

Department of California American Legion Riders

Minutes March 6, 2010

0900

1. Call to Order – by President, Steve Weber at 0902
2. Invocation - by Chaplain, Mary Estrada – By Mary Estrada
3. Additions to the Agenda – No Additions
4. Roll Call – Secretary, Anita Bart
Present – Steve Weber, Larry Miller, Anita Bart, Joe Love, Kenny Cummings, Mary Estrada, Mike Shuster, John Bart, Bob Scudero, Luis Diaz, Gerald Kirby, Ken Simpson
Absent – Albert Villa, Gene Blakeman, Jerry Scott, Reggie Jacobsen.
5. Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2009 – Joe Lover moved to approve, Luis Diaz 2nd. the motion passed.
6. Financial Report – Treasurer, Joe Love – The net income was \$181.24. The ending balance is \$10650.87 after deductions. Luis Diaz moved to approve subject to audit, Mary Estrada 2nd, motion passed
Joe Spoke with Bob Scudero about the ability to use an eBay PayPal account that will cost 2.34%. Luis Diaz would need to place a link on website. For dues etc. we may need to add for charges, how is control done? On the 15th Joe will be going to accountant for tax info.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster - Bob Scudero – Finance report for the Quarter Master Total in orders was \$4, 275 in orders, The balance is \$2200.06 gross / \$1,456.00 DEC Percentage, and Shipping \$132.00. Bob and Joe will set up so the DEC amount with enough left in the Quarter Master account to cover order costs.
 - 7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – Everything going smoothly. All the information is on internet. He plans to go to Lompoc to check on some things and see if he can get better prices on Hotels. Possibly get a system set up with Best Western. He is also going to Jackson to check on Best Western after convention. Right now he can get 50 rooms for a block. So far there are no free rooms. There is a possibility of 1 free for every 50 booked with Best Western. Quality Inn is not willing to give breaks or free rooms They want them pre-paid. He will try to work with them.

Jeff wants to make sure pre-purchase on meals and t-shirts are on website as there are discounts with pre-purchase. The link is on the convention page.

7c. Pony Express Report – John Bart – No Report

7d. Constitution and bylaws – John Bart - No Report

7e. Uniform – Bob Scudero - Issue of time problems – he now has a handle on this. Before, when orders went in Emblem sales would sit on order until check cleared. Now through discussion with Emblem sales opened an account and will get immediately processed with invoice sent. Emblem sales move production of center patches to North Carolina. Now the patches will be made in the U.S. Lag time from his time receiving orders to vender for rockers has been turning around in 1 to 2 weeks. Now he has the rocker vendor ships orders directly from the shop. For accounting purposes he is now attaching a flat \$12.00 for shipping. This has no effect of the percentage to go to the DEC. It does however make book keeping easier. When they are shipped with pay-pal automatic with labels there is no extra charge and it goes directly to account.

Chapter orders – Bob has received calls and emails requesting center patches which is not the usual way of orders. The original agreement was to fill out orders with paper and orders should be full patches with rockers. Jerry Scott requested 20 and Vicky Montgomery form Bakersfield requesting 12 center no rockers. She stated she has been ordering from emblem sales and rockers locally. She said the Area 3 VP told her she could order the center patches Joe asked her to send him their rockers to make sure they match up to the approved rockers. Joe asked DOC about what was stated in the bylaws regarding patches. He gave the info of history of those who locally produce rockers. Those involved have been told how to bring them for ward as a motion. Steve Weber stated the quartermaster should be able to approve other rockers such a font, color. Etc. They order complete stet through Quarter Master.

Bob stated – we need to get control and not relinquish control and deal with the illegal patches that have rules made with teeth that will deal with violations.

John Bart stated – Concerns about conventions, The bylaws do not specify who should be vendor of the patches. The resolution with teeth would work – however – anyone wants to patch up must be a member under bylaws. Everyone should be willing to stand up and follow the bylaws. We have a vested interest in making sure we maintaining credibility. We need that resolution and the courage to enforce it.

Joe Love stated we made people change out last year why are we allowing this to continue now?

John Bart – Quarter Master provides patches the Uniform committee bring forward changes.

There needs to be a resolution agreed upon at the convention that will have teeth and approved by the members.

Bob asked with improvement in time what is the need to the riders?

Steve Weber stated there needs to be a resolution sent to committee. As far as new orders their patched should be ordered as patch sets until convention.

John Bart stated Area 3 has had 2 meeting Kenny has stopped. He does not know about Bakersfield information. There are 2 issues 1. The DEC has agreement that only patch sets should be ordered. That is a contract of agreement. The Bylaws are a separate issue. The bylaws say that if rockers are worn under the bylaws that is a legal choice. But right now we need to assist the Quarter Master. So there are 2 issues. We have the contract with the Quarter Master

and the bylaws. If they order just the center patch they have to state to the Quarter Master they are not wearing rockers or an elongated patch.

Joe Love moved that the patches go out as a one peace unit. Larry Miller 2nd – Steve Weber tabled the motion and sent it to committee.

John Bart the memorandum of understanding states that they get center with rockers. Unless they get the elongated patch.

7d. Service Officer – Mike Shuster - No report

8. Area Reports

Area 1 – No Report

Area 2. – Area 2 – Members in Hilmar between Turlock and I-5 ran across riders with chapter # in Red and with Eagle Black when asked where they came from they were rude and would not give info. They were not able to get the full number. They had CA plates with covers from Modesto.

Area 3. – Sees candy Ken Cumming – 7,00 lbs of Candy 209-668-1341 to be sent overseas to troops. It will be put on Web site.

Area 4 – Getting ready to escort the wall to Whiter CA. They will send the info to Doc Diaz to put on events. They are also having a Welcome Home Vietnam Vet Day.

Area 5 – No Report

Area 6 – Ken – Untimely passing of the Chapter President the funeral was large. They are assisting with the Nevada to Tehachapi wall. Girl Scouts can have cookies bought to sent to troops.

9. Old Business

9a. Convention Packets – Packets will be out Monday. Prices are the same as last year. \$10.00 for delegates and \$5.00 per capita dues.

10. New Business

10a. New Chapters - No New Chapters

10 b. Preamble – The preamble has been forwarded to Doc to put on line. Will make sure both are up on line.

11. Sick/Memorial – Chaplain, Mary Estrada – was not able to make funeral Chapter everlasting for Michael Miller. Asked by the Scottish American Military Society to give benediction for dinner. Would like to give Chapter everlasting at convention for all lost during the year.

12. Good of the Order - President, Steve Weber -

The Plaque will be given to Bro, Wayne and Sheri in Phelan CA. March 21, at 2:00. Call 760-868-3270. It is on the Calendar when street address get on it will Google.

Next meeting April 3, Ken will not be able to make it.

Any committee meetings before convention may use conference line – contact Luis Diaz. Locations of rooms for committee meetings at convention out to committees. March is Children and Youth month

Posts have received their packets for reports let the posts know what activities the riders have done for their reports.
Jeff Gallagher Requests numbers for meat purchases.

13. Benediction – by Chaplain, Mary Estrada – By Mary Estrada
14. Adjournment – at 1115