

5th Annual ALRA Convention June 17-18, 2011 at Kodiak Post 17

June 18, 2011 0900 Jack H. Chapter 17 opening with pledge of allegiance, prayer by Chaplain Jack M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of Chapter Officers

Introduction of State Officers

Introduction of visiting Department of Alaska Service Officer Jim P.

Brief comments of schedule for convention. Turn meeting over to State Director Vicki K.
Welcome to all attendees, wx for trip was good even if it a little foggy today. Very nice welcome Thursday evening and the steaks were awesome, thanks Moe. Introduced Moe as the 2011 State Legionnaire.

Moe welcome to all and filling in for Commander who is unavailable due to work commitments, if I can do anything for you just ask.

Vicki K asked Moe to perform the POW/MIA ceremony.

Secretary is absent so please identify yourselves when you motion or second. Good brochure and printed program. Request for Chapter Officer list to be completed and submitted with count of current members.

Roll Call of Association Officers

Director	Vicki K	present
Asst Director	Russ K	present
Secretary/Treasurer	David C	absent with cause
Run Coordinator	Marilyn S	present
Asst MAA	Jack H	present
Chaplain	Don R	present
Historian	Jay	absent
Membership	Lisa	
Webmaster	Barb C	absent with cause

Chapter Roll Call

Chapter 20	= 0	
Chapter 30	= 3	Eric A
Chapter 5	= 4	David S
Chapter 35	= 4	Chris E
Chapter 17	= 6	Gerry P
Chapter 18	= 4	RICK P
TOTAL	= 21	

1. Vicki K asked for Minutes to be read by Russ K *MOTION to accept minutes – Don S*
2nd – ___? **Discussion** Jim S. Chapter 30 would like to have first and last
names in the minutes *MOTION to accept with corrections – ___?* *2nd – Jim S.*
PASSED UNANAMOUS
2. Vicki Kosman thanks to past officers for doing good jobs. Requested letters of intent to hold
office should be submitted.
3. Recognition for those who have attended all conventions to date.
4. We will have chapter reports and I would like each of you to start thinking about officer for
2012-2013. Historian is not present does anybody know anything about Teddy's adventures this past
year? (Marilyn Monroe) from 2010 convention for about a month Teddy was in care of Chapter 17
visited Jay for a trip outside correspondence dated 8/5/2010 "Hi Jay happy riding with Teddy, Rob has
not taken him to Prudhoe but can do that after taking him with you. All is well here if you like rain. Not
much riding here with us, we are jealous. Have a great one, and God bless. Rob and Darla" Teddy was
mailed to Jays' sisters address. Teddy was found hibernating on a table in Jays' house. His bike needs
repairs because of a heavy foot. Travels include Mexico/ Baja, CA/ Hawaii and National Convention in
Las Vegas. For those who don't understand, Teddy was developed to keep us going in the winter. Never
been to the slope. He is for fun and get pictures taken for his scrap book. He very much likes ice cream
and has been to Beyers Lake 4 times. He is fun to have around. Kodiak had him for a while and was sick
upon arrival and was taken to hospital for a penicillin shot after partying at the bar. Don Southerland
also took Teddy for a ride through BC and Yukon Territories enroute to Seward about a year ago, after
getting Dons' bike and side car in Washington. There is photo of him at US/Canadian border. While in
Kodiak he flew a plane and helicopter. Teddy had good form while riding around Dead Man's Curve.
Teddy began at the 2nd Annual Convention @ North Pole. We should also be tracking his miles traveled.
5. A fine should be assessed against Jay Cole to be collected at the 2011 National Convention.
Darla Peterson MOTIONS for a \$25.00 fine, 2nd by ___? The hosting post for 2012 needs to insure
Teddy's attendance at Convention. National or Legacy Run?? from Post 35 will take Teddy to National.
Rolling Thunder. Baja in winter. Darla Peterson asked Moe to get Teddy to Ninilchik to go with Rob to
Prudhoe will then give him to next, Moe, Darla, Rob before Christmas at Chapter 30 for Santa's House,
Post 5 for Polar Bear Jump in January, in April Marilyn to send back to Kodiak. Then back to Darla at
Ninilchik for August, September, October. Back to Kodiak, May and June for Memorial Day and Crabfest.
6. Facebook is password protected. To add photos create own page for Teddy contact Marilyn S.
7. Run Coordinator reports, Ice Cream Run and Ride to Beyers Lake(Memorial Day)
8. Chaplin news, none to report at this time.
9. Asst Director News communicating regularly with the Director
10. Director thanks Don Ridl for his contribution to "Legionnaire" and, this past Memorial Day ride
to Beyers Lake was my first and regrets not having done it before.

