



**April 14<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**General Membership Meeting**

**Start Time- 1:29**

**End Time – 2:50**

**Rick Curry Presiding**

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Director: Rick Curry (In-coming) - Present  
Assistant Director: Chas Bird (Big Bird)- Present  
Secretary: Jessica Bird (Hummingbird)- Present  
Sergeant at Arms: Charlie Tyszkiewicz (Wingnut) -Present  
Corporal at Arms: Barry Acker (Speechless)- Present  
Treasurer: Dave Degard (Digger) - Present  
Road Captain: Michael Carnevale (Blockbuster) - Present  
Membership: Theresa Degard (Big Sexy)- Present  
Chaplain: Michael Chapman (Lady)- Present  
Chaplain: April Moss (Icon)- Excused  
Communications; Chas Bird (Big Bird)- Present  
Historian: Julie Affolder (Precious Cargo)- Present  
Gear Garage: Jennifer Williams (Canteens)- Present  
Past Director: Steve Lemmon (Postal)- Excused

**Guests or VIP:** Roosevelt McKnight, Vice Commander of Post 109.

- Roosevelt thanked Rick Curry for assisting and attending the event for ALA 109 member, Carol Di-meceli to present 2 awards to the children who saved her life.
- Roosevelt thanked Kirk and Julie Affolder, Dave Degard and whoever else volunteered to help for the trophy steal that was held at 109 recently.
- Roosevelt brought up an idea to combine the Mother's and Father's day breakfast/brunch. The event will be a 109 event, but with all entities helping. The legion will look into paying for the event and the SAL and ALA will provide the volunteers to help cook and serve the meal.
- Roosevelt visited Pantano High School recently and spoke to the students about the "Be the One" program. The principle wanted to recognize our own Jacob Hummer for "being the one" for many of the students there. Jacob was given a \$50 gift card for his dedication and truly making a difference in those student's lives.

**Reading and approval of last meeting minutes (2/11/24 & 3/10/24):**

Made motion to approve ALR minutes from 2/11/24 and 3/10/24: Aaron Guritz  
Seconded: Bert Hemperly  
Discussion: No  
Motion Passes: Yes

**Voting on new Members:** Chris Peterson - ALR supporter.

- Made Motion to accept Chris Peterson as an ALR supporter: Michelle Guritz
- Seconded: Theresa Degard
- Discussion: No
- Motion Passes: Yes

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Report:** Dave Degard distributed and discussed 2/11/24 and 3/10/24 combined finance report.

Made motion to approve combined finance report from 2/11/24 and 3/10/24: Bob Carfagno  
Seconded: Charlie Tyszkiewicz  
Discussion: No  
Motion Passes: Yes

**Assistant Director:** Convention is coming up, June 21-23rd. If you plan to attend as a rider, you need to register with your entity, as you may not attend the rider meeting without credentials from your entity.

**Sgt. At Arms:**

-Most Miles: Rogue – 2500 miles

-Most Hours: Chas Bird – 185 hours

-Most Money Donated: Skyler Miller - \$212

-Raffle: \$137 (there will be 2 raffles today. The first one will be for the \$137, and the second will be for an ALR 109 tile made by Gary and Angela Bell)

-Total members signed in: 37

**Road Captain:** Mike and Mary Carnevale rode in the Ceremony for the Rose parade in Tombstone to represent 109.

**Membership:** 97 paid for 2024. 80.83% of our 120% goal.

**Historian:** Julie Affolder thanked all who have uploaded photos to the Facebook page

**Communication:** Please email [ALRider109@gmail.com](mailto:ALRider109@gmail.com) if you are not receiving the emails.

**Past Director:** N/A

**Chaplain:** Jack Thomas (Spidermonkey) passed away. Reach out to his wife, Terry if you would like to offer prayers. Mike Rogowski (Bugsy) went in for neck surgery recently. He is in recovery. Reach out to him or Fran if you would like to offer prayers.

