

# The American Legion Riders Department of California



*For God and Country*

## DEC Minutes

April 20, 2018

1. Call to Order - President Mick Sobczak @ 6pm
2. Invocation – Chaplain Roy Van Westbrook
3. Pause for POW/MIA - Mick Sobczak
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Caleb Homer
5. ALR Preamble - All
6. Roll Call - Debbie Proffitt yellow = in attendance

**President**-Mick Sobczak;  
**Sergeant-At-Arms**-Caleb Homer;  
**Secretary**-Debbie Proffitt;  
**Judge Advocate**-John Bart;  
**Parliamentarian**-Hy Libby;  
**Service Officer**-George Smith;  
**Quartermaster**-Patrick Tafoya;  
**Membership**-Gary Teicher;  
**Convention & Rally**-Dee Pittenger;  
**Area 1 Asst VP**-Rich Bergin;  
**Area 2 VP**-Warren Halstead;  
**Area 3 VP**-Paul LaPierre;  
**Area 4 VP**-Joel Lopez;  
**Area 5 Asst VP**-Ron Huff;  
**Area 5 Asst VP**-Ray Ficek;  
**Area 6 Asst VP**-Milo Barclay;  
**Area 1 Commissioner**-Bob Perryman;  
**Area 3 and Legion Commissioner**- Vince Cole;  
**Area 6 Commissioner**- Steve Weber

**Vice President**-vacant;  
**Treasurer**-Leonard Phillips;  
**Chaplain**-Roy Van Westbrook;  
**Historian**-vacant;  
**Safety Officer**-Ken White;  
**Webmaster/Area 6 Asst VP**-Jim Oxley;  
**JR Past President**-James Adames;  
**Public Relations**- Ron Carmichael;  
**Area 1 VP**-Fred Branson;  
**Area 1 Asst VP**-Cory Perryman;  
**Area 2 Asst VP**- Ernie Henry;  
**Area 3 Asst VP**-Ken Sutton;  
**Area 5 VP**-Rey Ruiz;  
**Area 5 Asst VP**-Gene Hobdy;  
**Area 6 VP**-John Archuleta;  
**Area 6 Asst VP**- Jim Ross;  
**Area 2 Commissioner**- Ryan Sparks  
**Area 5 Commissioner**-Paul Patricio;

7. Additions to the Agenda -

None

## 8. Approval of Minutes – March 22, 2018

\*Motion to accept the March 22, 2018 minutes as electronically transmitted by Caleb Homer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Smith. Passed by vote of DEC.

\*Motion to suspend the order of business to go to New Business by Fred Branson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warren Halstead. Passed by vote of DEC.

## 9. New Business

### a. Suspend Delinquent Chapters

\*Mick asked Leonard if any chapters hadn't paid per capita or fees. Leonard responded that chapter 355 hadn't paid per capita or delegate fees.

\*Motion to suspend chapter 355 until per capita and fees were brought current by Warren Halstead. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul LaPierre. Passed by vote of DEC.

### b. Ratify Area 5 Vice President, Rey Ruiz as interim State Vice President

\*Mick stated that Randy Brenneman had resigned his position as ALRDOC Vice President. He explained that a vote was asked of the DEC of which Area VP they would like to move up to ALRDOC Vice President and that Rey Ruiz had garnered 5 of 7 votes.

\* Motion to ratify Rey Ruiz as interim ALRDOC Vice President by Fred Branson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warren Halstead. Passed by vote of DEC.

### c. Ratify assistant Area 5 Vice President, Gene Hobdy as interim Area 5 Vice President

\*Motion to ratify Gene Hobdy as interim area 5 Vice President by Rey Ruiz. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Branson. Passed by vote of DEC.

## 10. Good of the Riders –

\*Debbie stated that she redid the Area Caucus reports to make them more user friendly. She explained that the lines with stars should be filled in. The extra lines were for any extra members wanting to serve. She explained that she is to get the reports after the area caucuses.

\*Dee Pittenger was asked if all was good for tomorrow's start of convention. She replied that it was. She was asked about parking. Lot 24B would be free.

\*Mick stated that 3000 businesses were given ALR stickers to put in their windows so we would know which were rider friendly.

\*Mick also stated that he would hold an auction for a one of a kind ALRDOC 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary challenge coin. Bidding would start at \$50. All monies to go to VA&R.

\*Rey Ruiz brought up an idea to have all resolutions by sent in by 60 days prior to convention as there were members who felt that the current time frame wasn't long enough to study the resolution and that only those delegates at convention have any say about them.

\*Mick explained that according to Robert's Rules of Order that resolutions could be presented up to the day of convention.

\*Mick stated that as of today there were no resolutions presented.

\*He stated that as a DEC they were allowed to pass a resolution at the next DEC meeting that would suggest that resolutions be sent in 30 days prior to convention.

\*Mick reminded the Area VPs to let the chapters know that anyone could listen in on the DEC meetings as long as the state that they are there as a guest.

\*Venue of the 2019 convention will be voted on at convention. So far only Chapter 108, Amador, has shown interest. Mick would also like chapters to start seriously thinking about hosting the 2020 convention. That way there is a longer time to get everything in place.

\*Fran Del Santo asked that after the meeting she would like to get group pictures.

\*Caleb said Fran is taking convention pictures as Lillian Moss was being treated for cancer. He also let the DEC know that as he was discretely pulling members aside to speak to them about vests, berets, etc not being in compliance that he was being disrespected, cursed at, etc. He explained that in the preregistration bags were stars cut from flags. Some members thought this was blatant disrespect of the flag code. Caleb took the stars that weren't wanted and tried to explain that disrespecting the flag wasn't the intent.

\*Motion to adjourn the meeting by Fred Branson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy Van Westbroek. Passed by vote of DEC.

11. **Next Meeting Date** – 22 April 2017 - 30 minutes after Convention

12. **Benediction** - Chaplain- Roy Van Westbroek

13. **Adjournment** –President @ 6:37 pm