Sickness and Distress

Chapter 30

Chapter 5 inaudible

Chapter 35 inaudible, Chris Estrada

Chapter 17 yes, Gary had a stroke, speech affected on a ride in California

Chapter 18 Director resigned due to a stroke and loss of short term memory

Don Ridl offered a short prayer for those afflicted

Legionnaire articles have been fun with help from all post they can be better, believe it or not people are reading them. We are the 10% group of the American Legion family and has been means of membership growth for all programs.

August 2011 Director Vicki

September 2011

October 2011

November 2011

December 2011

January 2012

February 2012

March 2012

April 2012

May 2012

June 2012

July 2012

Post Level news

Be sure to have your private vehicle insurance up to date. Sargent at Arms or Run Coordinator must insure that each individual has a current valid driver's license with proper endorsements.

Department Level news:

1. ALRA By-Laws have been approved, incoming 2011-2012 officers approved for installation.
2. Honor and Remember flag has been purchased by the ALRA as we have adopted it as our symbol recognizing those that have died in the line of duty. Banner to be used at our conventions in the future.
3. 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 2010-2011 year. We will elect officers at this ALRA Convention for installation at the 2011-2012 Convention at Kodiak where the 2012-2013 officers will be elected.
4. Each Chapter may want to have a cousin for Teddy to visit with.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pros and Cons of an association.

PRO Unity, continuity between chapters, common goals, communication with motor cycle groups in the state.

CON Trying to have more than one officer meeting a year because of wide spread locations, can't ride to all meetings, department financial officer must be on account (regardless of not being a rider), riders that don't attend annual meeting feel that decisions are being made unfairly, travel and lodging expenses, each chapter would not be uniform.

If we do continue as we are presently organized, the department financial officer is a signer on our account. If we don't want to have \$\$ in the association the department signer would not be required. If we decide not to have an association each chapter would then be responsible to its Post only. We could still have annual get-togethers and could collectively

donate to charities. But, most importantly chapters should be upholding safety rules within their ranks.

2. By Law proposed change by Linda Amber would not be required if we dissolve. Concerns of the patch, there are states that prohibit rockers with the back patch. What is the process of rocker prohibition? Probably came through the departments. No national representation is a problem at present. National uniformity is a work in progress. Several spoke to the issue, for and against. *Richard Smith Chapter 5.motion to accept proposed by-law for a vote at this convention, Jim Scott Chapter 30, 2nd. Question; PASSED*
3. State Association to continue as described in By Laws.
For the record Jack __ Post 17 _____?
4. It had been brought up at 2010 convention that Chapter 35 must attend 2011 convention to be able to host 2012 convention. They are represented at this convention and shall therefore be awarded the hosting of the 2012 convention. Convention dates be established and provided by January 1, 2012. 2nd or 3rd weekend of June preferred, try not to conflict with HOG Rally. Chapter 35 accepts hosting responsibilities. 2013 probably at Post 30 North Pole.
5. Jim Pisa spoke and was grateful to be invited to this convention and wants to be more involved. Volunteered to be a point of contact to improve communications. Keep articles coming for Legionnaire, keep your post advised of local activities. National Commander Jimmie Foster is supportive of Riders. Over the past 5 years Riders have been riding to National Convention and have raised more than 2.5 million dollars for the Legacy Fund, \$650,000.00 in 2010. Would like to see a representative from Alaska to be present during check presentations to National in the future. Liaison between Department and Riders, Don Ridl.
6. Don Ridl thanked Jim for his input and support.
7. Jim _____? Post 35 questions regarding Legacy donation process.

Treasurers Report	balance	5/28/2010	\$2,698.80
		5/29/2011	\$3,172.80

Marilyn Sutherland motions to donate \$500.00 to Legacy Fund, Don Sutherland Chapter 5, 2nd

Discussion, Vicki Kosman mentioned that David C. has been donating for association bills in the past but doesn't know if he will continue to. *Question; PASSED unanimously*

Other Chapters with donations to Legacy Fund pay to ALRAAlaska to be totaled and included with other

\$\$\$. Donations to Legacy Fund send to Treasurer at: Marilyn Sutherland
PO Box 491
Seward, AK 99664

