

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country

DEC minutes-Pre Convention

May 3, 2019

1. **Called to Order** - President Mick Sobczak @ 6 pm
2. **Invocation** – Patrick Tafoya
3. **Pause for MIA** - President Mick Sobczak
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Mike Smith
5. **ALR Preamble** - President Mick Sobczak
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

President-Mick Sobczak;
Sergeant-At-Arms-Mike Smith;
Secretary-Debbie Proffitt
Judge Advocate-Ralph Wenzinger-;
Parliamentarian-Hy Libby;
Service Officer-George Smith;
Quartermaster-Patrick Tafoya;
JR Past President/Tech Advisor-James Adames;
Convention & Rally-Dee Pittenger;
Legacy Run- Mike Cash;
Area 1 VP-Fred Branson;
Area 1 Asst VP-Pete DePalma;
Area 2 Asst VP- Vacant;
Area 3 Asst VP-Ken Sutton- ;
Area 4 VP-Joel Lopez;
Area 5 Asst VP-Ron Huff;
Area 5 Asst VP-vacant
Area 6 VP-Ronnie Womble-EX;
Area 6 Asst VP- Blake Shiver;
Area 1 Commissioner-Bob Perryman;
Area 4 Commissioner-Karl Wilvert;
Area 6 Commissioner-Steve Weber

Vice President-Rey Ruiz;
Treasurer-Leonard Phillips;
Chaplain-Roy Van Westbroek;
Historian-Fran Del Santo-EX;
Safety Officer-Rob Carrier;
Webmaster/Public Relations-Jim Oxley;
Alt Quartermaster- Mike Clement;
Membership-Gary Teicher;
Awards/Certs-Rochelle Billet-Smith-EX;
Ways & Means- Leif Meisinger;
Area 1 Asst VP-Rory Airheart;
Area 2 VP/ A2 Comm-Warren Halstead-EX;
Area 3 VP-Paul LaPierre;
Area 3 Asst VP- Ralph Wenzinger;
Area 5 VP-Gene Hobdy;
Area 5 Asst VP-Larry Brandt;
Area 5 Asst VP- David Saenz;
Area 6 Asst VP-Milo Barclay;
Area 6 Asst VP- Tim Schueller;
Area 3 Commissioner-Ivan Frey;
Area 5 Commissioner-Paul Patricio;

Guests:

7. Additions to the Agenda –

None

8. Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2019

Motion to approve the April 25, 2019 minutes as electronically transmitted by Pete DePalma. 2nd by Ken Sutton. Passed by vote of DEC.

9. Financial Report – Leonard Phillips

Starting balance \$67,791, ending balance \$71,394.76

All of the checks have been deposited. Check from one chapter not received yet.

For the per diem...send receipts Sunday. If you wait more than a month you won't get paid.

Motion to accept the abbreviated finance report as given pending audit by Leonard Phillips. 2nd by Fred Branson. Passed by vote of DEC.

10. Presidents Report – Mick Sobczak

Progress

11. Vice President Report – Rey Ruiz

Progress

12. Sgt. At Arms Report – Mike Smith

Progress

13. Secretary Report – Debbie Proffitt

Progress

Motion to suspend the order of business to go to new business by Fred Branson. 2nd by Rory Airheart. Passed by vote of DEC.

14. New Business

a. Suspension of non-compliant chapters

- Bylaws: 118, 682, 432
- Per Capita: 118, 682, 497
- Delegate Fees: 118, 682, 497,
- Delegate Reports: 118, 682, 497, 432,

b. Motion to suspend chapter 118 for non compliance of the bylaws by Paul Lapierre. 2nd by Ken Sutton. Passed by vote of DEC.

c. Motion to suspend chapter 432 for non compliance of the bylaws by James Adames. 2nd by Fred Branson. Passed by vote of DEC.

- d. Motion to suspend chapter 497 for non compliance of the bylaws by Gene Hobdy. 2nd by Ron Huff. Passed by vote of DEC.
- e. Motion to suspend chapter 682 for non compliance of the bylaws by Paul LaPierre. 2nd by Ralph Wenzinger. Passed by vote of DEC.
- f. Charge sheet by Mick Sobczak. It is on the DEC level. A review board has been appointed. #year term-Robert Stover. 2 year term-Ignacio Alvarez. 1 year term Ron Huff. Motion to ratify the review board by Rey Ruiz. 2nd by James Adames. Passed by vote of DEC. Positions will be reaffirmed yearly.

Motion to return to the regular order of business by James Adames. 2nd by Mick. Passed by vote of DEC.

Motion to skip the Area and Committee reports to move to the good of the Riders by Pete DePalma. 2nd by James Adames. Passed by vote of DEC.

15. Area Reports – save questions until after report is complete

- a. Area 1 VP – Fred Branson
- b. Area 2 VP – Warren Halstead
- c. Area 3 VP – Paul LaPierre
- d. Area 4 VP – Joel Lopez
- c. Area 5 VP – Gene Hobdy
- e. Area 6 VP – Ronnie Womble

16. Committee Reports – save questions until after report is complete

- a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya
- b. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley
- c. Convention and Rally – Dee Pittinger
- d. Judge Advocate Report – Mike Brownell
- e. Service Officer – George Smith
- f. Safety Committee – Rob Carrier
- g. Membership Officer – Gary Teicher
- h. Historian – Fran Del Santo

- i. California Legacy Run – Mike Cash
- j. Jr. Past President – James Adames
- k. ALR Commissioner – Bob Perryman

17. Old Business

18. Sick / Memorial

19. Good of the Riders

Patrick- Processed 116 orders. 187 vet patches, 76 Sal patches, 32 Auxiliary patches and 10 small Auxiliary patches. Sold 500 coins and 29 hoodies.

There are shirts made for this convention only.

District 9 and Leonard Phillips will be manning the Quartermaster tables tomorrow.

Area VPs need to help the new chapters with the ordering process.

Orders aren't processed until payment is received.

Cheaper to order as a group. Same %12 charge whether ordering 1 shirt or 100.

Last year as Quartermaster. Been a great ride.

Ralph- Looked into adding children as ALR members.

First step is being a Legion, Auxiliary or SAL member.

Second step is be the owner or operator of a bike or be the spouse or registered domestic partner of a rider.

There is no provision for having children as riders.

Mick stated there is an authorized 6x9 patch stating "Chapter support team". Tis is for someone who supports the riders and goes above and beyond to do so.

20. Next Meeting Date – 5 May 2019 – 30 minutes after close of convention

21. Benediction - Fred Branson

22. Adjournment – President Mick Sobczak @ 6:39 pm