

## September 24 ,2016 Legion Rider Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chairman Wayne Erickson. Attending were committee members Joe Lampert -1<sup>st</sup>, Edward Stash – 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Roy Smith – 5<sup>th</sup> Division. Michael Lee 4<sup>th</sup> Division was unable to attend.

Guests including Department Commander Sherry Stanton topped by our meeting. Commander Stanton asked if there might be anything she as commander or the department might help us with. Ron Udemstock with the “Gifts for Yanks” Program detailed his program for Legion Rider involvement. We related that as Legion Riders, we also want to help The American Legion Family.

The chairman had emailed an agenda for items earlier so that members might think on those and add more items if needed.

Discussion was held on department convention and “Freedom Fest Parade”. We would like to put together divisional rides that would terminate at department convention. Bringing in more riders for the parade and more participation for convention activities as well. A ride previous to the convention was discussed.

As the Legacy Fund continues to grow and distribution of that fund has been expanded to include others but output seems still somewhat slow, we discussed other ideas as to where we might possibly distribute part of our contributions such as “Operation Comfort Warrior”. As we discussed this we also related that we at this level worked hard to raise these funds and National must realize that before dispensing funds out of the Legacy Scholarship Fund in other directions it is incumbent upon them to ask the Legion Riders for their input. If that input is not solicited an important fundraising arm may well go away.

Membership and the caravan as always is part of the meeting. Everyone is aware of the award we have. Sign 2 members and get a patch and pin. The chairman asked that everyone makes the caravan stops in their division to represent the Legion Riders.

The website came up. Chapters should be able to go to the link and enter their information. Chapters still need to send form each year to State HQ with Post sponsor letter.

A basic safety manual can be put in a PDF form National we are thinking and anyone that needs it can download it. Will have the basics. T-Clock, group riding and such.

Getting the word regarding nominations for the TL Woodburn IL Legion Rider of the Year Award nominations. Roy brought up giving ALROH patch as well with it, this is a great idea. Just need to see if National is granting more than one. The old committee used to. Don’t know if National does.

Roy moved to adjourn, Ed 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. Meeting of committee closed 2:17P.M.

For the committee,

Respectfully submitted,

W. Wayne Erickson

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