BREAK

2012 – 2013 NOMINATIONS of OFFICERS

Director	Motion	2nd	Accept/Decline
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1.1 st Don Ridl	Richard Smith	Marilyn Sutherland	ACCEPTED
1.2 nd none			
1.3 rd none			
2.1 Don Ridl	Richard Smith	Marilyn Sutherland	ACCEPTED
2.2 none			
2.3 none			
3.1 Don Ridl	Richard Smith	Marilyn Sutherland	ACCEPTED
3.2 none			
3.3 none			
Asst. Director	Motion	2nd	Accept/Decline
1.1 st Richard Smith	Don Ridl	Jim Dress	ACCEPTED
1.2 nd none			
1.3 rd none			
2.1 st Richard Smith	Don Ridl	Jim Dress	ACCEPTED
2.2 nd none			
2.3 rd none			
3.1 st Richard Smith	Don Ridl	Jim Dress	ACCEPTED
3.2 nd none			
3.3 rd none			
Secretary	Motion	2nd	Accept/Decline
1.1 st Dave C.	Vicki Kosman,		ACCEPTED
1.2 nd Marilyn Sutherland	Don Ridl		Decline
1.3 rd none			
2.1 st Dave C.	Vicki Kosman,		ACCEPTED
2.2 nd Darla Peterson	female?	Richard Smith	ACCEPTED
2.3 rd none			
3.1 st Dave C.	Vicki Kosman,		ACCEPTED
3.2 nd Darla Peterson	female?	Richard Smith	ACCEPTED
3.3 rd none			
Treasurer	Motion	2nd	Accept/Decline
1.1 st Marilyn Sutherland	female?	male?	ACCEPTED
1.2 nd none			
1.3 rd none			
2.1 st Marilyn Sutherland	female?	male?	ACCEPTED
2.2 nd none			
2.3 rd none			
3.1 st Marilyn Sutherland	female?	male?	ACCEPTED
3.2 nd none			
3.3 rd none			
Run Coordinator	Motion	2nd	Accept/Decline
1.1 st Scotty	_____?	_____?	Declined
1.2 nd Linda Amber	Don Ridl	_____?	ACCEPTED

1.3 rd none			
2.1 st Linda Amber	Don Ridl	_____?	ACCEPTED
2.2 nd none			
2.3 rd none			
3.1 st Linda Amber	Don Ridl	_____?	ACCEPTED
3.2 nd none			
3.3 rd none			
Asst. MAA	Motion	2nd	Accept/Decline
1.1 st Jack Naker	_____?	_____?	ACCEPTED
1.2 nd none			
1.3 rd none			
2.1 st Jack Naker	_____?	_____?	ACCEPTED
2.2 nd none			
2.3 rd none			
3.1 st Jack Naker	_____?	_____?	ACCEPTED
3.2 nd none			
3.3 rd none			
Chaplain	Motion	2nd	Accept/Decline
1.1 st James?	male?	_____?	DECLINED
1.2 nd Vicki Kosman	Marilyn Sutherland	Don Sutherland	ACCEPTED
1.3 rd none			
2.1 st Vicki Kosman	Marilyn Sutherland	Don Sutherland	ACCEPTED
2.2 nd none			
2.3 rd none			
3.1 st Vicki Kosman	Marilyn Sutherland	Don Sutherland	ACCEPTED
3.2 none			
3.3 none			
Historian	Motion	2nd	Accept/Decline
1.1 st Mike Allen	_____?	_____?	ACCEPTED
1.2 nd none			
1.3 rd none			
2.1 st Mike Allen	_____?	_____?	ACCEPTED
2.2 nd none			
2.3 rd none			
3.1 st Mike Allen	_____?	_____?	ACCEPTED
3.2 nd none			
3.3 rd none			
<i>Close nominations</i>	<i>Don Sutherland</i>	<i>Jim Scott</i>	

10 minute recess for a Caucus.

Chapter Ballot for Secretary Position;

Chapter 17 Darla
Chapter 18 Darla
Chapter 35 Darla
Chapter 30 Darla
Chapter 5 Darla

Jim Dress Motion to accept by Acclimation 1 ballot for all candidates, Don Ridl 2nd, PASSED
Installation of Officers for 2011 - 2012

2012 – 2013 Officers	Director	Don Ridl
	Asst. Director	Richard Smith
	Secretary	Darla Peterson
	Treasurer	Marilyn Sutherland
	Run Coordinator	Linda Amber
	Asst. MAA	Jack Maker
	Chaplain	Vicki Kosman
	Historian	Mike Allen
	*Membership to be appointed	_____?
	*Webmaster to be appointed	David C

Jim Pisa, a National Committeeman and Department Service Officer
(j.e.pisa@hotmail.com) to preform Installation of Officers.

Discussion of lunch ride and safety briefing.

