



Wisconsin American Legion Riders
Executive Committee Agenda

Post 366 – Princeton
853 West Main Street
Princeton, WI 54968
February 4, 2023

10:30 AM

Meeting Called to order at: 10:32 AM

Opening Ceremonies:

ALRA Roll Call: ("P" is Present and "A" is Absent and "E" is Excused)

President Ray Pasbrig _P_

Vice President Corey Doehrmann _P_

Secretary Randy Timms ___P__

Treasurer Chris Pytlik _P_

Chaplain Dan Workenaour ___P__

Sgt At Arms Jim Schendel ___E__

Sgt At Arms Howard Horman, Jr. ___E___

State Historian Paul Heit _E_

State Road Captain Gary Hess _P_

State Road Captain Brad Heller ___P___

State Road Captain Mike Pook ___P__

State Judge Advocate Nicholas Lange ___P___

Past President Pat Meyer _A_

President Past Roy Helms ___P__

Past President Bob Lloyd ___A__

Past President Ray McSherry ___P__

Past President Al Richards ___P__

Past President Tim Hyma ___E__

District 1 Representative Bill Fitters --P---

District 2 Representative Jack Smith --P--

District 3 Representative Robert Nordness --A--

District 4/5 Representative Steve Kohnke ---E-

District 6 Representative Terry Broehm --P--

District 7 Representative Paul Roraff -P---

District 8 Representative Pat Kulas --P--

District 9 Representative Paul Heit – Carl Abendroth -P---

District 10 Representative Tony Mack / Jim Jansema --A--

District 11 Representative	Jim Sprague	--A-
District 12 Representative	Joe Roberts	__A_

President Pasbrig introduced the Post Commander.

Old Business:

1. Legion Rider of the Year nominations to be submitted to the Committee for review and selection.
 - a. Only 3 submissions received. Corey encouraged all Districts to submit next year. Winner will be announced at today's membership meeting. Corey suggested the process may need to be changed slightly. He will write up his recommendations.
2. Suggestions for a Hospitality Room at the July Convention – Brad Heller
 - a. Project is at a stand-still since not sure how many suites will be available. If this proceeds, (for Friday night) we will need to create a budget. Would be a good opportunity to show legionnaires what we do and what effect we have on the veteran population. President Pasbrig raised the question whether or not we should do this. His belief is not many legion riders will not participate. He feels riders on the Back to Basics Tour will go home following the ride. It was agreed the membership would decide. That decision will be made once we find out if a Suite is available.
3. Annual (2023) budget proposal. (Chris & Budget Committee)
 - a. Chris – handed out the proposed budget. Has already been sent electronically. Motion to propose to membership by Corey, 2nd by Roy. Passed

New Business:

1. Raffle License –
 - a. Chris – Handed out a summary of the rules we must follow. All proceeds from a raffle, must be turned into the State Riders for proper accounting. Important that each District review the guidelines so laws are kept. Each District could apply for an EIN number, BUT that District must then file tax reports at years end. The Riders are a 501C-(19) (difference in 3C and 19 is a “19” can lobby Congress whereas a C3 cannot). The rules have been in place for a very long time, but the Riders have inadvertently made errors in our process. Since the State Audit, we must make the necessary corrections to have the licenses available to us. Much discussion followed. Further decisions must be made but for today this is tabled until our next meeting. If a District has need for a Raffle license best suggestion is to do it under your Post for now.
2. Business Account – Kwik Trip
 - a. Randy described the need to begin this account. Because Kwik Trip has gone to a 100% pre-pay pump, some station managers do not want to “open” a pump for us as in the past. So Corporate has suggested we create a business account which would allow us to use credit cards for fuel then be billed at the end of the cycle. Brad motioned Roy 2nd. Motion passed.
3. Election Process reminder – If you are nominated, you must have either your district representative or your District Director confirm their support of your nomination. Although best

to have that confirmation provided in person at the meeting, it is acceptable to have it in writing.

4. Two items for discussion and clarification:

Bill Fitters, District 1 Director, introduced the background leading to his Motion. Bill made motion, Randy 2nd. Discussion followed. Motion withdrawn by Bill and Randy. Opinion of the group was this goes against the By-Laws and can only be changed by a resolution from a District. Therefore, the hearing was started to review the issue at hand.

a. By-Laws – Article XIV: Expulsion (Highlighting by TIMMS)

Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Association only by action of the State ALRA Executive Committee, at which time back patches and rockers must be immediately returned to the Association.

Also, under By-Laws Article IV, paragraph F. it reads:

“Back patches and rockers will be subject to immediate recall from any member who brings discredit to the American Legion, or the ALRA of Wisconsin.”

The State requires back patches be returned to the State when a member terminates. However, there is no remedy for a member that does not return it. Therefore, the question at hand is whether the State should eliminate this requirement or, create language that calls out for action against said member if they do not follow the By-Laws, which were agreed to when the member joined.

b. Policies & Procedures - Members Right to Privacy (Highlighting by TIMMS)

Members Right to Privacy reads as follows:

1. Respecting the privacy of each and every one of our members must remain a high priority for all of us. Any unauthorized or improper use, or distribution, of the ALRA Membership roster could jeopardize the integrity of our organization. Our members, and future members, need to be assured that any contact information they are willing to provide will not be shared outside the group or used improperly.

2. The organization will limit access of the state’s membership roster to state officers that require it. District Directors will have access to their district membership roster having authority to disseminate it as deemed necessary. Prior to receiving the state or district membership rosters, each officer receiving it will sign a confidentiality statement.

3. All Executive Committee members and District Directors will have access to an Officer Contact List comprised of state and district officers for reference but not for dissemination.

3. But, the written statement we all sign reads as follows:

“Pursuant to the National Privacy Act of 2000, I, (sign and print your name), (Write the office you hold), of the American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin, in accepting this membership roster, agrees not to disclose any personal information of any individual on this roster. I understand that this roster is to be used for association business only. I also understand that any misuse of this roster may lead to legal consequences against me”.

4. Our Policies & Procedures document uses the words “contact information”. However, the document we all sign reads slightly different. IE: “any personal information”. Because they are not identical, the State may wish to clarify the intent of these statements so as to avoid misunderstandings in the future.

Motion by Corey , 2nd by Roy Helms to table the issue allowing the Executive Committee time to review the supplied documents so that a decision can be made in May as to whether or not discipline is warranted.

Resolutions:

None at this time

Other Business:

May 6, 2023. Quarterly meeting at Post 509 in Rosholt
July 22, 2023. Quarterly meeting at State Convention in Wausau
Nov 4, 2023. Post 175, Loyal, WI

For the Good of the Riders:

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:31 PM