

4th Annual ALRA Convention

June 25-27 at Ninilchik Post 18

June 25, 2010 0900 Bob Chapter 18 opening with pledge of allegiance, prayer by Secretary David C

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chapter Roll Call

Chapter 20 = 4

Chapter 30 = 4 1 tardy

Chapter 5 = 7 2 tardy

Chapter 17 = 1

Chapter 18 = 6

TOTAL = 22

Vicky K welcomes and start of business session. Linda Schmidt Ladies Auxiliary West District President visiting to see how we conduct our meetings and find out more about ALRA, possibly help with membership growth in both the Auxiliary and ALR.

1. Minutes. read MOTION to accept – Darrell W 2nd – Don R PASSED UNANAMOUS
2. Tardy fee for Chapter 30 & 5 when they arrive for ALRA \$5.00 each X3
3. Thank you Post 18 for hosting, good job on preparations. Congratulations on the convention brochure and good job on Thursday evening and Friday breakfast
4. List of new chapter officers needed today for the secretary
5. TKU Chapter 17 for Teddy's bike and taking him to the hospital.
6. Recognition of members that have attended all conventions to date; Dave C, Russ K, Richard S, Don S, Marilyn S, Linda A
7. Chapter Directors be sure and keep open communications with Posts, also may want to discuss legal, liability, and expectations. Good business to let Post know what you are doing. Apprise Post of your finances as a courtesy, (you are in control of your \$\$\$).
8. Vicky K passed out 5 Rules of Corporations to each Chapter came from National.
9. Don R discussed Memorial Day ride
10. Possible new chapters coming, Chugiak Post 33 (Peters Creek) older group in their 60's
Anchorage Post 28 challenged to have an ALR
Anchorage Post 1 Jim Grant
Wasilla Post 35 Don Garrett
11. .Better communication and sharing has enhanced our riding experience, a very good year
12. ALRA articles in the Legionnaire, and interviews published

13. Thanks to my past officers,

20 minute break

Sickness and Distress

Larry of Chapter 5

Dave Hobson of Chapter 17 had a stroke.

Treasurers Report	balance	4/30/2008	\$1,912.24
	FY ending balance	6/30/2009	\$2,236.84
		5/28/2010	\$2,698.08

Motion to accept Rob P 18 Ken B 20 UNANAMOUS

Gaming Permit on hold for further discussion.

FINE for phone Ken B \$5.00

FINE tardy Tom C \$5.00

FINE language Don R \$5.00 x3

FINE language Bill B \$5.00

No representative present @ Dept. Convention as there was no scheduled time for ALRA. ALRA State officer as elected for 2009 were approved by the American Legion State Department of Alaska at the 2010 Department Convention and will continue through 2010 year. We will elect officers at this ALRA Convention for installation at the 2011 Convention at Kodiak where the 2012 officers will be elected.

Officers for 2010

Director	Vicky K	Motion - Don R,	2nd Marilyn	ACCEPTED
	Motion to close nomination by	Don S, 2 nd Lisa		
Asst. Director	Russ K	Motion - Marilyn S	2 nd Don R	ACCEPTED
	Motion to close nomination by	Don S, 2 nd Lisa		
Secretary	Dave Caswell	Motion - Marilyn S,	2 nd Linda	ACCEPTED
	Motion to close nomination by	Don S, 2 nd Lisa		
Treasurer	Dave Caswell	Motion - Lisa W,	2 nd Linda	ACCEPTED
	Motion to close nomination by	Don S, 2 nd Lisa		
Run Coordinator	Marilynn S	Motion – Linda,	2 nd Larry	ACCEPTED
	Motion to close nomination by	Larry, 2 nd Lisa		

