



Wisconsin American Legion Riders
State Quarterly Membership Meeting Agenda

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

1:00 PM

There were 36 members in attendance and a quorum of elected officials present.

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:16 PM

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 Bradley Heller ___P___

State Road Captain Mike Pook ___P___

State Judge Advocate Nicholas Lange ___P___

Past President Roy Helms ___P___

Past President Tim Hyma ___E___

Past President Bob Lloyd ___A___

Past President Ray McSherry ___P___

Past President Pat Meyer ___A___

Past President Al Richards ___P___

District 1 Representative Bill Fitters ___P___

District 2 Representative Jack Smith ___P___

District 3 Representative Todd Nofsinger ___P___

District 4/5 Representative Mike Pytlik ___P___

District 6 Representative Terry Broehm ___P___

District 7 Representative Paul Roraff/Gary Hess ___P___

District 8 Representative Pat Kulas/Leo Gonnering ___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___

** Recognized Dignitary's:

Past Presidents Roy Helms and Al Richards and past Department Commander Ken Rynes

**** Recognized New Members:**

Jan Williams- District 2, Auxiliary 401 President (Father was Navy vet in Korea)

**** Recognize Host Post:** Post Commander

**** Vice President's Report** will be included with minutes

**** Secretaries Report:** Provided electronically

Motion by Joyce Jansen 2nd by Bill Fitters Approved

**** Treasurer Report:** Chris gave report.

Motion by Joyce Jansen 2nd by Bill Fitters Approved

**** Membership Report:**

Total Members	710
Life Members	162
Active Duty	23
Legionnaires	520
S.A.L.	83
Auxiliary	107

Chris reviewed the final 2022 budget and presented the new 2023 budget.

Roy motioned, Brad second to approve report. Passed

Roy motioned to approved budget for 2023 Pat Kulas 2nd, passed

Roy thanked Chris for her continued work with the treasurer position as well as the recent State Audit for the raffle licenses.

**** Old Business:** Corey reminded us our recent By-Laws and Policy & Procedures were submitted to the Department and have been approved.

1. Legion Rider of the Year
 - a. Corey – procedure should be changed. Only 3 Districts submitted their recommendations. (Although more were submitted they were past the deadline and could not be considered). Propose District deadline should submit by or at the February state meeting. Then, announce winner at the May meeting. Winner is Paul Roraff, from District 7. Congratulations Paul for a job well done!
2. Hospitality Room at Convention – Brad Heller
 - a. Brad gave update. Decision yet to be made based on whether we can obtain a hospitality room at Convention. More at the May meeting. Will the membership approve this event IF we are able to hold it? Decision to be made in May.
3. Annual Budget proposal – The budget was presented and approved under the Treasurer's report.

4. Back to Basics Tour – 2023 update - Corey/Randy
 - a. Raised \$405.00 at Mid-Winter from sale of Vortex goodies. Jim Klement won!!! Corey gave brief update. All monies donated are specified for (potentially) 3 projects at Camp. The primary purpose is the Interior Renovation of the Recreation building. Then, if there are funds remaining, we have designated Main Lodge re-staining and a new Paddle Pontoon Boat.

** New Business:

1. Raffle Licenses – Chris Pytlik
 - a. Corey motioned each district furnish a representative to work with Chris to develop new guidelines. 2nd by Mike Pytlik **Deadline for Districts to appoint is the February 11-2023 end of day.** Passed
2. Business account – Kwik Trip
 - a. Secretary Timms explained the need to apply for a business account. It will be used for fuel purchases only. Kwik Trip has moved to a pre-pay model and some station managers are not willing to allow the pumps to run this way. With a Business Account, we can keep a pump open then be billed at the end of the period. The cash collected will cover the entire invoice thus no money out of our budget. With approval he will complete the application process. Joyce Jensen motioned to approve, Roy Helms 2nd, Passed
3. Two items for discussion and clarification:
 - a. tabled until May meeting – It was motioned Executive Committee members will review the provided documents and be prepared to discuss what action must be taken during the May meeting.

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.

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.

4. 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:

The following people were nominated. Each was approved by their respective District.

Director	Corey Doehrmann	or	Ray Pasbrig
Assistant Director	Brad Heller		
Secretary	Randy Timms		
Treasurer	Chris Pytlik		
Chaplain	Dan Workenaour		
Sgt At Arms	Joe Rice		
Sgt At Arms	Glenn Pietschmann		

Sgt At Arms	Bill Fitters
State Historian	Paul Heit
State Road Captain	Gary Hess
State Road Captain	Todd Nofsinger
State Road Captain	Scott Roffers
State Road Captain	Ken Rynes

Note – Judge Advocate is an appointed position and not elected.

Gary Hess – Motion to approve all positions that are not contested. Pat Kulas 2nd. Those names are not required to be on the ballot. The Director position is the only contested position. Motion passed. Therefore, when the ballots are sent, the only office shown will be the position of Director.

** District Reports: (Reports are due to the State Secretary prior to the meeting)

District 1 submitted

Bill Fitters announced that District 1 made a \$1,000.00 donation to Badger Youth Camp and would like to challenge all other districts to do the same. The Camp lost a major sponsor and has an \$8,000.00 deficit. Camp this year anticipates having about 150 children.

District 2 submitted electronically Jack also gave report

District 3 submitted electronically

District 4/5

District 6 submitted electronically

District 7 submitted electronically

District 8 submitted electronically

District 9 submitted electronically

District 10 submitted electronically

District 11 submitted electronically

District 12

For the Good of the Riders:

District 1 May 20th ride to the National Motorcycle museum in Iowa. If interested in joining us, please let Bill Fitters know in advance so routing and timing can be shared.

Nation of Patriots – See their web site they will enter Wisconsin on June 1 thru 4th

June 30th July 1st in Waupaca County – Rodeo - want to offer up to 600 seats at no cost to veterans at this event.

Question whether we are planning to continue with the Commander Award. Motion by Brad Heller to repeat the commander Award, 2nd Joyce Jansen 2nd. Passed

May 6, 2023 Quarterly meeting at Post 509 in Rosholt

July 22, 2023 Quarterly meeting at State Convention in Wausau

November 4, 2023 TBD

Brad motion to adjourn, 2nd by Corey

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:30 PM