**17th Annual American Legion Riders Convention**

La Mesa, CA

8118 University Ave, La Mesa, CA 91942

April 12 - 14, 2024

**2024 Pre-Convention DEC Minutes**

April 12, 2024

1. **Call to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Robert Lassotovich
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Sergeant-at-Arms Marc Lawrie
5. **ALR Preamble**- Director Mike Smith
6. **Roll Call** -

**Director-** Mike Smith **Area 1 VD** – Sam Fergason

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger Area 1 Alt VD –

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Marc Lawrie Area 1 Alt VD –

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee Area 1 Alt VD – Michael Johnson

**Secretary -** Debbie Proffitt **Area 2 VD** – Robert Lopez

**Chaplain** – Mark Rice **EXCUSED** Area 2 Alt VD – Andrew Trapani

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon Area 2 Alt VD – Hy Libby

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam) **Area 3 VD** – Mike Phillips

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani Area 3 Alt VD – Gustie Compton

**Service Officer** - George Smith **EXCUSED** Area 3 Alt VD – Cory Wattenbarger

**Webmaster/Public Relations** – Tom Lively Area 3 Alt VD – Ken Sutton

**Quartermaster** - Mike Phillips **Area 4 VD** – Brian Toal

**Membership/ Legacy Run** - Rochelle Billet-Smith Area 4 Alt VD – Jeric Wilhelmsen

**Convention & Rally** – Bob Atchley **Area 5 VD** – Robert Partlow

**PPC** – Dennis Kee Area 5 Alt VD – Oliver Wardenaar

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary Area 5 Alt VD – Bill Blackstone

**Historian** – Louisa Carson Area 5 Alt VD – Austin Vang

**Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak Area 5 Alt VD – Jeff Beck

**Area 6 VD** – Cris Molina

Area 6 Alt VD – Pernell Rush

Area 6 Alt VD – Stephanie Huff

Area 6 Alt VD – Milan Morgan

**Guests:**

Many

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

None

1. **Approval of Minutes** –
   1. March 28, 2024 as electronically transmitted

Correction. Debbie Will change Marc Lawrie from Absent to Excused.

Accepted as electronically transmitted with correction.

* 1. April, 4, 2024 Special DEC minutes as electronically transmitted

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

Motion to suspend the regular order of the meeting and go to New Business by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Marc Lawrie. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee
2. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith
3. **Vice Director’s Report** – Ralph Wenzinger
4. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Marc Lawrie
5. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt
6. **Area Reports** –
7. Area 1 Vice D – Sam Fergason
8. Area 2 Vice D – Robert Lopez
9. Area 3 Vice D – Mike Phillips
10. Area 4 Vice D – Brian Toal
11. Area 5 Vice D – Robert Partlow
12. Area 6 Vice D – Cris Molina
13. **Officer Reports-**
    1. **Jr. Past President –** Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)
    2. **Chaplain –** Mark Rice EXCUSED
    3. **Historian –** Louisa Carson
    4. **Judge Advocate –** Donny Brannon
    5. **Membership Officer –** Rochelle Billet-Smith
    6. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips
    7. **Safety Officer –** Andrew Trapani
    8. **Service Officer –** George Smith EXCUSED
14. **Committee Reports** –
    1. **California Legacy Run –** Rochelle Billet-Smith
    2. **Convention and Rally –** Bob Atchley
    3. **Past President’s Club –** Dennis Kee
    4. **Ways and Means –** Kathleen McClary

**Webmaster/Public Relations –** Tom Lively

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **New Business**
   1. Ratify Robert Lassotovich as Chaplain for Convention

Motion to ratify Robert Lassotovich as the Chaplain for convention by Robert Partlow. 2nd by

Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

$5 fines for Edmund Arguello, Robert Partlow and Bill Blackstone.

Motion to return to regular business and go to the Good of the Riders by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Robert Lopez. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial**
2. **Good of the Riders**

Area 6 Vice D- Nothing.

Area 5 Vice D- Looking at everyone here makes me happy and all the bikes makes me happy. The camaraderie is great. We need to be supporting everyone all year not just at convention.

Area 4 Vice D- Nothing.

Area 3 vice D- I will have berets and sweatshirts. Buy them while here and there is no shipping fee.

Area 2 Vice D- Nothing.

Area 1 vice Director- nothing.

$5 fine for Brian Toal for talking out of order.

Louisa- Chapter 18 will be having it’s 22 a day poker run on June 22. Starts at Visalia Harley-Davidson. $30 rider. $20 passenger. More details to come.

Tom-Talked to Go Daddy for a new website from the ground up. Need to know the budget.

Rochelle- Only have 34 riders registered for the California Legacy Run.

Robert Lassotovich- All should give $5 for attending the meeting. Mike said no.

Gus- Chapter 3 will be having its 2nd annual poker run on May 11.

Cory- Thank you for supporting Chapter 476. We will be having raffles at convention. $5 fine for not introducing himself.

Ralph- There was $30 in fines from the Area 2 meeting. Also, there are people terming out of office. They deserve thanks for their hard work and being part of a great team.

Mike Smith- $5 fine to Brian for trying to call Mike’s phone during the meeting.

Had lots of fun trying to fine those not wearing RED shirts.

Cris- So happy I came.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – April 14, 2024, 30 minutes following ALRDOC Convention
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Robert Lassotovich
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 7:32pm