



American Legion Riders
President Bobby LaVoie, Chapter 109, District 2
15929 S. Houghton Rd., Corona De Tucson, Arizona 85641

General Meeting – 09-10-2017 Sunday

Start time 12:35 end time 1:29

Roll Call of Officers:

President: Bobby LaVoie- present

Vice President: Scooter - present

Secretary: Jill- present

Sergeant at Arms: Scooby- present

Treasure: James - present

Road Captain: Boots- present

Membership: (vacant – Tina volunteered for the position)

Chaplain: April – present

Communications; Linda Welch – excused

Historian: Kim Switzer- excused (position now vacant, need a volunteer)

Past President: Greg Forehand- excused

Gear Garage: Linda-, excused April- present, Fran- present, Debra- excused

Guests or VIPs

Jeff w/ Boulder Crest Retreats that was est. 2013; has now opened a retreat in the Sonita area (off Gardner Canyon Rd) where they treat the mental health conditions of combat veterans and now first responders. They don't use drugs or "conventional" therapies, they use things like equine therapy etc. The Path program is run 18 months, the vet will spend time at the retreat afterwards they will have a mentor (?) that will check in on them and support them for remaining months.

They would like volunteers to help with some property upkeep, i.e. mowing, etc. they will also take monetary donations, new lawn mower, equipment, time etc.

March 2018 will be the first retreat in the AZ location. The Path program is free of charge, 2600 vets have been helped so far.

Riders from 132 are sitting in today.

Reading and approval of last meeting minutes. James motioned to skip reading, Scooby 2nd

Any questions or amendments to minutes? No



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Voting Of New Members:

Names of new members:

Probationary members: For membership consideration, one must complete 1 Event / 3 rides once met then your voted on.

Cody Nelson – Trigger – former Sun Rider, Son's. His grandfather always wanted to be a Legionnaire.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer report- copy of report on tables – Money was donated to Patriot Guard water, still have money from Autism run, currently have \$7,000 in account. Report accepted.

VP- Run for the Hills – good event. Lucky from Sun Riders coworker's daughter was born with congestive heart failure

Sgt. At Arms- 46 members signed in raffle is \$213, most miles – Gary 7,400 miles this month.

Road Captain- Run for the Hills success, Tombstone ride was fun and a little wet. More rides are coming, watch email.

Historian: Need a new historian

Communications: not here

Past President- not here

Chaplain - Updated on Donna, Henry and the passing of Wayne.

Road Lt..... Gary – all over the east coast on a trip, before he left he got 8 legion license plates from Scooter, he came back with 6 new plates he traded.

Corporal at Arms..... nothing to report

Gear Garage- still working on getting jewelry and more patches, has new Amy Hill patches, it will be open today.



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Unfinished Old Business:

Dinner volunteers needed – Dinner menu? Suggesting pulled pork, w/potato salad and baked beans, all dinners must be prepared on site in post kitchen.

Tabatha “Barbie” has volunteered to head up the dinners. She will have a sign-up sheet after meeting. Bonnie to make flyer.

First ALR dinner will be a week from this Friday, Sept 22nd.

Run for the Hills great success-- \$1275 raised for rider down fund. 147 registered riders, on a 119 bikes.

New Business:

Upcoming Events

This coming Saturday – blood drive here 109

16 Sept - the Loaners Bark at the Moon –

23 Sept - Veterans State Home – bike show.

7 Oct (3 events)

2nd Annual Solidarity Rider – for 1st Responders/ by Patriot Guard – ends at Hot Rods

Post 36- 1st Smile for Veterans and Car Show;

Payson SAL – Charlie Daniels- Saluting our Veterans

21 Oct – at Post 109- Poker Run to support Brush Dawgs; money goes to fallen responders, they have the vendors, Bobby to help with parking, Rowdy Johnson playing, open to public. Run ends here. Raffle prizes will be great, Spanky to provide food. Coach to pull permit, Bobby to check

27 Oct – Trunk or Treat at 109 Bonnie needs volunteers for set up Thurs evening and all day Friday. She needs help to set up walls and decorations, needs help to scar the guests, needs help tearing down.

28 Oct – Post Halloween party

Tina asked to address the riders – in 5 years has lost family members, and found the Legion, which has always been a source of family but since she got here has seen some things that aren’t consistent with family. She used the ride situation from the previous day (Tombstone). She got to Tombstone at or around 4 pm, but the group was leaving and she had to ride home alone. She just wants to take care of veterans and be part of the family.

Boots responds to the ride situations. As prior military, we ride by a schedule and had talked to Tina 5 times, she was told they were leaving Tombstone at 4 pm.



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Tab for Auxiliary – thanks for the material donation. Let's everyone know about a couple of events they are hosting...

Junk to Treasure “yard sale” – will be Nov 16th through the 18th Thur and Friday from 4-7 pm, Sat from 7 am – 2 pm. Sat there will also be a bake sale
Diaper Driver for local youths.

Gator – District 2 meeting here today after this meeting. To discuss the Traveling Trophy and to vote on when it should be. Should it go back to the old rotation or stay on Sundays. Anyone can attend but only Presidents and Vice Presidents can vote.

Gator just returned from The American Legion National Conference in Reno Nevada letting the members know that the new American Legion Commander Denise Rohan's theme as national commander is “**Family First**”, key word in the American Legion is “**Family**” no matter what entity, family needs to be brought back to the Post. **Communication is a huge issue and contributes to the breakdown of family.**

Scooter – asks for a monetary donation for the baby with. There was a 1st and 2nd motions for \$200 and it passed.

Good of the Riders:

Corn hole boards are almost all done.

Bobby wants to set up a tournament for just 109 members. Hopefully this will bring us back together, have a good time and be family. Then will try to open it up to others.

We now have back patches, see Sandman, 109 postage stamps have been ordered.

Rider parking/ bike barn- no stripes, please be courteous when parking and think of others that are coming in to park so they can park in the shade too.

James – renewals- we may create a Pay Pal with a link from the website.

Gator – next Saturday there is a good band coming, Southern Reins Band.

Scooter- new days off are Friday and Saturday, so he'll not be able to attend the meetings, brought up to E-Board- will be staying in as VP and attending events, just not Sunday meetings.

New patches

Flasher – left blinker on for 2 miles.

Raffle Winner: Tony won \$213

Meeting finished 1:29 pm