

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country

DEC Minutes

March 22, 2018

1. Call to Order - President Mick Sobczak @ 7 pm
2. Invocation – Mio Barclay
3. Pause for MIA - President Mick Sobczak
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Sgt. At Arms Caleb Homer
5. ALR Preamble - President Mick Sobczak
6. Roll Call - Secretary Debbie Proffitt yellow indicates present at mtg.

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-EX;
Convention & Rally-Dee Pittenger-EX;
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-EX;
Area 6 Commissioner-Steve Weber

Vice President-Randy Brenneman;
Treasurer-Leonard Phillips;
Chaplain-Roy Van Westbroek-EX
Historian-;
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-EX;
Area 6 Asst VP- Jim Ross;
Area 2 Commissioner-Terry Baughman;

Area 5 Commissioner-Paul Patricio;

Guests: Leif Meisinger- President Huntington Beach chapter 133
Monique Clemons

7. Additions to the Agenda –

None

8. Approval of Minutes –

*Motion to accept February 22, 2018 minutes as electronically transmitted by Rey Ruiz. 2nd by Randy Brenneman. Passed by vote of DEC.

*Milo asked to check to make sure his email is on the list for the minutes.

9. Financial Report – Leonard Phillips

*The following chapters have not paid...ch 83, ch 111, ch 132, D 2

*Balance = \$67, 784.35

*All bills have been paid. Ch 43 has a check for video production that hasn't been cashed yet.

*Deposits= checks \$4,910.00 PayPal \$608.43

*Items spent have been identified.

*Bank is currently showing \$69,000.00

*Motion to accept Financial report as presented pending audit by Milo Barclay. 2nd by Rey Ruiz. Discussion... Terry Baughman asked where District 2 was located. As told north of post 208. Mick stated this is a yearly problem with District 2. George stated he didn't get the report. Leonard will check. Motion passed by vote of DEC.

*Mick- Did we find the \$500. Leonard- No. No receipt found. Mick asked Leonard to send him an email stating such and cc others. Mick will go after Anthony Serio for reimbursement.

*Mick- we need a line item for George to get call in for convention. New business.

*Mick- On the PayPal there needs to be a choice for donations. Either Legacy fund or VA&R. In a drop down box. Leonard will research.

10. Presidents Report – Mick Sobczak

***All DEC at convention- NO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION UNTIL AFTER CONVENTION ON SATURDAY AND AFTER CONVENTION ON SUNDAY. We will have a dry convention.**

*Friday- RED shirts, Saturday and Sunday navy blue shirts.

11. Vice President Report - Randy Brenneman

*Navy blue shirts Saturday and Sunday? Yes

12. Secretary Report – Debbie Proffitt

*Delegates. Will update tonight after the meeting. Mom had surgery Monday and I've been spending time looking after her. Tomorrow is the deadline for delegate submission. If a VP has added delegates to the roster, I need the paperwork or an email stating such. If the chapter number is not in the green on the delegate update I've not received info for that chapter/district.

*Debbie asked that all officers and chairpersons who have sent out emails to the DOC membership this year, gather them into a folder on their computer and email the folder to her. She will be organizing and archiving this years' information. She will then start doing the same to the past years' info.

13. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Caleb Homer

*For convention, have worked with the convention committee. They've done an outstanding job.

*Will be strictly enforcing NO ALCOHOL for officers until after convention proceedings are over each day on Saturday and Sunday. Will talk to officers 1:1.

*Have sent an email to the Area VPs last month about Assistant Sergeant At Arms for convention.

*Chapter officers are to get their list to the Area VPs by March 31. Then the Area VPs will get their list to Caleb.

*Have received the ceremonial POW/MIA materials from Emblem Sales.

14. **Area Reports**

a. Area 1 VP **Fred Branson**- out of country

None

b. Area 2 VP **Warren Halstead**

***None**

c. Area 3 VP **Paul LaPierre**

*Ch 83 mailed their delegate fee check.

*New chapter- 221 payments of delegate fees and per capita will be refunded as they are a new chapter.

*Ch 682- no delegates to convention. Must pay delegate fees even if not sending delegates.

*Mick- Have Vince talk to the Post Commander.

d. Area 4 VP **Joel Lopez**

*No report

*Mom passed February 9

c. Area 5 VP **Rey Ruiz**

*Chapter 132 hasn't paid delegate fees.

*Assistant VPs will contact their chapters.

d. Area 6 Asst. VP **Milo Barclay**

*Will get numbers for delinquent chapters.

