

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country
Minutes
August 3, 2013

1. **Called to Order** – President Albert Villa 0900
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. **Roll Call** by Secretary Rita Christolear – President Albert Villa, Vice President James Adames, Secretary Rita Christolear, Jr. Past President (excused), Treasurer Don Christolear, Sergeant-at-arms Larry Miller, Chaplain Mary Estrada, Judge Advocate John Bart, Service Officer Mike Schuster, Quartermaster Patrick Tafoya, Area 1 VP Edgar Brown, Area 2 VP Bill Rollin, Area 3 VP Stephanie Early, Area 5 VP Kenneth Derr, Area 6 VP Christopher Coleman, Commissioner Jim Banakas.
4. **Additions to the Agenda**
Chapter 365, District 22, Area 5, Vista, CA - A motion was made by Area 5 VP Kenneth Derr to accept Chapter 365, District 22, Area 5, Vista, CA into the American Legion Riders of California, second by Treasurer Don Christolear, motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – June 15, 2013 – A motion was made by Vice President James Adames to approve the minutes, second by Area 1 VP Edgar Brown, motion carried.
6. **Financial Report** – Don Christolear – As of June 15, 2013 we had \$51,780.58, Expenditures were \$2,588.68 with a Balance of \$49,191.90. Edgar Brown motioned to accept the Financial Report as read, second by Christopher Coleman, Motion carried.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tofoya – We received \$8,925.00, cost to put them together was \$4,532.00, Gross was \$4,393.00, Shipping cost was \$372.00, leaving a Profit of \$4,021.00 before taxes, Department receiving \$2,656.83 and District 9 receiving \$1,367.14.
- b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – The Convention for 2014 will be held in Dixon, CA, date to be announced. There was discussion regarding future Conventions, possibly holding them in a Central location for more Chapters from the North and South to be able to attend.
- c. Judge Advocate Report – JAG John Bart – The website By-laws template has been updated.
- d. Service Officer – Mike Shuster – I will be available at the Rally for anyone that might need help.
- e. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes – Absent
- f. Jr. Past President – Luis Diaz – Excused Absence

8. Area Reports

- a. Area 1 – Edgar Brown – Followed up on Chapters with Grandfathered patches. The Suspension of Chapter 383 will be discussed in the next DEC meeting.
- b. Area 2 – Bill Roller – Absent
- c. Area 3 – Stephanie Early – Street Vibes & Hot Summer Nights are coming up. No colors will be allowed, including ALR Patches.
- d. Area 4 – Vacant
- e. Area 5 – Kenneth Derr – We are growing and have 3 Chapters to be voted on today. Proper attire was discussed for Riders. Doc Bart – That is a Road Safety issue and the Road Captain can make the call on that. You are assuming Liability for the person that is not properly dressed for riding. Our Preamble is clear that we promote Motorcycle Safety.
- d. Area 6 – Christopher Coleman – I am working on some problems concerning the Northern Chapters. The Rally is coming together.

9. Old Business

- a. Chapter 534 and District 16 - Area 6 VP Christopher Coleman motioned that Everyone who is wearing a District 16 Patch in District 16 will continue to wear that Patch and any new members coming in, effective July 1, 2013, will wear a Chapter 534 Patch. Past President Jim Banakas made a second to the motion. Discussion – Quartermaster Patrick Tofoya would like clarification on ordering Grandfathered Patches. Judge Advocate John Bart – When a Grandfathered Patch is ordered it must be accompanied by the name of the person requesting the Patch. The Quartermaster should have a list of names for all Grandfathered Patches. Motion approved.

- b. Charter Requests:

- a. Chapter 31, District 28, Area 2, Salinas, CA – Treasurer Don Christolear made a motion to accept Chapter 31, Area 2, Salinas, CA. A second was made by Area 6 VP Christopher Coleman, motion carried.
- b. Chapter 281, District 29, Area 5, Laguna Niguel, CA – Area 5 VP Kenneth Derr recommended that Chapter 281 be accepted into the American Legion Riders of California. A second was made by Don Christolear, motion carried.

- c. Endorsement

A motion was made by Chaplain Mary Estrada for a letter to be written from the American Legion Riders of California endorsing the Secure the Promises Infrastructure in Monterey County. A second was made by Terry Baughman. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President James Adames to donate \$500.00 to the, "Secure the Promises" project. A second was made by Larry Miller. Motion approved.

- d. Disbandment

- a. Area 5 VP Kenneth Derr will have Chapter 777 send him a letter informing him that all funds from Chapter 777 were given to Post 777. The letter will be sent to the Secretary, Rita Christolear for her record keeping.

10. New Business

a. Charter Requests:

- a. Chapter 79, District 21, Area 5, Riverside, CA –
Area 5 VP Kenneth Derr made a motion to accept Chapter 79 into the American Legion Riders of California, second by Don Christolear.
Motion carried.
- b. New on the alrdoc.com website, "Riders Everlasting". Chaplain Mary Estrada thanked Jr. Past President, Luis Diaz, for the work that he has done on this project. Please pass this important feature on to all Chapters.

11. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Prayer was given for the Jr. Past President of Chapter 211, George Ornales.

12. Good of the Order – President Albert Villa – On November 7, 2013 there will be a Rally in Oakland to support our Veterans and to try and get the backlogs taken care of. All the information will be on our website.

13. Benediction – Chaplain Mary Estrada

14. Adjournment – President Albert Villa – Adjourned at 10:50, the next DEC meeting is October 5, 2013