

GOLD STAR POST 78
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
February 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Director Michael Walden at 7:01

Salute to the flag and Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Prayer was given by Tom Hewell.

Building was secure by Sargent at Arms Lannie Smith.

Riders Creed: Said by all present.

Guest: Larry Bush

Minutes were place on table and sent out to members by email. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Don Purington and seconded by Faye Jernigan. Motion passed

Reports:

Financial report was read by Roger Gibbs. Motion was made to accept financial report as read and seconded by Paul Gish. Motion passed.

Safety report: Tim Heathcock stated to be sure and check your bike over before you ride this year. Take extra time and be aware.

Sick Call: Rob Moreland has had shingles, Johnny Reb was sick and feeling better, Rocky also is under the weather.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Question was asked about signs on the outskirts of town. Larry Kersey was not present to ask about progress. Michael stated that he thought Larry was going to bring up as CCVA meeting.

Michael Walden stated that he would like to have a rider ride every second Saturday of the month. Everyone voted and the vote was yes. New Business:

Honor Flight is May 17th at o dark thirty.

Discussion was held on moving the meeting to a Saturday due to some of the members work. Motion was made to move the riders meeting to second Saturday of the month by Tim Heathcock and seconded by Geoff Liay. 12 for and 9 against. Motion passed. Meeting will start being on Saturday in April of 2017.

Mid-Winter Conference: 4 People showed up for the riders meeting. State is asking all chapters to donate to more Legion Charities than just Legacy Fund.

May 22-23 RFTW coming thru Tn. It will be overnight in Cookeville on May 22. Lunch served in Knoxville on May 23 (volunteers needed) Visit RFTW.org for updates and details.

East TN Romp, June 2 & 3-Vendor spaces are free, 7 bands, need volunteers to help with food booths. No cabins, no full hookups.... only tent sites and RV sites without electricity/water.

American Legion Riders of Honor-nomination cutoff in April. <https://www.facebook.com/ALRofHonor>.

Post 281 2nd Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day-March 25th, 10am-4pm, Charlie Daniels Park, Mt Juliet.

TN ALR planning a TN only platoon in the 2018 Legacy Run to Minneapolis MN. More details to come, but start planning now. Registration & fee in by 2018 to State Director and TN Mid-Winter Conference.

Riders standard dress for parades, funerals or special events or special events is white shirt, black pants and riders vest.

Faye and Rick Jernigan will coordinate the meet and greets at the nursing homes. Sit and talk and have coffee with veterans. Most will be around 10am.

Saturday February 11th there will be soup and sandwiches starting 3pm at the post. \$5 to eat.

Stomp: Motion was made the stomp will be held from noon on August 11 and all day the 12th by Denise Gibbs and seconded by Tim Heathcock. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on where to have the Stomp. Campgrounds or Convention Center? It was overwhelming vote by all that was in attendance Campgrounds Whispering Oaks Campgrounds. Motion was made to charge \$15 for Friday and \$25 for Saturday, both days \$35(cost includes poker run) by Geoff Liay and seconded by Tim Heathcock. Motion passed. The campgrounds will charge \$5 a head to get into the grounds. Grounds are family friendly, possible area for bike games, plenty of room for bike games. Poker run will be 70-75 miles and will have door prizes and silent auction.

Stomp meeting after the soup and sandwich at the post about 6pm

Committees are:

Entertainment: Steve, Jason, Geoff and Tim.

Sponsors: Roger Gibbs

Birthday Dinner is at Cracker Barrel on February 25th at 6pm.

Next Meeting: March 7th

Motion was made to adjourn By Rick Jernigan and seconded by Tom Hewell. Motion passed

Honors to the flag was given by all.

Closing prayer was given by Tom Hewell.

Respectfully

Melanie Kersey Secretary

Attached: Sign in sheet, Mid-Winter conference notes, treasurer report.