

American Legion Riders Alaska  
2015 Convention, Post 5 Seward, AK  
Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2015

Director Bobby Dunno opened the meeting at approximately 6:00pm.  
Pledge was led by Bobby Dunno  
Prayer was offered by Bob Myles

Persons in Attendance:

Don Sutherland, Bob Myles, Rebecca Waters,  
Dan Cole, Don Ridl, Diana Estrada, Chris Calabrese, Steve Calabrese, Lisa Williamson, Jim  
Petito, Todd Hardwick, Jim Pisa, Clare Sullivan, Mark Berg, Wenda Sudduth, Art Bell, Larry  
Gentry, Sharon Cherrette, Vernon Willet, David Squires, Marilyn Sutherland

Bobby Dunno motioned to adopt the minutes from the 2014 Meeting as they stand. Don Ridl  
seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Marilyn Sutherland reported that there was \$3,416.95 in the account. \$1000.00 went the Legacy  
Fund. \$155 went to pay for the new website.

Don Ridl motioned to accept the treasury report as it stands. This motion was seconded by Art  
Bell. The motion passed.

Old Business

Legacy Fund Raising... chapters that can need to focus on doing fundraising for the Fund.

Welcome New Chapters at Post 1 and Post 16! At this point a friendly reminder to get Chapter  
information and dues taken care of in a timely manner was interjected.

John Moffitt is not saying too much anymore since we decided not to fund his vacation to Alaska,  
but he is still a good source of information for those chapters that wish to benefit from his advice.

New Business

Mark Berg took a moment to express how grateful he was to have a chapter in Anchorage and how  
enthusiastic he is to be a Chapter Director and Legion Rider.

ELECTIONS

Much discussion and cajoling went into deciding who would best fill each office.

Director

Mark Berg accepted the position of ALRA Director, with Bobby Dunno providing support as the  
Assistant Director.

Bob Myles agreed to carry on in the position of Chaplain. Diana Estrada agreed to take over as  
Secretary. When the question of the Treasurer came up, Jim Petito motioned that the positions of  
Secretary and Treasurer be combined for the next year. Mark Berg seconded this motion. With

brief further discussion the motion passed. Diana Estrada motioned that Loren Estrada Sr. be named Sergeant at Arms and accepted in his place. Bobby Dunno then motioned that Lisa Williamson carry on as Webmaster. Diana Estrada seconded this motion. Lisa stated that she was willing to continue on but her schedule was potentially going to be more and more unavailable for extracurricular activity so someone was going to have to learn her position over the next year. After no further discussion the motion passed. Attention then turned to the matter of who would be Historian. Lisa Williamson nominated and motioned that Clare Sullivan take the office of Historian. Don Ridl seconded and the motion passed.

The Slate of Officers is as follows:

Director- Mark Berg

Assistant Director- Bobby Dunno

Treasurer/Secretary- Diana Estrada

Sergeant at Arms: Loren Estrada Sr.

Webmaster: Lisa Williamson

Historian: Clare Sullivan

Bobby Dunno motioned to accept the slate of officers as it stood. Mark Berg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### ROMP 2015

The issue of the ROMP dates was brought up and discussion followed. As many know the ROMP is always held on the Flag Day weekend. It was mentioned that the hosting chapter should be able to set the dates as they are the ones planning and putting the effort into it. As Chapter 35 already had planned for Flag Day weekend this year, Jim Petito motioned that the 2015 ROMP held by Chapter 35 occur on June 12-14, 2015. This motion was seconded by Mark Berg. After brief further discussion the motion passed.

At this point Diana Estrada stated that she needs email addresses for all the chapters so registration for the 2015 ROMP could begin. Mark Berg also stated that sometimes he has difficulty getting ahold of people in other chapters. The website was referenced as a resource for these problems.

Lisa Williamson then reported that the website is now responsive (which means that it will translate to a mobile site when accessed on a smart phone or tablet).

At this point further patting on the backs of the new chapters resumed. Mark Berg then reported that Post 1 will be donating \$1500 to the Legacy Fund. Chapter 20 also stated they would be donating \$700. Chapter 30 is selling raffle tickets and hopes to bring in \$1000 for the Fund. Chapter 16 stated that they would be donating \$3000. Bobby Dunno then addressed the presence of 5 beautifully airbrushed helmets, each depicting a different branch of the service (including the Coast Guard). He stated that a silent auction would be held for these helmets to benefit the Legacy Fund. Thanks and kudos were given to Clare Sullivan for making the helmet donation happen and arranging for the artwork to be done. Bobby then challenged all posts to donate at least \$300 to the Legacy Fund. Art Bell stated that Post 1 would donate \$1000. Marilyn Sutherland then made a motion that the ALRA donate \$1000 as well. Mark Berg made this suggestion a motion, and Diana Estrada seconded. The motion passed. On a final note, Legacy Fund donations should be in by August 1, 2015.

Then it was time for the 5 year ALRA By-Law Review.

Bobby Dunno presented two options. Option A simply incorporated the last amendment made into the main body of the by-laws. Option B did the same but also removed Appendix B which made the following statement:

“As of the date of this revision, this is only a proposed display of our back patch. The actual patch is expected to be approved by the Alaska Motorcycle Coalition & Alliance. They have not yet approved the word ALASKA on the lower portion of the patch. Please do not wear any other back patch than the one below until notified in writing from the Association.”

Option B also fixed Section 5 C to update the directive that the annual convention be held the night before Department Convention each year.

Mark Berg made a motion to accept Option B. Bobby Dunno seconded. The motion passed.

The topic of discussion turned to fees for convention. A few people felt it would be beneficial that a small fee be paid by attendees of the ALRA convention, even if they did not intend to stay for the main convention. Mark Berg motioned that a \$5 fee be paid by each person. It was discussed that there are no department fund raisers, so all monies would go to build the department treasury. Lisa Williamson seconded and the motion passed.

It was then reported that the website needed to be updated. Diana Estrada moved that funds for this be taken from the ALRA treasury. Mark Berg seconded and the motion passed.

Lisa Williamson then motioned that the ALRA pay the annual fee to maintain the website. Marilyn Sutherland seconded and the motion passed.

Lisa Williamson then announced that she had a very high potential to be the next National President of the Auxiliary. She requested that the ALRA endorse her for this position. Mark Berg motioned that the ALRA endorse Lisa Williamson for the position of National President of the Auxiliary. Diana Estrada seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Marilyn Sutherland then brought up Lemonade Day and encouraged all chapters that are able lend their support to this event in their area this year.

It was then brought up that Chapter 20 had become an inactive chapter. Bob Myles was concerned that he would have to transfer to another chapter officially in order to maintain eligibility for the office of Chaplain. It was decided that he did not have to take that step. Membership is held internally in each chapter as there is no National database.

Bob Myles motioned to adjourn. Lisa Williamson seconded. The motion passed. After final benediction by Bob Myles the meeting was adjourned.