LUNCH BREAK & RIDE

1. Director Vicki re-opens business session, thanks to everyone for returning, great ride to VFW 7576 nice ride total of 52 miles. John Wayne Pruitt in the 1980’s while in high school spray painted a rock with John Wayne’s likeness. He also did a Grim Reaper at Dead Man’s Curve. Local high school students touch up John Wayne’s likeness every year as needed. Stopped at Fort Abercrombie and looked around. There is a military museum there that is run by donations during summer months.
2. Jim Pisa talked about the parade at National shirt for ALRA available for \$30.00.
3. Is there a bug run today? We can if we want to.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Chapter 5

Director	Linda Amber
Asst Director	Marilyn Sutherland
Secretary	Earl Chapman
Treasurer	Don Sutherland
Rub Coordinator	?
Asst Run Coordinator	?

Chaplain	Edith Guidry
Historian	Chapman
Membership;	Life Charter 11
	Life Member 2
	Life Supporter 2

Runs: Convention at Ninilchik, 4th of July Parade, Memorial Day weekend, additional rides as weather permitted.

Fund Raisers & Donations: _____, _____ left overs to Post 5, \$300.00 donation to Post 5 facilities, donated \$25.00 _____, donated \$100.00 to Post 5 for _____, volunteered many hours _____, combat fishing tournament, and other functions. David Squires _____.

Chapter 17

Not much to say, we have 14 members 9 Charter, Memorial Day Parade, working hard for this convention. Randy Erickson top earner for Legacy Run. Mandy Clark (non-member) helped with convention booklet. (ALR Singles and ALR Match.com). _____

Chapter 18

Membership:	Life Charter	11
	Life	3
	Supporting Life	5
	Members	5

Host for last years convention,

Rides to Seward, Ninilchik, Sunrise Café at Cooper Landing

Fundraisers several raffles and Taco Nights at Post, will be making a Legacy Fund donation.

Chapter 30

Ride to Chatnica 5/22/2011 6 life members, Trapper Creek for Memorial Day run, our biggest donation was to purchase 4 picnic tables for Post, Flag Day ceremony with Boy Scouts assisting in flag retirement ceremony. Two ROTC units, 49er Baseball Team. Good turn out with bar-b-que. Post 30 has a \$300.00 donation to the Legacy Run.

Chapter 35

21 members, all winter we did \$5.00 Sunday morning breakfasts at Post, had signs at the road. A check was sent to Legacy Run. Did some riding.

Darla Peterson, Chapter 18 will be hosting the Vietnam Moving Wall July 2012, with fundraising activities to offset expense of getting it here and displaying.

Darla, ALRA needs an eMail address for each Chapter POC. Use Legionnaire for getting the word out. There is a signup sheet going around.

Future conventions; 2012 Wasilla Chapter 35, 2013 Chapter 20 not sure, 2014 Chapter 30. Don Ridl heard that Chapter 20 was disbanding. Next communication was that they would try to maintain. Showed some interest in rides that was discussed with Don. Don insured Chapter 20 members that they were welcome to transfer to Seward or Ninilchik. Should we send Chapter 20 a letter requesting their declination to host 2013 Convention?

Don Sutherland; wants to have minutes from prior conventions earlier. (Minutes of this convention to be on line by 11/20/2011.) I tried but did not succeed!

NEW BUSINESS

1. Collecting checks for Legacy Run, submit to Marilyn.
2. Honor and Remember Resolution of 2010, discussion, was approved at last convention. Process starts at Chapter then Department then National. Needs to be rewritten in proper format and re-date and submit for April Department Convention in Palmer 2012. *Don Ridl MOTION to Table until corrected and resubmitted at 2012 ALRA Convention, then forward to Department 2013. 2nd by Richard Smith; Question PASSED*
3. Don Ridl, was asked by Gene Franks to speak to Article 4 Section D // in the past not being done, this needs to be adhered to in the future. And,
4. ALRA Officers or their designee have same responsibility to attend and write a report for Department. Participation is highly encouraged at Department Level. Can non-American Legion members attend Department Meetings. Non-member officers of ALRA will be permitted to make their report then leave. Any member of a program can attend department conventions. What about funding for travel and lodging? Should consider having a newsletter for ALRA. Reports shall be submitted to Department prior to June 15. Consolidated Report should be used by ALRA and the Chapters.
5. Membership advised that time can be made for Programs at Department Conventions. Next Department Convention is in April 2012 at Post 15 Palmer, AK.
6. Jim Dress Motion to put add in Legionnaire, withdrawn.
7. *Back patch and rocker Amendment Motion to adopt Jack Maker, Jim Scott 2nd, Discussion; Question . By Law amendment from Linda Amber; PASSED*
8. *Motion by Jack Hunter Jim Dress 2nd eliminate "IX: Association Patch, Sub Paragraph B".* Tabled and advised that By-Law revisions or amendments must be submitted in writing to State association Secretary in sufficient time to permit notification to Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to next Association meeting.

No further business, meeting closed.