Larry named by Marilyn as her Sgt at Arms/Asst. Road Captain

Asst. MAA	Jack H	Motion - Richard S,	2nd Larry	ACCEPTED
	Motion to close nomination by	Larry, 2 nd Lisa		
Chaplain	Richard S	Motion - Don R,	2 nd Darrell	DECLINED
	Don R	Motion – Linda,	2 nd Lisa	ACCEPTED
	Motion to close nomination by	Darrell, 2 nd Lisa		
Historian	Jay	Motion – Linda, 2 nd Marilyn		NOT PRESENT
	Motion to close nomination by	Darrell, 2 nd Lisa		
*Membership	to be appointed	Lisa		
*Webmaster	Barb C	Motion – Lisa, 2 nd Don S		ACCEPTED
	Motion to close nomination by	Darrell, 2 nd Lisa		

Dave C Motion to accept nominated officers by acclamation, 2nd Lisa PASSED w/1 opposed

Adjourned for lunch and 1st set of bike games

Reconvened 1500 Friday 6/25/2010

FINE hats during lunch Larry, Ken B, Don S \$5.00 each

Chapter 20 representatives did not return to business session

Changes to ALRA By-Laws are recommendations from Department. Primarily regarding financials and reporting requirements. Must have an additional signer on all checks, and must be from Department. Preferably the Department Finance Officer as there is no ALRA representative at the Department level. They basically want ALRA to operate the same as SAL. Also at our annual meetings in June we will be electing officers for the next year not the current year. As there is a requirement for the Department to approve our officers and they meet in April and we meet in June.

Marilynn S brought up a scholarship idea that when we reach \$5,000.00 we consider establishing a fund based on a percentage. If we get a Gaming permit then we can consider this idea. The checking account will create a restricted account for scholarship funds. Richard reminded us that we must be recognized by Department prior to obtaining a Gaming permit. David C recommended a restricted fund within the checking account with its on line item in the Chart of Accounts.

We currently are not recognized by Department of Alaska until our By-Laws are changed and accepted. Dave C gave a brief history of the By-Laws; May 2005 ALRA was formed under direction of the Department of Alaska with Lloyd Little being named Director. 2006 (emails can confirm) correspondence with Dean Hill regarding our By-Laws. As the Department Judge Advocate Dean Hill signed off on the submitted By-Laws. Since 2006 there has been at least (3) three revisions where amendments were added/deleted. These amended By-Laws have never been submitted for Department approval. So this past year it has been determined that we cannot be recognized until we comply with the Department recommendations as identified below.

II: Officers of the Association or Chapter D. Executive Committee: 3. the reference to Article V: Section A.. ADDED

III: Elections

- A.** The election of Association Officers will be held annually prior to the convening of The American Legion, Department of Alaska Convention. The elected slate of officers will be presented to the Department Commander for approval. Once approved, the slate will be presented by the Department Commander to the convention for general membership approval to be installed at the following ALRA Convention. REPLACED old subsection A
- B.** The election of Chapter Officers will be held annually subsequent to February 1st but not later than March 31st. Chapters will offer their slate of officers for approval by the Post Commander and general membership. A annual certification of Chapter Officers will be forwarded to the Association Secretary to arrive not later than April 15th. REPLACED old subsection B
- C.** Vacancies in Executive Committees at the Association or Chapter levels, when existing, shall be filled by appointment by the appropriate Director and forwarded through proper channels for Department or Post approval. Appointees will serve for the remainder of the unfilled term. REPLACED old subsection C

IV: Duties of Association and Chapter Officers D. Treasurer; 1. The Treasurer will provide monthly financial statements to The American Legion, Department of Alaska, Finance Officer. He/she will also provide the Finance Officer additional financial information and records in a timely manner after a request is received. Annual Financial Reports due June 30th.

2. The Treasurer will ensure all accounts, CD's, or other business related asset accounts containing Association funds require two signatures on the "Check Request" prior to any withdrawals or transfers, one of which must be The American Legion, Department of Alaska, Finance Officer. ADDED

IV: Duties of Association and Chapter Officers G. the words appropriate level ADDED

V: Meetings A. the words Executive Committee and the words during the Spring Department Executive Committee meeting and the day prior to the Association Annual Meeting and the words which has been selected to host the Association Annual Meeting. ADDED

VI: Finances C. In no case will any debt be incurred by the Association without prior approval of The American Legion, Department of Alaska, Commander.

