



Department of New York
American Legion Riders
Convention 2014 Minutes

Date: July 17, 2014

Meeting Called to Order: 2000 hours

Director, Joe Clement, called the meeting to order.

Prayer

Salute National Colors

POW/MIA recognition ceremony

POW/MIA flag placement on empty chair

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance/Roll call of Officers:

Officers Present:

Director (Joe Clement)

Vice Director Districts 1, 2, 9 & 10 (Joe Mondello)

Vice Director Districts 3 & 4 (Gary Schacher)

Secretary (Frances Holderman)

Chaplain (Mark Wyman)

Officers Absent:

Vice Director Districts 5 & 6 (Don Logan) – (Excused)

Vice Director Districts 7 & 8 (Jim Parks) – (Excused)

Road Captain/Information Officer (Leonard Mischuk) – (Excused)

Sergeant at Arms (Dan Nolin) – (Excused)

Historian (Gary Dubach) – (Absent)

Members:

32

Guests:

2

Sick call/Relief:

Don Logan

Back to God:

Post 574 (Hudson Falls) – Bill Fish Jr

Post 248 (Timothy Murphy) – Paul Dunphy

Post 435 (Waterloo) – Linda Plate

Introduction of Guests:

Jerry Ketchum (SAL NEC for Dept NY) introduced:
Mike Ross (SAL Leading Candidate for National Detachment Commander, from Colorado)
Joe Gladden (SAL National Detachment Commander, from Maryland)
Greg "Doc" Gibbs (SAL Leading Candidate for National Detachment Eastern Vice Commander, from Orchard Park, NY)

Reading of the minutes from the 2014 Mid-Winter Conference:

Minutes are posted on the Department's website.

Comment for a correction in the minutes was made. Corrected submission for Post #442, 6thDistrict is as follows:

Fort Drum USO: Memory Ryan Jaynes killed in action:	\$ 500.00	
Boy Scout Troop : sponsor 2 boys for scout camp	\$ 190.00	
Roswell Alliance Foundation: memory Barb Madigan Charter member our chapter	\$ 500.00	
American Legion Post 442: donated towards new sign:	\$ 300.00	
Bath VA: Towards Christmas Gifts for their families:	\$ 300.00	
Oxford Home: Towards Christmas gifts for their families:	\$ 300.00	
American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund:	\$1000.00	
Artic League: Locally	\$ 200.00	
Donated to one of own riders who lost everything in a house fire:	\$1000.00	
They lost 2 dogs, 3 cats, plus all they owned,. They were not home at the time it happened. There are 9 year old twins (boy & girl), and a 15 year old boy. Both parents were military people.		
Wellsboro fire department EMS:	\$100.00	
On the scene for help of one of our injured riders		
Our total donations for 2013 were:	\$4390.00.	

Motion made by Jim Yermus (Post # 701) to accept minutes with corrections

Seconded by Phil Seybert (Post # 673)

Motion accepted and carried in favor of the minutes

Committee and Vice Directors' report:

Vice Director for Districts 1, 2, 9 & 10 (Joe Mondello)

Activities: In NY City, there are 25-30 different motorcycle clubs. The riders are attending many functions to reinforce the positive image of the Riders.

Vice Director for Districts 3 & 4 (Gary Schacher)

Activities: Participated in Honor Flight escorting, Patriot Guard organized events and made donations to various causes.

Vice Director for Districts 5 & 6 (Don Logan)

Activities: Report submitted by Phil Seybert (Post # 673) in Don Logan's absence: From 5th District, The Black River Legion Riders (Post # 673) worked in Watertown with the Urban Mission. Been working with the Alex Bay River Run along with Cartridge (spelling?) and Cape Vincent.

Vice Director for Districts 7 & 8 (Jim Parks)

Activities: Supporting local shelters and donating food to homeless veterans.

Directors' Report (Joe Clement): Thanked everyone for attending. Has been working closely with Lenny (Information Officer/Road Captain). Been improving the communication flow, improved 75% but feels it could be better.

Communication within the Legion Family has improved from 0 – 100%.

Met with the Auxiliary and found that they are very welcoming, supportive and they understand what the Riders do. Barbara Corker made the visit enjoyable.

Talked with the SAL and John Chang said they support the Riders and the leading candidate Detachment Commander, Chuck Depo, is super supportive.

Been involved with correcting 35 ALR issues. Helped provide information to 9 new chapters (5 from ¾ Districts)

Encourage turning in OCF Forms and Consolidated Forms (they explain who we are and what we are doing)

Keep the communication channels open to continue the growth of the Legion Family.

Unfinished Business: Various rides mentioned (could not hear details clearly).

New Business: Topic of moving the election of officers be moved to take place during the Mid-Winter Conference (more attendance of members)

Jim Yermus (Post # 701) made a motion to TABLE this proposal until January (Mid-Winter) – should not change the elections to night.

Mark Wyman (Post # 1430) second the motion.

All were in favor of the motion to TABLE the change of the election to take place during the Mid-Winter Conference.

Meeting suspended at 2039 hours to hold election of officers.

Secretary (Fran Holderman, Post # 54) chairs the Election procedures:

Director : Dave Davis (Post # 337), nominated by Jim Yermus (Post # 701)

Joe Clement (Post # 574), nominated by Gary Schacher (Post # 248)

Nominees step out during a counting of hands: Dave Davis (17), Joe Clement (11)

Vice Director (Districts 1, 2, 9, 10) : Joe Mondello (Post # 253), nominated by Gary Schacher (Post # 248)

Vice Director (Districts 3, 4) : Gary Schacher (Post # 248), nominated by Phil Seybert (Post # 673) – declined nomination, stating has other obligations within the Legion

Joe Clement (Post # 574), nominated by Gary Schacher (Post # 248)

Vice Director (Districts 5, 6) : Don Logan (Post # 54), nominated by Gary Schacher (Post # 248)

Vice Director (Districts 7, 8) : Jim Parks (Post # unknown), nominated by Gary Schacher (Post # 248)

Newly Elected Officers:

Director: Dave Davis

V/Director Dist. 1, 2, 9, 10: Joe Mondella

V/Director Dist. 3, 4: Joe Clement

V/Director Dist. 5, 6: Don Logan

V/Director Dist. 7, 8: Jim Parks

RC/Info Officer: Lenny Mischuk (appointed)

Secretary: Fran Holderman (appointed)

SGT-at-Arms: TBD (appointed)

Chaplain: TBD (appointed)

Historian: TBD (appointed)

Business (Meeting) Continued at 2048 hours

Announcements: None

Closing:

Is there any further business to come before the meeting? If not, the chaplain will lead us in the closing prayer, please uncover.

Prayer conducted by Mark Wyman, Chaplain

Cover

National Colors Saluted and Retired

Meeting Adjourned: 2053 hours

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Holderman
Secretary