



NATIONAL RIDERS MID-YEAR RALLY

Thornville, OH
May 4, 2019 – 2pm

The meeting was called to order by RNP, George Cummings at 2:00pm. Prayer by RNCHAP, Jeremiah Botkin. Pledge of Allegiance was led by RNH, David Ray. Riders Mission Statement was read by RNP Cummings.

Roll Call of Officers: President, George Cummings; 1st Vice, Tom McNamara; 2nd Vice, John Reando; JA, Jim Whitcraft; Treasurer, Dan Macdonald; PNP, Don Cox; Chaplain, Jeremiah Botkin; Communications, Kathy Campbell; Publications, Kelly Reando; Historian, David Ray; Secretary, Karen Cox. All present.

RNP (George Cummings): Thanked the members of Post 51 for the hard work they did to put on the rally, Commander, Trustees, Staff and Chapter Riders.

Bonny Davenport brought boxes of Girl Scout Cookies and said they were free to veterans so the girl scouts could get their badges.

“RC” - Richard Moore-has been the shuttle driver and he did a great job.

Barb Valley, National Ladies Auxiliary President-Her project is scholarships for veterans and children of veterans. She presented George with a \$100 check for his project.

RNV1 (Tom McNamara): Membership is down-not sure why. We just approved 2 new chapters to receive their charters; ND-7-Our 1st in North Dakota, and WI-3929. Congratulations to both. If you haven't been there yet, go to our website amvetsridersnational.org. and check it out.

RN2V (John Reando): Reporting programs is good, but it could be better. FL is 1st with almost \$370,000, MO follows at nearly \$164,000, OH has done nearly \$141,000. IA has done nearly \$172,000. Conference call every 2nd Sunday 7pm CST, to learn about program reporting. If you want to be on the call, give John your email address. His report is on page 6 of the book.

RNJA (Jim Whitcraft): We will be discussing changing the name SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) to Standing Rules. The approval of the Convention Rules will come before the NEC,

then will go before the membership at convention for approval. Need 4 on the committee. This is my home post and asking all to thank those for putting on this rally.

RNT (Dan Macdonald): There are changes to the balances that were reported in the book. New balance is \$103,543.17. We will donate \$5000 this year at convention, but next years' donation could be much larger. The Finance Committee met yesterday. Dan made a motion to change the budget year dates from September thru August to July thru June. Larry Saad 2nd, no discussion, motion passed.

PNP (Don Cox): Committee was chosen to discuss future Mid-Year Rally's. Proposal made to do further Mid-Year Rally's at 3 posts/chapters. Chapters might change in the future, depending on circumstances. Motion made by Barb Wagner to hold future mid-years at KY-61, MO-48 and OH-51. Motion 2nd by Danny Steinbrook. Discussion: Q: Why 3 places? A: getting harder to find chapters willing to put it on. These 3 are central to most riders. Motion passed. It will be determined later if Rally's will take place just before Rolling Thunder weekend. Florida is doing a poker run on September 21-22 at chapter 44, Plant City, FL. All are invited. All proceeds will go to 22-Everyday.

RNCHAP (Jeremiah Botkin): Thirteen riders have passed this year. Please keep them in thought and prayer. Please send in paperwork for Death Benefit and Last Chapter. The form is on our website.

We had 10 applications for Riders Scholarships. It was a tough decision, but the Scholarship Committee narrowed it down to the top three applicants with a very close fourth. The winners are: Adrianna Towns-Lombardo, Belen Nguyen, and Gina Dunnivant. Each will receive \$1000 towards their scholarships. Congratulations to all 3 young ladies! Jeremiah made a motion to give the Mike Munoz Scholarship to the fourth runner up, 2nd by Casey Macdonald, motion passed. Courtney Cummings will receive the Mike Munoz Scholarship. Congratulations to Courtney.

RNPO (Kelly Reando): If you see anything that isn't working or is incorrect on the website, let me know so I can fix it.

RNCO (Kathy Campbell): The emails are better. Please see my report.

RNS: (Karen Cox): Thank you for submitting DRF's and rosters in timely manner. Next are the revalidations.

RNP: Need a motion to accept all officers' reports. Motion made by Richard Dean, 2nd by Kim Barbian, no discussion, motion passed.

No old business.

DEPARTMENT/CHAPTER REPORTS:

MO: 237 members; 195 Riders/42 Supporters; visit our website at amvetsridersmo.org.

MI: 10 chapters; 190 members; doing fund raisers.

WI: looking to start a new chapter; doing fund raisers.

KY: Kristin Orem, Department President on 3rd term; chapters doing well; 5 chapters; over 100 members.

OH: Welcome to Ohio; chartered a couple chapters; giving back to chapters. With many runs going on around you, support other organizations runs and they'll support yours.

FL: Doing a "Ride 22" in September at Plant City, Chapter 44; shooting for \$1,000,000 in programs reporting.

IA: 5 chapters, 150 members.

NY: 8 chapters, lost a few members; 146 total members; chapter 245 is the largest; do several benefits a year; chapter 897 has Warrior House.

GA: 3 chapters, working on 4th.

IL-169: Trying to start new chapters, no luck; will do Mid-Year Rally 2020.

IN-91: Have picked up 6-7 new members.

NC-760: We're growing; doing raffles with rifles.

LA-7: We're growing; got 2nd chapter in LA last year.

Casey Macdonald made a motion to accept all reports, Kristin Orem 2nd, passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Maccdonald, RNT: Bruce Mcelhaney will be out in DC for Rolling Thunder for discussions; asking for room reimbursement. Motion by Danny Steinbrook, 2nd by Todd Barbian, no discussion, passed.

Dan: With the passing of Larry and Ann Lee, a motion was made from Richard Dean and 2nd by Larry Saad to give \$1000 to their daughter. Motion passed.

George: Riders Presidents Challenge Coin Is not in our budget, motion by Mike Campbell to put it in at \$1000, 2nd by Richard Dean, passed.

Robert Dant, President of IL-169: Would like to set up a ride during Mid-Year Rally 2020. National will get back to him on it.

George: We will move from regular business to nominations of National Officers:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACCEPT/DECLINE</u>
Nominations for SAA:	Mike Campbell	Accept
	J.D. Dotson	Accept
	Larry Saad	Accept
	Curtis Allen	Accept
Nominations for Treasurer:	Beverly Munoz	Accept
Nominations for JA	Jim Whitcraft	Accept
Nominations for 2 nd Vice	Kristin Orem	Accept
	Dan Macdonald	Accept
Nominations for 1 st Vice:	John Reando	Accept
Nominations for President:	Tom McNamara	Accept

George: Nominations closed.

George: Good of the order: Casey Macdonald would like to pass the hat for the bartenders/waitresses. (Hat passed).

Robert Smith, KY-61: During convention 2019 in Louisville, KY-if anyone has problems or needs anything, contact KY-61.

Richard Dean: Be sure and tip "RC" the shuttle driver.

Kristin Orem: If you need help with anything at the convention; bikes, etc., call.

George: We have cards up here on the table, from "Help Heal Vets" They are Therapeutic Craft Kits, and Veterans can order a kit by filling out a card and sending it in. There are Girl Scout cookies for the veterans to take.

4:20 PM: Motion made to adjourn by Todd Barbian, 2nd by Richard Dean, passed; meeting adjourned. Prayer led by Jeremiah Botkin. Retirement of Colors by David Ray.

Karen Cox

National Riders Secretary