

AMVETS Post 5, SONS, and RIDERS Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1834 on Wednesday, 01NOV2023, at 75 W. Johnstown Road, Gahanna, OH 43230.

Invocation by Randy Keeran

Pledge of Allegiance led by Don McCauley

Attendance/Physically present:

Commander Don McCauley – present

1st Vice Matt Green - excused

2nd Vice Mike Blubaugh – present

3rd Vice pending

Adjutant Amy Myer - present

Finance Officer pending

Judge Advocate Randy Keeran - present

Provost Marshall pending

Chaplain pending

Son's Commander – Jon James – present

Immediate Past Son's Commander – Chris Watson - present

Riders President – Randy Keeran – present

Riders First Vice – Mike Blubaugh – present

Riders Second Vice – Connie Catlette – excused

Rider SGT of the Arms – Matt Green – excused

Riders Secretary/Communications – Lisa Keeran - present

Virtually present: Richard Leister

Guests: none.

Quorum requirement of 6 has not been met, the meeting proceeded without ability to pass motions.

Motion to accept 04OCT2023 meeting minutes as written by Randy Keeran, Second by Mike Blubaugh, unable to pass motion.

Financial report given by Don McCauley; balance is \$2352.90, \$100 bank held out. **RIDERS balance \$4259.84**

Motion to accept financial report by Randy Keeran, Second by Mike Blubaugh, unable to pass motion.

Officer reports:

1st Vice: 29 members paid to date, 2 members have yet to pay their dues.

2nd Vice: 27OCT2023 dinner \$220/15 dinners sold//folks asked for brisket//suggestion to improve communication of meal choice for AMVETS dinner.

3rd Vice: NSTR.

Judge Advocate: NSTR.

Chaplain: NSTR.

Motion to accept officer reports by Randy Keeran, Second by Mike Blubaugh, cannot pass motion.

Unfinished business: RIDERS didn't contribute hospitality at AMVETS conference, motion by Don McCauley, second by Chris Watson to contribute \$200.

New business: Don discussed not having NOV2023 and DEC2023 AMVETS dinner with, Bill Pederson, Commander of VFW, due to it being Black Friday and Friday before Christmas Eve. Moving forward, the AMVETS Conference will be at Marriott Northwest in Dublin off Paul Blazer Parkway. If we create a long-term lease with the Post, we will be able to contribute via charities for major repairs. Question regarding acquiring a lift to remove the lights from the pine tree out front at the post. Chris Watson is going to check into acquiring a lift. //SONS annual dues will be \$30, we retain \$5//RIDERS dues will not change; \$12 to national, \$2 to department and we retain \$6. 01DEC2023 is the due date for Membership dues. To confirm, RIDERS cannot belong to another post in an elected position. 3 Auction items are still available from this year's RIDERS fund raiser Ride – we would like to attempt to still auction them. Items are 2 Knives and a motorcycle clock. RIDERS chose 08JUN2024 for annual RIDERS fund raiser Ride. Thank you from Chapter 76 for contribution. Heath Annual toy run Sunday at 1100 with kick stands up at 1300//Jugs and Mill Dam will be offering breakfast. Delaware Veterans event at Delaware Fair Grounds 05NOV2023. Pre-events/social will happen at 1200-1430, parade will happen at 1500. Chris Watson will bring pick-up to drive in parade with AMVETS banner. Will pass out beer cozies and ink pens. Lisa suggested Pizza Christmas dinner before/during DEC2023 meeting. Jacksonville, OH VFW caught on fire early this morning. Total damage unknown.

Good and welfare: 18NOV2023 VFW Post Anniversary Dinner here at the Post. If you wish to attend, please see the bartender here at the Post.

Benediction given by Randy Keeran
Respect to the colors led by Amy C. Myer

Motion to adjourn by Don McCauley, second by Lisa Keeran, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 1943.

Meeting minutes provide by Amy Myer, title Adjutant.