

TROY AMERICAN LEGION POST 49
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The September 8, 2019 ALR meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President, Mike Powers.

Opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call: There were 10 members present and 2 supporting members

Secretary's Report: The August 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.

Road Captain's Report: Bob discussed the Funeral Detail for Bob McGovern which we were asked to participate in on August 17th. He also discussed the decline in registration for our Relief Fund Ride this year which may have been due, in part, to the forecast for afternoon thunderstorms; however, the chicken BBQ sales made a big difference.

Membership Chairman's Report: Carl reported we now have 34 active members, 3 members within their 2-year grace period, 5 members over the grace period and 4 support members bringing us to a total of 46 members. Mike discussed that Rich and Joann Packard have decided to resign from the chapter for personal reasons. He also asked for suggestions on ways that we may be able to drum up new membership.

Old Business: Steve discussed the Region Meeting which several of our chapter members attended in Dushore and the lack of attendance by most of the chapters. Mike pointed out that of 25 chapters, only a handful of chapters were represented. Mike also mentioned that the Bradford County Veterans Memorial Park would like to wait to do the check presentation once the rotunda is completed. Nancy Thall has been named the Regional Rider of the Year.

New Business: Mike introduced our newest member, Joe, and supporting member, Randy. He reminded everyone that the next Region Meeting is October 12 will be in Dallas. He also reminded everyone that the 2020 dues are due now.

Bob reminded everyone that the 9/11 ride in Montgomery was coming up next week – we will be meeting at the Legion at 1:30, leaving at 2. He also reminded us that the check presentation for Animal Care Sanctuary is at noon on September 14th at ACS in East Smithfield. Steve suggested that we approach ACS about donating a dog as a service dog for a veteran. Bob said he would discuss this with Ellen at ACS.

Mike discussed that we may not be doing the Breast Cancer Benefit Ride in 2020 as they would like the Canton Legion Riders to handle the event. We may look into doing a ride for the Troy Fire Department instead. It was discussed that we are approached quite frequently to do rides for individuals in need and it was agreed that we should limit those to veterans; however, we may consider non-veterans on a case by case basis.

Steve wanted everyone to be aware of other events also happening on September 11th, including an event in Wellsboro across from the episcopal church at 6pm and in Mansfield at 11am at the veteran's memorial across from Sheetz. Also, on September 20th the Wellsboro American Legion will be holding a POW/MIA event.

Carl wanted everyone to know that on September 28th the Wellsboro VFW will be holding a poker dice run for a scholarship benefit. Carl made a motion that we donate \$100 to the event, Keith seconded and the motion was carried.

Steve is in contact with Karen Beck the Family Readiness Group for the Mansfield/Wellsboro National Guard Unit to see what we can do to help support them during their current deployment. He is also in contact with Josh Badden of the Student Veterans Association at Mansfield University and is planning to attend one of their meetings to see if there is anything that we can do to help support them. He may also make contact with the ROTC.

The Legion College is coming up on October 26th in Cumberland Valley and November 2nd in Latrobe. Cost is \$20 per person and the chapter will cover the registration fee if anyone is interested.

Jeni mentioned that we have a left over \$25 restaurant gift card from our benefit ride Chinese auction – Jody made a motion that we donate it to the upcoming Bike Night on September 18th, Carl seconded and the motion was carried. Jeni also brought up the pancake dinners and it was agreed that the Riders would help again this winter.

Correspondence: There was a Thank You letter from the 40 and 8 for our donation to their Nurse's Scholarship Fund.

Closing Comments: Closing Prayer was led by Steve

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm

Respectfully Yours,

Tammy Calkins, Secretary