

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country

Minutes

January 21, 2012

1. Called to Order by President Luis Diaz at 0900
2. Invocation by Don Christolear
3. Additions to the Agenda - none
4. Roll Call by Secretary Anita Bart: Present: President Luis Diaz, Vice President, Albert Villa, Secretary Anita Bart, Treasurer Joe Love, Sergeant at Arms Steve Kaweki, JAG John Bart, Service Officer Steve Shuster, Area 2 VP Gene Blakeman, Area 3 VP Marc Mathes, Area 5 VP Doyle Tolbert, Area 6 VP James Adames. Absent: Chaplain Mary Estrada, Quartermaster Bob Scudero, Junior Past President Steve Weber, Commissioner Jim Banakus, Area 1 VP Henry Cater Jr.,
5. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2011 – James Adames moved Joe Love 2nd motion passed, minutes approved
6. Financial Report – Joe Love – gave the report can be found on the web site. Joe stated that we need to use some of our funds. Pres. Diaz asked about having an agenda item at the convention. John Bart suggested that requests go to committee. Pres. Dias and John Bart discussed putting a request form on the web site and have those go to a committee for approval then having that committee report at convention. Pres. Dias stated the finance committee would be the best and asked Joe love what would be an acceptable time line. Joe Love stated that we should have a budget item. Pres. Dias this would be a one time occurrence not a repeated item, and meet with Area VP's to determine legitimacy. Joe Love will add the possibility to the agenda

for the finance committee meeting in Feb. Discussion was conducted on the details of funding.

7. Committee Reports

7a. Quartermaster – Bob Scudero – No Report

7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – Convention planning still good. No motels are pet friendly. Everything else is good to go. The Rally will be Aug 31, Sep 1st, 2nd. Dist 28 will put it on and it will be hosted by Prundale.

Convention - Marc Mathes will check out the pet issue. They are fine tuning the meals etc. One meal will be catered. Post 100 will be doing another. The buildings are ready. April 13,14,15. Marc will check to see if other hotels can open up some rooms.

7c. Constitution and Bylaws – John Bart – No Report

7d. Uniform Committee – Bob Scudero – No Report

7e. Service Officer - Mike Shuster – will be at convention and would like a space for him to talk to vets for problems that may be having or getting information. If they have letters they are ask to bring them to convention for review.

8. Area Reports

a. Area 1 – Henry Cater – No Report – President Diaz stated for some reason all communications from Henry Cater has stopped. If anyone knows him or any other info please get in touch with President Diaz.

b. Area 2 – Gene Blakeman – Looking forward to Easter Basket run again this year. Getting chapters ready for convention. Dist 28 –June 19-21 will do Stand Down at rodeo. Dist 28 has over 500 articles cloths expected to get over 1,000.

c. Area 3 – Marc Mathes – Area 3 brought in new chapters this year. Retired vets can get a free safety riders course. Presidents meeting was held and President Diaz, Vice Pres. Villa, JAG Bart and Sec. Bart were there. Had a good turnout. There was a lot of information given to the chapters. Marc thanked his alternate Don Christolear for conducting it. He really appreciates it. Chapter 711 will be in a parade as a new chapter on Feb 16 in Lake Isabella.

d. Area4 - Vacant -

- e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert – This last month was a slow down for rides. They are reforming committees. The Barstow run to the Vets home had 300 riders and was a success.
- f. Area 6 – James Adames – Area 6 doing really well. Getting ready to go to Cambria. They will have a Presidents meeting Feb 26th. He also wants to thank his Alternate VP for all the help. They are riding Welcome Homes and having good press coverage for them.

9. Old Business

- a. Riders doing Activity at Convention – tabled, President Diaz will contact the Dept of CA.

10. New Business-

- a. New Chapters – Chapter 711 Lake Isabella – Marc Moved to Accept Chapter 711, Don Christolear 2nd – Motion Passed

11. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada - The senior rider had has had cancer spread. Buck Barker went down avoiding a person who ran a stop sign. Ed Jackson and wife both had cancer both are in treatment.

12. Good of the Order – President Luis Diaz – Joe Love asked about how the documents will be sent for per capita. The money will be sent to Joe Love and documents will be sent to Anita Bart. Anita Bart will be sending out reminder s to Area VP's. Next Meeting Feb 25 at 0900. Chapter 108 from Area 3 sent out over 56 packages to troops.

13. Benediction by Don Christolear

14. Adjournment by President Luis Diaz at 1018