D. In no case will any debt be incurred by any Chapter without prior approval of the sponsoring Post. ADDED

VIII: Life Charter, Charter, Life, or Member Membership A. 1. Life Charter membership is defined as individuals whose names appear on the Charter and which have paid a designated lump sum fee at joining, and joined within a specific time period as prescribed by their chapter. ADDED

2. Charter membership is defined as individuals whose names appear on the Charter and which have joined within a specific time period as prescribed by their chapter. ADDED
3. Life membership is defined as individuals which have paid a designated lump sum fee at joining, as designated by their chapter. ADDED
4. Member is defined as an individual which joined after the charter period and pays annual dues as prescribed by their chapter. ADDED
5. Supporter is defined as an individual who does not meet the Membership requirements, yet has a desire to assist with the successful aims of the chapter, without a vote ADDED

XI: Governing Rules A. 2nd line the word Chapter's ADDED

XI: Governing Rules B. 3rd line the words of Alaska ADDED

XII: Disbursement of Funds B. the words the authorized representative of ADDED

XIV: By Law Amendments and Revision: A. to the last sentence Once an amendment is approved, it does not take effect until approved by the proper authorities at the Department or Post level. ADDED

DISCUSSION: Elected Officers for following year to be provided to Department for approval at Department Convention and installation in next ALRA Convention. Example below designates;
 officers elect @ ALRA convention 2010 – approved @ Dept convention 2011 - installed @ ALRA convention 2011
 officers elect @ ALRA convention 2011 – approved @ Dept convention 2012 –installed @ ALRA convention 2012

Fine: Tardy - Tom C \$5.00

Fine: language – John H \$5.00, Don R \$5.00 x 3

Vicky K suggested that we could consider not having a Treasurer and a zero account balance, and then we would not have to be concerned about financial reports and signatures. That comradere be our main goal and to ride. Do we need to continue with an Association or just have chapters that get together occasionally? Executive Committee and Officers should meet more than once a year, but geographically not feasible. Nothing decided.

The state of Florida does not have an ALR state association, only chapters. There are states that do not care about motorcycle clubs and there patch requirements against rockers, etc. ALRA agrees by Vicki K recommended that National take on responsibility to resolve the Alaska patch issue. Currently there is no unified national consensus regarding patches. Legion Riders has outgrown National expectations and experiencing growing pains also. We should all read “Motorcycle Club Protocol” as is presented on the national web site. It took us 3 years to be recognized by the Alaska Motorcycle Coalition and authorized to wear the Alliance Patch. The Alliance Patch is for wear by non-members of the Alaska Motorcycle Coalition.

Fine: language – Bill B \$5.00

Received proposed By-Law change from Linda A, TABLED. Proposed Change is for Article IX: C., D., E. 2. Patch discussion regarding our By-Laws, back patch and coalition patch. Introduction was inappropriate for this convention but will be presented for a motion, 2nd, discussion and vote at 2011 convention @ Kodiak.

Jeannie has volunteered to be the Designated Driver from AL Post 18 to home for the weekend.

Break for lunch, ride to Kenai and Bike Games. Reconvene @ 1500

Reconvened Friday 6/25/2010 PM

Chapter 20 did not return to business meeting.

To accept By-Laws Article III. A. change by – Motion Darrell W 2nd – Don S PASSED

Motion to adopt by laws as approved by Department of Alaska
- Darrell 2nd – Rob P PASSED, 1 opposed

By-Laws will be posted on TEMPLATES page of web site.

Vicki K requested Chapter Officers for 2010-2011 information be provided to secretary.

