

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country

Minutes

March 24, 2012

1. Called to Order by President Luis Diaz at 0900
2. Invocation by Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. Additions to the Agenda, Area 2 donation, Steve Weber – New Business 10 b - Simple
4. Roll Call by Secretary Anita Bart – Present, President Luis Diaz, Vice President Albert Villa, Secretary Anita Bart, Treasurer Joe Love, Chaplain Mary Estrada, Sergeant at Arms Steve Kawecki, JAG John Bart, Jr. Past President Steve Weber, Commissioner Jim Banakus, Area 2 VP Gene Blakeman, Area 5 VP Doyle Tolbert, Area 6 VP James Adames. Absent – Service Officer Mike Shuster, Quartermaster Bob Scudero, Area 1 VP Henry Cater Jr, Area 3 VP Marc Mathes
5. Approval of Minutes – February 24, 1012 Steve Kaweki, moved to approved, James Adames 2nd motion passed
6. Financial Report – Joe Love- Spread sheet dates have changed. He gave the updated totals. They are posted. Steve Weber move to approve subject to audit Gene Blakeman 2nd motion passed.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster – Bob Scudero – no report
 - 7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – Convention is ready to go. Next year convention will be at Amador. The 2013 Rally will be at post 48 Oxnard. James Adames moved to approve locations Gene Blakeman 2nd motion passed Gene Blakeman stated the rally is moving forward Laurel Inn blocked for 50 rooms.

7c. Constitution and Bylaws – John Bart – No report – Discussion survival spouse member of rider being given retired status. John Bart will add a note to his Blog.

7d. Uniform Committee – Bob Scudero – No Report

7e. Service Officer - Mike Shuster – No Report

8. Area Reports

a. Area 1 – Henry Cater – No report

b. Area 2 – Gene Blakeman – Presidents meeting. Easter Basket run coming on April 7 in Dos Palos they are shooting for 1000 baskets. They are getting ready for convention. They are requesting \$1000.00 to assist in fund raising for VA home. Doyle Tolbert moved to approve, Steve Weber 2nd. To approve request, motion passed.

c. Area 3 – John Bart – Ride coming up to benefit Bill Deizel who is a veteran and works hard in this are for veterans. There are a number of rides between now and June coming up to help. Convention is under way. The meetings will at the convention center. Sgt. At Arms is asked to meet with Chapter 3 Sgt. at Arms prior to convention.

d. Area4 - Vacant -

e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert- They are getting ready for the run to wall. There have been multiple welcome homes for marines and also rides at the Riverside National Cemetery and the Vets with out Families.

f. Area 6 – James Adames – Presidents meeting is working well, Low participation is a problem once people sign up as a rider. They are conducting Welcome Home Ride.

9. Old Business

a. Riders doing Activity at Convention – President Dias contacted adjutant and he referred him to the person in charge of convention, He was told there really is not much the riders can do. Possible providing funds for raffle. Waiting for contact back from the chair. Currently no request from parent organization.

10.New Business-

a. Convention Information Report – Joe Love – Taken care of during finance report.

b. Steve Weber – Floor should deal with large dollar amounts. We are part of the legion. Major program of the legion is

emergency relief fund. Steve will move to give \$10,000 for Emergency Relief Fund on the floor of convention. Albert Villa thinks a good idea to contribute to organizations. Think about giving to Legacy Run. Discussion about legacy run. Problems with wanting to the financial documents of other areas' book.

11.Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Bill Moody passed away from Chap 11. For Chapters so far for Chapter everlasting. And on the agenda at convention. Homeless vet stand down Monterey 19-21 June Dist 8 security. Others help would be great.

12.Good of the Order – President Luis Diaz – John Bart clarified delegate numbers, and he will repost on the blog. Next Meeting Friday of Convention Center 5:30 13 Court St. Hanford Ca.

13.Benediction by Chaplain Mary Estrada -

14.Adjournment by President Luis Diaz at 1055