



Middleburg American Legion Riders Chapter 250, District 5

Meeting Minutes of: 21 Jan 2024

Call to Order at 1300 with 'Opening Ceremony', and Roll Call of Officers:

Introduction of New Members and / or Guest: *Doc*

- Robin Oleskewics "New Mbr (Aux)"
- Mark Wilbanks "XFR from Post 372"
- Charles Turner

Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting: *Adjutant*

Ken made a motion to accept and fore go reading of the minutes, due to they were posted on the web-site and on the Rider's Bulletin Board; Motion was Second by Dick; No Discussion or correction, Passed by unanimous vote.

Finance Report: *Frank {Finance Report for months of Dec. '23 and Jan '24 (Due printer SNAFU, Finance Report from the Checkbook)}*

- **Starting Balance: \$8,888.19**
 - **Deposits = \$2,742.00** (Meals, Memberships, Donation, Other)
 - **Expenses = \$2,254.84**
 - Debit Card Procurements = **\$458.00** (Food,)
 - Kitchen Rent = **\$300.00**
 - Food Re-imbursements (Out of Pocket Receipts) = **\$46.72**
 - Miscellaneous = **\$875.12** (Lights for Bike area, N.Y. Band, Bar Staff XMAS Party)
 - Donations = **\$150.00** (Friends in Need)
- **Ending Balance: \$9,156.00**
- Savings Account Total (Tiki Bar): **\$411.13**
- Motion to Accept the Finance Report by: Doc; Motion Second by: Ken; Discussion: Sandy wanted clarification of the Debit Card food purchases. Frank stated that the Riders only have two accounts, the Savings Account and the Checking Account, the third and fourth accounts belong to some other group within the post. The Motion passed by unanimous vote, subject to audit.
- If you have any questions regarding the Finance Report, Contact Frank Dazey.



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Officer's Reports

Road Captain: *Ken*

For the month of December

- **Total Miles** = 11,424 Mi.
- **Volunteer Service Hours** = 1296 Hrs.
- **Upcoming major rides for:** See Calendar

Membership: *Doc*

- Legionnaires = **49**; SAL = **3**; and Aux = **9**; a total of **61** Riders

Chaplain's: *Chappy (Absent)*

Historian's: *Cindy*

- Still needs information and pictures

Post Services Officer: *Gary*

- See FL. A.L. Web-Site for ALL the different Support Web-Sites offered to Veterans.

Old Business

- No Old Business



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New Business

- John made a Motion to Cover the cost (Up to \$300) of the Food Serving Essentials (Paper Plates, Plastic Utensils) for the Butch & Bear Run Event and Ride; Ken Second the motion; Discussion was that the organizers were not happy with the VFW and wants to bring it back to the Legion. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- John made a Motion to hold a Benefit Memorial Ride for “Gator Bait” from Timbuktu; Ken Second the Motion; Discussion: event still in planning stages, no date as of yet. Any Proceeds will go to a charitable organization. Dick questioned the cost of the event, John replied that he is going to look at other organizations for support. Dick recommended to Table this Motion until John has more information; John amended his motion to Table it until further notice; Sandy Second the Motion to Table. The Motion to Table passed by unanimous vote.
- Ken made a Motion that Rider’s DONATE \$100 to the Legion for the restoration of the outside grill. Motion was Second by Doc. Discussion is the cost will be approximately \$400 to repair and clean the grill. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Post 129 is having a “Casino Night,” a Charity Fundraiser Event, for “Project Vet Relief,” 24 Feb. They are asking the Rider’s to sponsor a Poker Table, for \$300 or a Slot Machine for \$100. Ken made the motion to donate \$100 for a Slot Machine; John Second the motion; no discussion. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- John made a motion to donate \$500, which is the Gold Level for the upcoming Childrens Easter Carnival on 31 March. The money goes to the operating cost of the carnival, anything left over goes to the Gary Sinise Foundation for Gold Stat Families. Motion was second by Doc. Discussion is the benefits of this cause. Sandy made a comment as to we, the Rider’s, is giving money away for these worthy events, but why are we not putting on some of these events. John replied that we the Rider’s, the Legion and the Auxiliary are putting the word out to the local businesses for donations and support. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Ken made a Nomination for Mark Wilbanks, Cajun Santa to be new Riders Chaplain since our old Chaplain moved away. Cajun Santa accepted the nomination, The Nomination passed by unanimous vote.
- Dave announced the Department Leader is asking for a donation of \$50 from each chapter that is going for the entertainment, Doc made the motion for \$50 donation; Leah second the motion. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.



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Upcoming Calendar Events

February

- 10th, Valentines Day Party
- 11th, District Meeting @ Post 250 (Riders @ 1230; General & Aux @ 1400)
- 11th, Run for the Fallen Ride (Patriot Guard)
- 11th, Super Bowl Party @ 1800
- 13th, Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Mardi Gras Theme Dinner for Riders Night
- 25th, Trash Pick-Up along CR 218 @ 1400
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March

- 15th, Formal Dinner for American Legion 105th Birthday
- 16th, A.L. 5th District Training @ Post 137 (1100 – 1330)
- 17th, St. Patrick's Day Party
- 23rd, Viet Nam Vets Recognition Day @ 1000
- 30th, Children's Easter Carnival
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April

- 4th – 14th, Clay County Fair
- 4th – 6th, Georgia Cherokee POW-WOW
- 20th, Butch & Bears Ride and Celebration
- Unity Ride week before the State Rally, stopping at Post 250
- 27th, ALR State Rally, OCC Roadhouse, Clearwater, FL
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May

- 4th, Post Elections
- 9th – 12th, FL 36th Annual Veterans Reunion in Melbourne
- 11th, Post 9's," Boots on the Ground Ride," @ Flamingo Lakes RV Park
- 27th, Memorial Day Events
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June

- 13th – 16th, Department Convention
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- 31 Guns Tickets, drawing is starting soon
- If you see an American Flag this is in bad shape, get a new flag from Cindy to replace the worn flag that is flying (while supplies last.)
- The Tip money drawing of \$748, 50% = \$374 goes to Dave Coleman; 25% = \$187 goes to Linda Story and Ken White.
- The \$75.12 purchase of solar powered lights went to the Bike Shelter, plus we raised enough to acquire signage for the Post.
- Riders purchased ten tickets for the 31 guns, if one of those tickets wins, a drawing will be held to see who, of the Riders Group will win the ticket.
- John is asking for assistance in passing out the flyers and letters for the Children's Easter Event.
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Closing Ceremony, Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 1400

Submitted by Jim Shields, A.L. Rider Adjutant