Chapter reports from Directors or Representative, Membership reports

Chapter 30 with 16 members /Russ K/ good Post relationship, flag etiquette, 7/28/10 Blood Drive/Fund Raiser at Harley Shop sponsored by ALR, with BBQ for Fairbanks Blood bank raised \$1,600.00, AL Post 30 Commander to facilitate membership drive, ALR remote on radio, CMA sponsored a similar event several years ago, bag fill contest won by a girl, disappointed that news media did not take the opportunity to cover the POW/MIA ride, with 42 bikes Heritage Park at Eielson with static displayed planes and all 50 state flags are displayed Vicki gave each flag attendant a POW/MIA pin and shook their hands the Vietnam Vets attended also.

Chapter 5 with 16 members and 2 prospective / Richard/ good Post relationship went to Beyers Lake met with Don R Post 18 (at Y) lone representative stayed at BnB, really good time and nice riding, combat fishing for active duty military (271) personnel from Elmendorf then fed them, ALR was primary providers, this was second year of ALR participation, some chapter members were involved with the Polar Bear Jump, bike blessing, assisting local Fire Department in state convention activities.

Chapter 17 with 9 members / / good Post relationship, Memorial Day rode in local parade, 4th of July sponsored a family hotdog & hamburger feast, handed out stick American Flags. Looking into ferry schedule for coordination of convention dates in 2011, will try to make a price deal.

Vicki K congratulated Post 18 for good quality and fun games.

Chapter 18 with 14 members / / good Post relationship, worked with Post Auxiliary and SASL for local scholarship fund raising and presentation, working with Vietnam Vets and their families where aide and

assistance is needed, sharing Monday night Taco feed with SAL, Spin the Wheel fund raiser, also sharing office space with SAL, all entities are working together and building stronger relations.

Chapter 20 with 11 members, 9 active / David C/ good Post relationship, Cherry Run for Summer Solstice to Moose Pass in its 4th year, new officers elected and meetings being held, at Quiana on 4th of July for joint activity with ABATE.

Discussion of ride formation and safety. Staggered formation except for curves we should single file.

Land of the Free Because of the Brave tee shirts for sale by ALRP 30

Nomination of Officers for 2011

Director	Vicky K	Motion - Don R, Motion to close nomination by	2nd Marilyn S Don S, 2 nd Richard S	ACCEPTED
Asst Director	Russ K	Motion - Marilyn S	2 nd Linda A	ACCEPTED 3 rd Call CLOSED
Treasurer	Dave C Marilyn S	Motion – Marilyn S, Motion -- David C	2 nd Linda A	DECLINED ACCEPTED 3 rd Call CLOSED
Secretary	Dave C	Motion – Linda A,	2 nd Rob P	ACCEPTED 3 rd Call CLOSED
Run Coordinator	Don R	Motion – Marilyn S	2 nd Linda A	ACCEPTED 3 rd Call CLOSED
Asst. MAA	Rob P	Motion - Marilyn S,	2nd John G	ACCEPTED 3 rd Call CLOSED
Chaplain	Jim D	Motion – Rob P,	2 nd Don R	ACCEPTED 3 rd Call CLOSED
Historian	Jack H	Motion – Don R,	2 nd Jim D	ACCEPTED 3 rd Call CLOSED
*Membership	Lisa W			Appointed
*Webmaster	Barb C	Motion – David C		ACCEPTED Appointed
To accept nominees by Acclamation		Motion -- David C	2 nd Linda A	PASSED

Discussion about ALR P35 filling a position and hosting a convention. Due to lack of attendance and participation with ALRA they are not eligible for a position and cannot host until 2012.

Conventions; 2011 Kodiak Post 17

2012 Wasilla Post 35 tentative

pending institution of new chapters. If

none of the above occurs then back to Post 20 in 2012. Do we have to have a convention at a Post?

