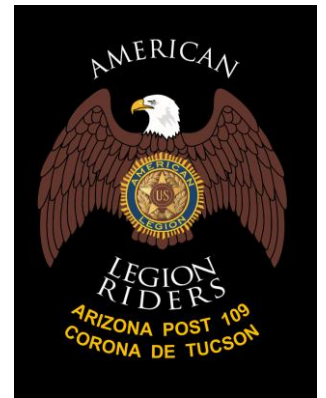


Date: September 11, 2016

American Legion Riders Post 109

General Meeting: Minutes



1. Call to Order by ALR109 President Upchurch @12:40 PM

- a) Three raps of gavel to signify all should stand
- b) Hand Salute to the national Flag
- c) All members please **Uncover** for our Chaplain Prayer
- d) **POW/MIA empty chair (remain uncovered) Resolution 288 calls for designating a POW/MIA empty chair at official Legion meetings as a symbol of those still unaccounted for from World War 11 to this date.**

Therefore, at this time the Vice President will place the POW/MIA flag on an empty chair as a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any Americans from captivity. The reparation of the remains of those who died bravely, and full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor.

'Place the POW/MIA flag on empty chair' Moment of Silence

- e) Please remain **Uncovered** for our '**Pledge of Allegiance**'

f) One rap of gavel and recite. **"I now declare this meeting of American Legion Riders Post 109 Convened"**.

At this time, I would like to have the new Officers come forward

Roll Call of Officers (Bonnie)

- a) President- Jon Upchurch- Present
- b) Vice President- Bobby- Present
- c) Secretary- Bonnie- Present
- d) Sergeant at Arms- Gator- Present
- e) Treasure- James Sitler- Present
- f) Road Captain- Excused
- g) Membership- Brandon- Present
- h) Chaplain- Michelle- Present
- i) Historian- Vacant
- j) Communications- Vacant
- k) Past President- Greg Forehand- Present
- l) Gear Garage- Linda, April, Fran & Debra- April present

2. Introduction of VIP's or Guests?

(SGT of Arms) None to report

3. Reading and approval of last months' minutes(secretary) Read Last month's e-board meeting minutes. Approved as read

4. Voting on New Members

- a. Remember the New by Laws are in effect
- b. Bill and Dave completed probation and were approved as new members. Lane was approved to become a new probationary member.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Treasure.... **James-** Discussed New Card readers for membership and gear garage. New Rider dues are \$21
- b. **Motion to accept Treasures Report, Treasures Report approved**
- c. Vice President.... **Bobby-** Talked about slack Riders have been getting regarding the Amy sign in Bike parking bay. Discussed plans to paint uprights, re-stripe, flag mural, large Riders emblem and moving Amy sign to another wall and making it a memorial wall for ALL riders who have passed regardless of how they died. Asked for General Memberships approval to take his idea to the Legionnaire General membership meeting and propose his plan. Cookie made a Motion, Sarah 2nd all in favor
- d. Sgt. At Arms..... **Gator-** 52 members signed in, \$194 in raffle. Talked about unorganized ride on 9-11, safety of riding, ride in group and in formation. Bylaws regarding riding safely and using hand signals
- e. Road Captain.....
- f. Membership Chairman..... **Brandon-** Will start handing out 2017 membership cards
- g. Historian.....
- h. Communications.....
- i. Past President..... **Greg-** District 2 rep. Post 7 is in danger of closing. All posts need to get along with each other. Show respect to all American Legions. Touched on the controversy of the 9-11 run. Regardless of this he would like to see the run end at 109 next years as it brings us a profit.
- j. Chaplain-sick call Relief..... **Michelle-** Beth Yarbrough's house burnt down. Was able to collect \$700 from entities to help in getting her in a new house. Items have been coming in for household donations for when she does get a new house
- k. Road Lt..... **Jacob-** No Reports from Road Lt.
- l. Road Lt..... **Picard**
- m. Road Lt..... **Kirk-** Absent
- n. Road Lt..... **Troy**
- o. Corporal @ Arms..... Scooby- N/A
- p. Corporal @ Arms..... **Griz**

- q. Gear Garage..... **Linda, April, Fran & Debra- April Wants to remind everyone that if there is a particular item(s) that you would like to see Gear Garage carry please talk to her and she will do her best to start carrying it. Still wanting to add more patches, Bling for the lady riders and new shirts**

6. Unfinished Old Business

- a. Gator purchased and delivered a pallet of water to Fisher House.
- b. Scooby- Events committee report: Everything seems to be coming along nicely for bike Night. We have Vendors set and are gathering Raffle Items. If you have or know of anyone who has an item to donate towards our raffle, please pass on to us. Please share flier for bike night on Facebook and at any event you go to.

7. New Business

- a. Jack- Riders meals
- b. Jon- Changing Riders meals to Mexican style food. Would vote on it in December and if passed will begin new meals in January 2017
- c. Glen- Post Clean Up is October 9. Please come help clean our post and grounds. Free breakfast at 7am
- d. Maverick- Commencing with plans to deliver Gift Cards to base for Thanksgiving meals. Is wanting other posts to contribute as well. Has plans to have everyone meet at Freedom Park to deliver to base4.
- e. Gator- Post 109 always stands out to Fisher House as a the most reliable contributor. Fisher House is asking that any donations rather than cash please be in the form of Costco gift cards. That way they are able to purchase items they use and need the most. Cookie Suggested that we make a monthly donation, Discussion followed, Vote was a nay as there are too many variables with it being an automatic thing. Joy made a motion for Riders to purchase a G.C. From Costco, to Costco for Fisher House. Jacob 2nd all in favor. Gator also asked if anyone is interested in going to Fisher House to help make meals for the families to please come talk to him.
- f. Greg- Silver Rose is October 1, Please come and support this and participate.
- g. **Anyone have anything to add for new business?**

8. Good of the Riders

- a. Mark L.- Talked about events of Southern Arizona. Comedy show being hosted at post 7, post 66 and ELKS to raise money for Smiles for Soldiers program
- b. Cookie is the new "Stitch Bitch"
- c. Hand Out new rider patches - Kirk -Past Vice President, April-Icon, Dorothy- Overfill, Brandon- Fuzzy
- d. Greg received District 2 Rep
- e. Hand Signals: Remember to use them!!!!!! Ride in staggered formation
- f. Our Country Rib Dinner, will be on Friday September 23, 2016, As always we need help putting this together. Please volunteer.
- g. Our next ALR meeting and Slingo is October 9, 2016. General meeting starts at 12:30pm. E-Board starts @ 11:30am. As always we need volunteers for Slingo today. Please don't just take off, we need lots of help. Slingo is a big money maker and we need everyone's help to make it a success.
- h. **Anyone Have anything else for Good of the Riders?**

9. Closing- Is there any other business to come before the membership?

- a. Raffle Drawing- Larry won and donated \$80 back to the Riders
- b. Please uncover as the Sgt. Of Arms retires POW/MIA flag

- c. Remain uncovered as the Chaplin will lead us in our closing prayer
- d. Hand salute our Color's. I now declare this meeting of Post 109 American Legion Riders adjourned @ 1:42 PM.