

**MINUTES FOR AZ PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS
ANNUAL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
24 APRIL 2021**

Call to Order: 1209

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Established Quorum of Directors – Jed Kohler – Absent, Mike Sullivan - Absent
Present: Bill Wooster, John Moffitt, Scott Runde, Sheri Hanson, Patty Palermo

AZPGR Board of Directors did not have an annual meeting in 2020 due to Pandemic. Minutes from 2019 accepted.

Bill gave a brief overview of 2020

Sheri reviewed financial report and noted that due to a large donation, the board has previously voted on using a CPA for our tax preparation for this year.

Sheri read some stats from our HOTH missions. Even with the pandemic restrictions in place 53 HOTH missions were completed in 2020. The Yuletide 4 Heroes program provided for 210 families/Veterans; 276 children; 12 service animals. Of those 210 served 120 were veterans in transitional/newly transition housing programs.

Due to high winds the HOTH flagpole install and dedication program is on hold until fall. Program is transitioning from telescopic poles to a one-pole system.

Sheri also introduced the new veteran support program Junetide 4 Heroes. Geared toward the summer months providing packaged water, gatorade, cool wraps, sunblock, chapstick etc. Targeting mostly homeless, transitional and newly transitioned veterans.

Bill read a heartfelt card from a veteran who had a flagpole installed.

Comments by members:

Shorten the covid restrictions – Bill to address

PGR has purchased an enclosed trailer at a large discount. Storage space 10x25' for \$250 a month plus a parking space for the trailer at \$58 a month.

Bill opened the elections

Nominations Directors: 3-year term

(Assistant State Captain Representative) [2021]

Motion made for John Moffitt - motion accepted [2024]

(Road Guard Representative) [2021]

Motion made for Patrick Halliday – motion accepted [2024]

(Ride Captain Representative) [2021]

Motion made for Mike Sullivan [2024]

(Member at Large) [2021]

Motion made for Jed Kohler [2024]

NEW BUSINESS:

*** Bill and John had a meeting with the new State Director for National Cemeteries about mandates being lifted and also talked about the cemetery installing in-ground flag support holes for our PGR missions. Bill reached out to WalMart for water support.**

*** Members touched briefly on new PGR merchandise i.e. shirts, window clings and challenge coins. Consolidate items for ease of shopping.**

***Scholarship Program “on hold” until schools get back to some semblance of "normal".**

*** Triple digit rule for flag lines are in place**

*** Need for RC, RG, flag support and flag line members**

***AZPGR is planning to partner with two, possibly three, other 501(c)3, must be Veteran based, must be "in good standing" organizations and must NOT currently have any type of scholarship program. The plan is to partner with these organizations, on the condition that they do a scholarship fundraiser for their organization and AZPGR will match those funds up to \$5000.**

*** New AZPGR team in place – Extreme Short Notice (ESN). The team will address short notice requests from family and expedite as needed.**

*** Bill addressed Operation Isabella – This was a fundraiser from December 2020 to help a veteran’s nine-month-old baby girl get a much needed medical procedure that has been denied by the insurance company. The goal was \$3k. The fundraiser resulted close to 10K. Isabella’s head helmet helped her tremendously. She is now free of the helmet. There is an 8K balance that will be given to the family.**

*** John Moffitt – Road Guard Safety meeting on May 22, 2021**

Board of Directors meeting 13:24

Call to Order – Quorum Established

Monuments: Prescott - \$1200; average of others \$2,000

May have a temporary storage unit for Junetide at \$320

Nominations Officers: Elected Annually

Vice President - John Moffitt – Motion accepted

Secretary -Patty Palermo – Motion accepted

Treasurer – Sheri Hanson – Motion accepted

No further business – General meeting adjourned 1400