Beyers Lake might be a convenient location for future conventions. About equal travel distance for everyone (except Kodiak). The owners are amenable to providing the location with Chapters rotating the hosting responsibilities or dividing hosting responsibilities between all attending Chapters. There is lodging or RV spaces to accommodate attendees. Bring thoughts to the 2011 Convention. We don't want to forget that our conventions give our Posts a shot in the arm by our attendance.

Honor and Remember presentation by David C. with adoption by resolution.

Business Session adjourned for the day, reconvene Sat. 6/26/2010

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Saturday June 26, 2010 0900 Bob Chapter 18 opening with pledge of allegiance, Chaplain's prayer

\$60.00 in fines from 6/25/2010 assessed and paid

Chapter Roll Call

Chapter 20 = 5

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TOTAL = 23

David C has a proposed resolution to be submitted for consideration. Honor and Remember resolution of adoption (Resolution 2010-001) Motion Marilyn S, 2nd David S PASSED unanimously

Vicky K suggest that the Honor and Remember of Alaska could be a goal of the association, with financial support to be provided as the association determines, maybe doing rides or fundraising in support of this campaign of providing personalized flags to Gold Star Families, etc.

Jay C is going outside and wants to take Teddy on a road trip.

Vicky K complimented the Games we participated in yesterday. Requesting Chapter input for Legionnaire Newsletter. Thanks to Linda Schmidt for returning to be with us. Executive Committee to continue liaison with Department regarding By-Laws, future conventions, etc. With information

regarding Cherry Run and Beyers Lake she will see if Mike Rowe of the Discovery Channel would be interested in attending either one.

Lisa W brought up "Ride to Recovery", therapeutic activity for injured warriors. Might be a good activity to escort with our bikes.

Vicky K spoke to Legacy Fund donations info; \$35.00 gets you a patch.

Ken B more bike games today. Winnie bite, ring toss, rodeo.

Ride to Homer for lunch after the Bike Games.

Marilynn S thanks to Post 18 Ninilchik for a great convention.

Communication from Alicia Estrada; 6/23/2010

To Whom it may concern

I am writing on behalf of ALR Chapter 35 Wasilla, AK

Unfortunately we were not able to send representation down to this years' convention due to our out of town employees work schedules. We would like to let it be known that we have collectively decided that we would be honored to hold our position in hosting the ALRA convention in what I believe to be 2012. Please get back to either myself or our Director Chris Estrada to inform us of the decision you have made in regards to this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration. Once again we would like to apologize for not being able to send representation.

Alicia

Motion to accept Darrel W 2nd ?? Concerns expressed about never having participated in a convention. Attendance at Kodiak will determine their final approval to host. PASSED

Tardy fine for Richard and Linda \$10.00 paid

POW/MIA Remembrance Service

2009 – 2010 Deceased Members Roll Call by Chapter,

20 =	NONE	30 =	NONE	5 =	Bobby Marshall
18 =	NONE	17 =	NONE		

Marilynn S reminds us that Teddy needs to build miles on ice cream or coffee runs. Any other ideas for fun are encouraged. Bring your stories, and share. Bring local crazy shirt, etc. for gag gifts @ 2011.

Darrel W is ice cream run winner with 760 miles.

Sgt Arms \$5.00 donation with \$5.00 from everyone else that was late.

Bike Games Awards: == 1st Place w/8 points Vicky K 2nd Place tied w/ 6 points, decided with
a coin flip Linda A 3rd Place Don S Bug Target, no bugs, winner
determined by ticket drawing John G Poker Run winner Richard S w/3 Jacks, Don R
tried to fake a 3 King hand and was caught RED HANDED

\$115.00 fines assessed and collected during convention

Motion to Adjourn Linda A 2nd Larry PASSED

Convention Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION Sunday June 27, 2011

Motion for ALRA to support Jimmie Foster for National Commander from September 2, 2010 t end of
term, Lisa W 2nd Rob P PASSED

Events for Chapters to consider Million Mile Monday; Ride to Work Day; Legacy Run donations.

EC Adjourned