

TROY AMERICAN LEGION POST 49  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The August 11, 2019 ALR meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President, Mike Powers.

Opening ceremonies were conducted.

**Roll Call:** There were 10 members present and 1 supporting member

**Secretary's Report:** The July Minutes were read. Jody made a motion to accept, Linda seconded the motion and it was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** A full copy of the Treasurer's Report is available to members upon request, if anyone would like to review it.

**Membership Chairman's Report:** Carl reported that we now have 33 members in good standing, 5 members within their 2-year grace period and 2 members over the 2-year grace period for a total of 41 members.

**Road Captain's Report:** Bob discussed the decline in registration for this year's Animal Care Sanctuary ride, but noted that there were 3 other clubs in the area with rides that same weekend. He also wanted to remind everyone that our Relief Fund Ride was coming up on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** This year's benefit rides were discussed and the final votes for the amounts to be donated were taken. The results were:

Cancer Ride – Donation amount based on contract would have been \$258. Jody made a motion to donate \$300, Keith seconded and the motion was carried.

Nurses Ride – Donation amount based on contract would have been \$426.50. Carl made a motion to donate \$450, Keith seconded and the motion was carried.

Bradford County Veteran's Memorial Park Ride – Donation amount based on contract would have been \$754. Carl made a motion to donate \$800, Keith seconded and the motion was carried.

Rainbow Riders Ride – Donation amount based on contract would have been \$299.50. Jody made a motion to donate \$500, Sue seconded and the motion was carried.

Animal Care Sanctuary Ride – Donation amount based on contract would have been \$288. Sue made a motion to donate \$350, Linda seconded and the motion was carried.

**New Business:** Mike wanted to remind everyone that August 21<sup>st</sup> is the dinner for the Nurse's Scholarship Fund at the Towanda Legion. We are all invited and we will be presenting them the check for their ride. It was noted that this is the same evening as our Legion's Bike Night.

Bob discussed that the state had rewritten the Rider's By-Laws in 2016 to remove any reference to "Supporting Members". As there is nothing in the current By-Laws prohibiting or limiting "Supporting Members" and the "Supporter" rocker is still available for purchase, it was the consensus of the members present that "Supporting Members" are allowed and are no longer limited to existing Legion, Sons or Auxiliary members. Carl made a motion, which was seconded by Steve to begin accepting "Supporting Members" into our chapter – the motion was carried unanimously. "Supporting Members" will pay \$10, rather than \$15, for annual dues, and will be ineligible to hold an officer's position or vote. They may however hold appointed positions, serve on any committee and participate in all other ALR club functions. Jeni will price out a patch set, including the "Supporter" rocker for these new club members. Bob will amend our chapter By-Laws to bring them into line with the State By-Laws.

Steve discussed some of the things that the Events Committee is looking into. One of the areas discussed was the Wellsboro National Guard unit which is currently deployed in Poland through March 2020. There was discussion of possibly using some of our Relief Fund for the good of these soldiers and their families over the coming holidays. Steve was going to look into this further and discuss it at our next meeting.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence

**Closing Comments:** Closing Prayer was led by Sue Bolt

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully Yours,

Tammy Calkins, Secretary