**Road LTS:** Gary Bell reported that 6 or 7 109 riders attended bike week this year. He would like to arrange a bigger group to go next year. Bert Hemperly thanked everyone for a very successful kilt run and the ride that took place on St. Patrick's day to Longhorn. Loren Close reported that 5 109 riders rode in the TAMMS run.

**Cprl at Arms:** N/A

**Gear Garage:** Jennifer Williams reported that we made around \$300 from the kilt run and sold a lot of the old t-shirts. It would be nice to get some new Post 109 shirts as well as new ALR 109 shirts.

**UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-Dave Degard discussed the upcoming Legacy Ride. We have earmarked \$250 to donate.

-Made a motion to take \$210 out of the ALR 109 general fund to bring the Legacy Ride donation up to \$500: Dave Degard

-Seconded: Kenny Knapp

-Discussion: No

-Motion Passes: Yes

-Made motion to donate \$500 to Terry Albright (Spidermonkey's wife): Kirk Affolder

-Seconded: Michelle Guritz

-Discussion: No

-Motion Passes: Yes

- Made a motion to give Charlie Tyszkiewicz (Wingnut) \$300 to help rebuild the wall on his parents' property that was destroyed in the fire: Bert Hemperly

-Seconded: Kenny Knapp

-Discussion: No

-Motion Passes: Yes

**GOOD OF THE RIDERS:**

- Chas Bird discussed the raffle for the SAL campout fire pit
- Dave and Theresa Degard attended the Nighthawk-72's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual memorial Service the with the Patriot Guard and represented 109.
- Kirk Affolder reported the following:
  - The trophy is currently in Tombstone for Saturday's trophy steal.
  - Next Saturday (April 20<sup>th</sup>) is the Elk's run (Pantano and Kinney). They would like to know who is attending as they will cook steaks.
  - We need to support other people/rider groups if we want them to support us.
  - Spidermonkey's wife is not ready to have a memorial service for him yet. We can discuss it at a later date if we would like to plan a memorial service for him.
  - If you are not an American Legion 109 rider, or a ALR 109 supporter, Kirk will not be accepting Facebook member requests to join.
  - Resolution 5 (regarding changes to the requirements to be a member) was discussed in the quarterly meeting. We will make the changes to our bylaws to align with Department and National bylaws.

- Dave Degard mentioned doing a combined ALR 109 memorial ride for all members who have passed. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

- Jessica Bird discussed upcoming ALA meeting and Mother's Day raffle

- Sunny Erickson brought up recent MIAP ride. Not a big turnout. Next ceremony will be in 6 months.

- Our next meeting is on Mother's Day. We are looking to do a breakfast at 7:00am. Serving 8-11am. We are still having our meeting at 1:00pm

- Rick brought up the Get to Know Your Bar Maps. Same format as the Get to Know Your Post Maps

- Meeting is suspended to do nominations: 2:00 pm

Road Captain:

- Charlie Tyszkiewicz (Wingut)– Declined

- Bert Hemperly (Uno)– Declined

- Gary Bell (Todger)– Declined

- Bob Carfagno (Sherrif Bob) - Accepted**

Sgt At Arms:

- Charlie Tyszkiewicz (Wingut) - Accepted**

-Assistant Director:

- Chas Bird (Big Bird) – Declined

- Theresa Degard (Big Sexy): Accepted**

-Director:

- Bob Carfagno (Sherrif Bob) – withdrew his director nomination so he can run for Road Captain

- Rick Curry – Accepted**

Finance:

- Dave Degard: Accepted

- Chas Bird made a motion for the ALR 109 secretary to cast 1 unanimous vote for all positions, as all are running unopposed. Motion did not need a 2<sup>nd</sup>, and was voted in by a 2/3 majority vote of the general membership.

- Meeting reconvened- 2:24 pm

Rick Curry presiding

**Raffle:**

- Total: \$137

- Winner: Hooligan. Hooligan is donating all \$137 back to the general fund

- ALR 109 Tile Winner: Chris Peterson

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm

**Next Rider Dinner:** Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm