

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
Minutes July 30, 2011

1. Call to Order – by President Luis Diaz at 0904
2. Invocation - by Albert Villa in Mary's absence
3. Additions to the Agenda – Added c and d
4. Roll Call – by Secretary Anita Bart – Present – President Diaz, Vice President Villa, Secretary Bart, Treasurer Love, JAG Bart, Quartermaster Scudero, Area 1 VP Cater, Area 2 Assistant VP, Area 5 VP Tolbert, Area 6 VP Adames. Absent – Chaplain Estrada, Service Officer Shuster, Junior Past Present Steve Weber, Commissioner Banakus, Area 3 VP Marc Mathes.
5. Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2011 – James Adames moved to pass Joe Love 2nd. Motion passed.
6. Financial Report by Joe Love – The total amount was \$7, 575 from convention. There were some money issues from convention such as stolen mail, and bounced checks. The Pay pal account up and running. Doyle Tolbert moved to pass the report pending audit, motion passed.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster by Bob Scudero , The last report through convention. Total orders - \$13,075 orders Gross – \$6,304, Doc % 3, 960.64, Shipping - \$540, Dist 9 part - \$1,603. He explained how the percentages and costs are dispersed. The pay pal is adding some cost to the process. We do not know exactly what the cost is. He wants to use the pay pal for a while to determine what the costs may be. There are costs that have occurred in the transfer between pay pal accounts. John Bart stated we had discussed fees and

small amounts were considered, but we did not envision larger amounts. The rolling 9's and DEC need to determine how the costs will be handled. Minimum order issues discussed, if the order is less than three sets the chapter pays shipping.

- 7b. Convention and Rally – No Report
- 7c. Constitution and Bylaws – No Report
- 7d. Uniform Committee – No Report
- 7e. Service Officer - Mike Shuster – No Report

8. Area Reports

- a. Area 1 – Henry Cater – Had phone problems, will be discussed with patches.
- b. Area 2 – Gene Blakeman – no report
- c. Area 3 – Marc Mathes – no report
- d. Area 4 - Vacant -
- e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert – They rode for September benefits. In November there will be Palm Spring ride. They finished a southern area ride to other areas, and assisted PGR with runs. Pres. Diaz stated there was a request for a trial board after review with the JA and parties it was determined we did not have jurisdiction in that area. We do not involve ourselves in areas which we have no jurisdictions.
- f. Area 6 – James Adames – They rode escorts with PGR. They also rode many welcome homes and Poker runs. On Aug 21 there will be an Area 6 ride to Ojai for meeting with chapters. James' daughter's Cancer ride will be on Sep. 17 and is on the web site and calendar. Doc Luis - the activity log now has 60 entries Area 6 well over half of those entries.

9. Old Business –

- a. President Diaz presented Kaweski as the new Sgt. at- Arms. Doyle Tolbert moved to approve James Adames 2nd. Motion passed.

10. New Business

- a. New Chapters – Chapter 200 Lake Elsinore – Doyle Tolbert moved James Adames 2nd - Passed
- b. Discussion Chapter 69/Dist 28 – John Bart – Joe Love sent an email discussing a chapter wanting to form separate from the dist. The

bylaws state that any chapter comes into the dist. There is no wording for those who choose to get a chapter in those districts. The history of the district organization was explained. The question came up when a chapter in the past formed under a district was not objected to.

Pres Luis – stated since there is precedence a request be made to the district at the meeting.

Bob Scudero – The stand alone chapter did come to them request and it was approved in order preserve continuity. It has worked out pretty well.

Joe Love – Have had riders will not go to Dist 28. This can pose a problem with those in his post if it is not received.

John Bart – They need to go through the process then come back to the DEC.

c. Checks – already been discussed

d, Patches – It is unacceptable and against the bylaws when a chapter sells the center patch. If they sell just the rockers that is not against the bylaws. The chapter who bought the rockers is in violation.

e. Summary of Trial Board – Sat July 9. Area 2 trial Board – Doc Luis proud of the board and behavior of all involved. Defendant was respectful. The group who came in support were respectful. The evidence was presented; the decision was made and accepted by all members. It went well and both sides felt well represented.

11. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Sgt at arms' mother from 211 passed. Husband a wife in 211 has major physical problems
Doyle Tolbert discussed a rider in his area.

12. Good of the Order – President Luis Diaz – The next Meeting will be Sep 24th at 0900. Any riders going Yountville on Sunday? There will be some more riders.

13. Benediction – By Albert Villa in Mary's absence

14. Adjournment – by President Luis Diaz at 1100 hrs.