

MID-YEAR RALLY MINUTES

April 6, 2024

Prayer and Pledge by Jeremiah Botkin and J.R. May.

Roll Call: National Rider Officers are all present. PNP's present are: PNP6- Don Cox, PNP7- George Cummings, PNP8-Tom McNamara, and PNP9-John Reando. Department Presidents present are FL-James Merritt, GA-Kevin Ashe, IA- Ron Marrah, IN-Jason Tremblay, KY-J.R. May, MI- Not present, NY-Brian Winsor, OH-Barb Cruse, WI-Chris Salzer. 129 were registered and there were 103 delegates allowed to vote. We have the minutes from last year that we can pass out. They are also posted on the website.

Three officers were sworn in: 1st Vice, Paul Spuhl and Treasurer, Craig Anthony. They were both sworn in by PNP8, Tom McNamara. Then National President, Natalie Cummings was also sworn in by PNP8, Tom McNamara. Riders President, Natalie Cummings, introduced Amy Stopyra, the National Ladies Auxiliary President. Her National Project is the National Foster Parent Association. She thanked us for the invitation.

Reports:

2nd Vice-The new system for reporting is coming together. Corrections had to be made to some of the Red Shirt Friday submissions. The highest reporting numbers were from FL at 4.7mil, OH at 3.2mil, IN at 2.7mil; MO at 2.5mil and MI at 2.2mil.

IPNP- John Reando-The chapters and departments need to exchange ideas with each other. If a chapter or department president can't make these meetings, then someone else needs to step up and take his place. The IPNP is in charge of recommending to the membership a place to hold Mid-Year Rallies. The chapter recommendation for 2025 is Ohio Chapter 2256 in Circleville. Motion made, 2nd, passed. The date of the rally is TBD.

Chaplain-We were tasked to look over 6 scholarships. They were all very good, it was decided to give 6-\$1000 scholarships. Next year we are capping it at 5. We will be changing the deadline date to January 1st. You will be given enough notice. We also deal with the Gold Star mothers. We raise money to take care of the GSM's during Rolling to Remember. They are in need of approximately \$15,000. Today we've already raised \$1700.

Publications-Craig Anthony monitors the website. If anything needs to be corrected, please let me know.

Communications: The Media Policy is on our website and on our Facebook page. They represent our organization so be mindful of our policy. Remember when wearing your vest, it also represents our organization. By July 1st, nominations are due for Rider of the Year,

Supporter of the Year and Department Rider of the Year. The forms are on the website. Under publications. Think of people working hard, get your nominations in.

SAA: Report is in the book.

Treasurer: In the book you'll find the 2024 to 2025 budget. Fiscal Year is from 1 July to 30 June. We've made a few changes. The main change is how much we provide our PNP's. Many times in the past, they've had to use their own money, so the line item has changed to \$750 per event. Motion made, 2nd, passed.

JA-The Convention Rules are in the book. The only change is the language. We now will vote by secret ballot. The first thing we do at the convention is ask for approval of the Convention Rules. SOP's are required this year. We are pushing so that when you send in your revalidation, you won't have to send the SOP and 990 in with it. We'll keep track of when you need to send in an SOP and 990. We will work with you and help you with your SOP's. I have approval from the Board to appoint two deputy JA's. I have appointed Jason Dolf and Shannon McNamara. Resolutions must be in 30 days prior to the National Convention in August.

After much discussion on whether an individual can be a member of one AMVET post and be an officer of another Riders chapter, the answer is yes.

All were in favor to accept all reports. Motion passed.

Unfinished business: None.

New Business: Robert DeVere of GA-12-Gold Star families need \$15,000. They have \$9,000 now. Post 78 donated \$200.

IA-49 won the National raffle.

Project 22 Every Day. Dan Bloem has \$2000 for the project. Six members got up on the stage and did 22 push-ups.

Good of the Order GA-621, new chapter, the president was sworn in by Tom McNamara and their charter was given to them.

Meeting is suspended for National Officer nominations:

President---Natalie Cummings & Dan Macdonald (absent).

1st Vice-----Paul Spuhl

2nd Vice-----Kurt Knechtle

Treasurer---Craig Anthony & Paul Spuhl (declined)

SAA-----J.R. May

JA-----Jim Whitcraft

Motion to close meeting, 2nd, passed.

Colors retired by J.R. May.

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