

River Riders Chapter

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2011

Forest Lake VFW, Forest Lake MN

Call to order 12:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome visitors and new members

Roll Call:

President: Dave Bolduc (present)

Vice President: Bob McChesney (absent)

Treasurer: Rita Martin (present)

Secretary: Shelly Hansen (present)

Chapter Rep: Rick Mallinger (present)

Sergeant at Arms: Steve Bolduc, Roger Ball, Michael Bolduc (present); Jim Palmer, Scott Lecy, John Kinsey (absent)

Meeting was attended by a total of 21 members and visitors.

Officer Reports

Secretary: A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Linda Ball and seconded by Brad Hansen. Motion to waive passed. There was no discussion on the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Ball and seconded by Pepper Moyer. Minutes approved, motion passed.

President: Dave asked the chapter for their input regarding having our July meeting at The Forest Laker. The chapter was in agreement. Bob Belland motioned to move July meeting to the Laker, Linda Ball seconded. Motion approved.

Coordinators of the State Rally are looking for volunteers to work the front gate. Contact Dave if you are interested in helping. He will put you in contact with the appropriate person(s).

Vice President: Bob thanked everyone for coming and welcomed our five first-time attendees.

Treasurer: Rita shared the breakdown of chapter funds. We currently have \$1083.05 for Buddy Bears, \$908.43 in the treasury and \$50 in petty cash for a total of \$2041.48. Brad Hansen motioned to accept the treasury report. Motion was seconded by Ginger Ronneng. There was no discussion and the motion to accept the treasury report was passed.

Chapter Rep: Rick

- Freedom Rally – ABATE of Iowa’s annual party. Taking place 6/30-7/3. If someone is interested in volunteering for a four hour shift at the front gate, they will receive free admittance for 2012. An eight hour shift at the front gate will earn free entry for 2011 and 2012.
- Rick offered his assistance to anyone interested in writing letters to their congressional leaders but were uncertain as to how to write the letters or what to say.

Government: Charlie was not in attendance thus no government report at this meeting.

New Business

1. Website payment of \$71.76 is due. Motion to approve the payment was made by Bob Belland and seconded by Linda Ball. None opposed, motion to pay approved.
2. Brat Stand – Dave contacted Cub Foods regarding the River Riders doing the brat stand again this year. We have been approved for the weekend of August 19-21st if we wish to do this again this year. Bob Belland motioned to approve the chapter taking part in this fundraiser, Linda Ball seconded. None opposed, motion passed. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available beginning with our next meeting.
3. It is time for renewal of our MRF membership. This cost is \$100. Brad Hansen suggested postponing our renewal until after our fundraiser. Discussion tabled for now.

Unfinished Business

1. Pig Races – at last meeting we discussed August 20th or August 27th. Now that we are confirmed for the brat stand the weekend of the 20th we will see if we can go up to Leader on the 27th. Linda Ball motioned to approve this weekend, Brad Hansen seconded. None opposed, motion passed. Rita will contact Jerry Dixon to try to get this arranged.
2. Karl Oscar Days – we have been working KOD for the last 5+ years either doing security for the dance or the parade. We received \$300 for this. The parade has been re-routed and our assistance isn’t needed for parade security any longer. Security for the dance is also being handled thus our services are not needed. Dave did speak with the Police Chief and he will continue to keep in touch with him. According to the Chief, people involved in the parade spoke very highly of us.

Committee Reports

1. **Buddy Bears:** Dave is stepping down from his role as Papa Bear. Pepper Moyer has agreed to take over. Thank you Pepper!
2. **Fundraiser Committee:** Our event is coming up on May 21st. Many advanced tickets have been sold. We are hoping desperately for good weather. The fundraiser committee came up with a rough budget of \$600 for this event – motion to approve this budget was made by Pepper Moyer and seconded by Linda Ball. Budget request passed. Because our ride is taking place on Armed Forces Day, Pepper suggested we do the Pledge of Allegiance before we leave. Many were in agreement that this sounded like a good idea. Volunteers for Friday night set-up at

Wings North include Bob, Dave, Trash, Rita, Rick, Tara. We need volunteers for several things on Saturday and also for clean-up and tear down on Sunday. Please contact Dave if you are willing to help out. After the beer and food is gone, charge a \$5 cover for anyone coming to hear the band.

- 3. Products:** We need a new products person. A big THANK YOU to Toni McChesney for all of her hard work in this position.

Request for Chapter funds

- 1.** Rick Mallinger submitted a request for BOD/ABATE U for two nights hotel at \$175.70 and mileage of \$42 for a total of \$217.70. Motion to approve made by Brad Hansen, seconded by Linda Ball. None opposed, motion passed.

Announcements

- East Central Chapter is having an event on 6/11 at Jumpin' Jacks. They will have beer and a bike show. We have one ticket for this event if anyone is interested.
- There is an American Legion ride on June 4th.
- July 16th there will be an MP Memorial ride out of Stillwater. Dustin will bring a flyer to our next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ron "Trash" Larson, seconded by Brad Hansen. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.