

TROY AMERICAN LEGION POST 49
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The January 11, 2021 meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by President, Mike Powers.

Opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call: There were 11 members present

Secretary's Report: The October 2020 Minutes were read, as that was our last meeting due to the Covid shutdown. There were two amendments to the minutes. The person who would like to set up a golf tournament for us is Mike Duda, not Mike Keegan, and the Shirt Committee is comprised of Bill and Nancy Sheffield, Mike Powers, Keith Putnam and Jody Chappell. Bill 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 mentioned that Ellen from Animal Care Sanctuary would like to have patches made up for bikers and had asked if we would be willing to purchase the first dozen to get them started. Mike felt that it was something that we should consider. Bob is starting the process of talking with the heads of the organizations that we do rides for each summer to gauge their interest for 2021. He will have more information at the next meeting.

Membership Chairman's Report: Carl reported that our membership numbers have not changed since our last meeting. This leaves us with 24 members in good standing, 2 in their one-year grace period and 2 in their two-year grace period.

Old Business: Bill and Nancy have had the shirts printed. There was a mistake on the long sleeve ones. The group decided that we do want the long sleeved shirts re-printed, but we would offer to purchase the incorrect ones at a reduced cost, if the supplier is willing to offer a good deal. Mike is going to talk with them about possibly bartering advertising for shirts. We should have more information at the next meeting.

Mike brainstormed on the issue of increasing membership. Posters and mailings were discussed, but everyone felt that these would reach the same small percentage of people who are already aware that we are here. He asked that everyone give this some thought on how we could increase our numbers and that everyone try to reach out to one eligible person that we know to try to get them to join.

Carl said that he spoke with Jeremy Loveland, but he feels that they will not be in need of our assistance. I suggested that we contact Rep. Clint Owlett's office to let him know that we are open to assisting veterans who may contact them looking for help. I said I would touch base with his assistant, Doty Gardner.

New Business: Jeni is suggesting that we have 2 large rides with multiple beneficiaries, rather than the individual rides that we normally have in order to reduce our exposure to Covid. Make them an all-day event with breakfast and lunch with entertainment to follow and charge more. Bob expressed a concern with the beneficiaries being willing to split the proceeds. Also, we may see a lower rider turnout by increasing the cost of the rides. There was also a concern over what would happen if we planned a large ride and got rained out. It was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Correspondence: None

Closing Comments: Closing Prayer was led by Nancy

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm

Respectfully Yours,

Tammy Calkins, Secretary