*There will be a photo shoot in Newhall Sunday for the ALR video.

15. **Committee Reports**

a. Quartermaster – **Patrick Tafoya**

*All is going well.

- *Red shirts are complete.
- *Department shirt will be in this week.
- *If your chapter wants to order red shirts, bring your order and money to convention and order as a chapter, not individually.
- *Debbie- Asked about pricing. There are various sizes, so various pricing. Will put the pricing on the website.
- *Mick- Wants patches made for oldest rider, youngest ride and I rode mine.
- *Will have 15 black berets at convention for sale.
- *Mick-Area VPs- Email about chapter orders for shirts, not individual. Less shipping.

b. Public Relations – **Ron Carmichael**

- *Video-North- This Saturday's shoot has been cancelled due to weather. Possibly set up for next week to shoot in the north.
- *Mick- demographics...male, female, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, different bikes, etc.

c. Convention and Rally – **Dee Pittinger**

- *Meeting this Thursday will be the last meeting before convention.
- *Mick- Not the case. There will be a meeting 2 weeks out and 1 week out from convention to make sure all is taken care of.
- *Mick will send an email to the committee after the meeting.

d. Judge Advocate Report – **John Bart**

- *None

e. Service Officer – **George Smith**

- *Asked about the Helmets For Heroes. Mick stated that there would be helmets at convention for the chapters to take back to their posts.
- *101st Airborne are here. Sent 50 members to celebrate 50th Anniversary. Friday there will be a workout. Saturday there will be a banquet. Sunday there will be a celebration of life for one airborne member. Chapter 82 will be in the number 2 position in the parade.

f. Safety Committee – **Ken White**

- *None

g. Webmaster – **Jim Oxley**

- *None

h. Membership Officer – **Gary Teicher**

- *None

i. Jr. Past President – **James Adames**

- *None

j. Dept. Commissioner – Vince Cole

*None

16. Old Business

*Secretary printer- Debbie purchased a new printer, warranty and accessories. Asking DEC to ok the expense. 2nd Rey Ruiz. Mick- Admin line item correct? Leonard- Office Supplies. Passed by vote of DEC.

17. New Business

a. Vote on ALR 133 (Huntington Beach)

*Rey sent out the application to everyone.

*Motion to accept Chapter 133, Huntington Beach, as the ALRDOC 89th chapter by Rey Ruiz. 2nd by Randy Brenneman. Discussion-Leonard stated he had received their \$25 fee. Motion passed by vote of DEC.

*Rey- When will they be able to order the chapter patches?

*Patrick-When Jim adds the chapter to the order list which is already set up. Put the order in tomorrow, will get them done.

b. Service officer needs a line item for call in for convention so he can be paid.

*Motion by James Adames. 2nd by Milo Barclay. Discussion-Leonard- line item. Will take \$250 from Quartermaster material. Passed by vote of DEC.

c. Leonard to Patrick, you take cash and checks for the Quartermaster. Do you have a Square account? No. Get a Square reader to be able to accept credit cards as payment at convention. Upload the Square account. The swiper is free. \$49 for the chip reader.

*Motion to spend \$49 to get reader for the Quartermaster by Leonard Phillips. 2nd by Milo Barclay. Passed by vote of DEC.

18. Sick / Memorial

a. Ben Nickels - ALR 507 (Rider Everlasting) motorcycle accident March 17.

b. Gary Teicher - ALR 149 (Hospitalization) Quadruple by pass after a series of heart attacks. Mick will bring him home to his house to take care of him.

c. Leonard Philips- #1 on the kidney transplant list.

19. Good of the Riders

*Rey- Question about ID cards. Convention call states Legion and Rider cards needed.

*Randy-We voted for only the Rider card.

*Rey- 3 new chapters are in the works.

*Rey-Chapter 303, El Cajon, did an administrative change and are now Chapter 364, Santee.

*Chapter 509- Mick- Acceptance letter from District 12. No release letter from Post 509. Working on it.

*Milo- Don't forget about the photo shoot.

*Paul- Chapter 476, California City, will be doing a fundraiser for the Nichols family. There is a Go Fund Me account set up. Chili cook off set for March 31 from 10am to 3pm.

*Mick-Area VPs-Try to be at check in both days to greet your delegates.

20. **Next Meeting Date** – 20 April 2018 at 6 pm. (Pre-convention DEC) at the Holiday Inn.
21. **Benediction** - Milo Barclay
22. **Adjournment** – President Mick Sobczak @ 8:19 pm