocall. The Vets club will be buying 6 cornhole sets. When the final amount is known we will address our donation for them. We have a donation box set up for Goodies for Our Troops. There is a list of items that are needed for the troops. Jodi noted that she read about a program called "American Made Heroes Foundation" on facebook. This is a grant to apply for to help nonprofits that help veterans and their families through annual grant programs. Jodi made a motion to apply for the American Made Heroes Foundation grant. Seconded by Bill. Motion carried. Jodi and Jeni will complete the application for the grant.

Closing ceremonies were performed and the meeting was adjourned at 1907 hrs.

Submitted by Steven Chappell

