

Solon American Legion Riders Stinocher Post 460

11/4/2025 Official November Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 6:05 By President Rick Arnold

Pledge of Allegiance said

Opening Prayer

Chaplain's Prayer said by Scott Rozinek

Past Minutes

October Meeting Minutes Read back by Sarah Drea

October Minutes Approved As Read

Membership Report

42 members with 5 still unpaid

The application for Royce Peterson was located. His membership application was approved by our riders group.

Road Captain Report

None

Old Business

Tim Moore was asked about details for the final fall ride. Pending with weather and may be postponed. Vern is back with us and here at the meeting.

New Business

SAL By-Laws: Dan Helle, Ellen Hemphill and Shelly Storck drafted a set of By-Laws for the Chapter. They used existing By-Laws from other American Legion's Rider Chapters as guidance, as well as the Iowa Legion Rider's templated example. Dan went through some of the high points of how our By-Laws will read. Some of the notable items that were discussed are below:

Chapter Officer Elections: Nominations will be at November Meeting and elected at the December Meeting. Elected Officers would then take office in January of the next calendar year. This was agreed upon by the members present.

Order of Precedence: In the event the President and Vice President are not available for conducting our meeting, the Sergeant-At-Arms will preside.

Motions: There was clarification that the President will accept motions from the members. He may make suggestions on possible motions, but a member of the riders will present the motion. The President may clarify the motion before additional discussion and vote to approve is done.

Chapter Executive Board Members: There was discussion if the Riders wanted to establish the Historian or Public Relations Officer positions. These are not elected roles. There was no resolution to this item. The roles will remain in the By-Laws, but are currently not occupied.

Executive Committee Voting: Discussion was held that if an elected rider holds 2 elected officer positions at one time they only get one vote for items that we are voting on.

Consent Agenda: Discussion was held about the purpose and intent of a consent agenda in meetings as it is defined by the Roberts' Rules will be made at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting Structure and Process: There was also discussion as to how our future meetings should operate at a more formal level. The meeting structure will follow Iowa ALR guidance and Roberts' Rules of Order.

Membership requirements: A rider member needs to have a minimum 500 CC bike to be a member. This was discussed and approved.

Legacy Member: will be approved after 15 years of continuous membership and had to be on the charter group founded in 2006. This was discussed and approved.

Lifetime Member: will be granted to a rider member after 15 years if a rider has to give up bike ownership for health reasons, age or physical consideration can be nominated for this membership.

Passenger Member: They can wear the Legion Rider patch but do not get to vote at meetings. Their dues are also less than a rider.

Honorary Member: They don't have a bike but want to help with the group and steps up and helps the riders with events. They do not get a vote. They will be at a nomination basis and then voted in.

Dues: \$15 for a rider \$5 for a passenger member.

Apparel: Question was presented, "Do we want to make it for members to wear Riders apparel at standing monthly meetings?" The consensus was a no, but all agreed for special events, and annual poker ride that it would be required.

Scott Storck made a motion to approve the bylaws as written now with the amendments we discussed. Bob Seconded it. It was approved.

A motion was made to up our Food Pantry donation to the Solon Food Pantry from \$250 to \$500. It was approved to do this for our November donation.

Nomination for officers for 2026 were made. Scott Storck nominated all current Executive Committee Members for consideration in 2026. Additionally, Ben Bennett was nominated for Sergeant-At-Arms and Scott Rozinek was nominated to be the Treasurer for the 2026 Calendar year. Elections will be held at the December meeting for all officer positions.

Upcoming Events

none

Closing Prayer

Said by Scott Rozinek

Meeting adjourned

By President Rick Arnold 7:00