

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
Minutes September 24, 2011

1. Call to Order – By President Luis Diaz at 0905
2. Invocation - by Marc Mathes in Mary Estrada's absence
3. Additions to the Agenda – 10a New Chapters, 10b Correspondence
4. Roll Call - Secretary Anita Bart – Present, President Luis Diaz, Secretary Anita Bart, Treasurer Joe Love, Sgt at Arms Stefe Kaweki, JAG John Bart, Service Officer Mike Shuster, Quarter Master Bob Scudero, Area 1 Henry Cater, Area 2 Gene Blakeman, Area 3 Marc Mathes, Area 5 Doyle Tolbert, Area 6 James Adames. Absent- Vice President Albert Villa, Chaplain Mary Estrada, Junior Past President Steve Weber, Commissioner Jim Banakus
5. Approval of Minutes – July 30, 2011 Joe Love moved to approve, Gene Blakeman 2nd, motion passed.
6. Financial Report – By Joe Love – Net for month \$13,775.93 Total \$35,682.95, Gene Blakeman moved to approve, Marc Mathes 2nd, the motion passed, There was discussion on whether or not to diversify the funds, or to donate funds and on how to determine who gets donations.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster – Bob Scudero – Since last report there were 152 patch sets sold \$10,455 sold. \$5,300.57.
 - 7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – Next convention will be in Hanford, Post 3. Many chapters are running out of places big enough to handle them. He is looking at solutions. Dist 28 will have the rally next year. Marc Mathes stated hotels are set up,

locations set up, and working on t-shirt. Joe reminded him about the \$2,000 seed money.

7c. Constitution and Bylaws – John Bart – No report – Thanked everyone for well wishes. Information is on the document for signing up. The new Dept. JA has made it clear the local chapters are responsible for their own problem. We are here to assist each chapter. Area VP work with Chapter. Then it comes to the Department only if it cannot be resolved.

7d. Uniform Committee – Bob Scudero – Cost of Pay Pal – Cost of transferring funds. Once it is set up he proposed – Min order of two patch sets 3 or more is better. Cost for Pay pal 2.9 % plus \$.30 per \$100. We are non profit we are 2.2% plus \$.30. or \$2.50 PER \$100 We can either add this to a handling fee or to add this to the price of the order.

Joe Love – The rolling 9's should not have to absorb. Should add the 2.2 % on to the order. Marc Mathes – adding to shipping easiest way. The shipping has been included in the price of the patch. The problems arise when small chapters cannot form that multiple patch set. Bob suggested making an order form that reflects the costs for each level of orders. Bob moved making a formula take gross . Marc Mathes moved and Joe Love 2nd. Additional handling charge for 1 patch set will be \$5.00. Motion passed.

7e. Service Officer - Mike Shuster – 2012 make sure all that are eligible to carry their VA health card. If you have it you can be transferred to a VA hospital in case of emergency while on the road. President – Suggested to make October VA health card month and will put info on the web site.

8. Area Reports

- a. Area 1 – Henry Cater – Possible formation of a couple of chapters. Mccloud – would like to form and Mount Shasta 521, getting dist paperwork, and chapter 441. Those that wish to form a chapter to join theirs to get them going so they can get patched up.
- b. Area 2 – Gene Blakeman – Area 2 BBQ for Livermore funding. All chapters participated and got funds. Great time at rally. Merced did a great job. Get with other area VP to make sure the entire run has an escort. POW MIA ceremony in Santa Clara – spoke

- c. Area 3 – Marc Mathes – Bob at chapter 26 is doing well. 20 is doing well. Matt. A rider at Chapter 3 and member of the Corcoran post passed away.
- d. Area4 - Vacant
- e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert – worked with Area 2 and made money – KIA and welcome home. Riverside Cemetery – breakfasts and Poker runs, 911 ride for Chaffey college vets. Nov Area 5 Palm Springs run all riders invited to attend. Possible problems with a prior rider. Wearing an ALR patch from other possibly out of state areas. There have been complaints.
- f. Area 6 – James Adames – Doing well with PGR escorts and welcome homes, 211 cancer ride over \$5,000. Area ride to Oji post. 150 bikes. Area 6 will be picking up the riders at ragged point.

9. Old Business – none

10. New Business-

- a. New Chapter – 132 – A question about Article 7 section 1. Make changes to the bylaws section 1 amended to reflect requirement of patches. Doyle Tolbert moved to approve Chapter 132 Orange, James Adames 2nd. Motion passed.
- b. Correspondence from Commander – Doc Bart. Be aware the PE is not a program of the ALR. The legacy run is separate from ALR. It from the American Legion. He should bring it to the Area. The area has not decided to take this on, but may participate if some other person wants to ride, but not make it an ALR project.

11. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – No Report

12. Good of the Order – President Luis Diaz the next meeting will be Oct 29 at 0900

13. Benediction – by Marc Mathes

14. Adjournment – President Luis Diaz @ 1121