

# **The American Legion Riders Department of California**



*For God and Country*

4th Annual American Legion Riders  
Department of California Convention  
April 16-18 2010, Midway City, California

## **Minutes**

### **Saturday April 17 2010**

#### **0900 hours**

- Call to Order Advancement of the Colors – Navy Sea Cadets and Boy Scouts
- Pledge of Allegiance – Steve Weber
- Chaplain invocation – Pat Hurley
- POW/MIA Missing Rider Ceremony – Ken Cummings/ Roger Marshall
- Recitation of Preamble to the Constitution – Steve Weber
- Roll Call of Officers – Anita Bart
- Roll Call of Chapters – Anita Bart
- Convene Convention \_ Steve Weber
- Introduction of Guests/Welcome - None
- Area VP's Reports
- Convention Announcements – John Bart
- Recess to Area Caucus/Elections - At 1030
- Committees Meet 1100 hours

#### **1200 hours Lunch**

#### **1400 hours**

- Reconvene – at 1407
  - Introduction of Guest –
    - Presentation From Steve Weber to L. Diaz as Past President.,
    - Presidents of 534 & 48 American Legacy ride more than \$500.
    - Post 3 announcement local 16 year old with brain disorder – benefit dinner
- tickets \$12.00
- It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to buy 5 tickets to put in raffle, Motion passed.
- Report of Area Elections
    - Area 1 – will take back form to area as only person here. Request Patrick be appointed until it has been done at the DEC meeting.

- Area 2 – Gene Blakeman
- Area 3 – Roger Marshall/ Mark Mathes
- Area 4 - Jerry Kirby – No Report
- Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert
- Area 6 – Eric Lundgreen / James Adams
- Committee Reports
  - Finance – Joe Love – given written report. Move to approve
  - Credentials – Everyone at convention OK, some chapters will be contacted as to catching up. Moved 2nd
  - Resolutions-Resolution by
  - Rally and Convention – Terry – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of Sep at 108 Amador – Next Year convention at 211 Lompoc on May 6<sup>th</sup>. 2 bids for the following rally and convention, will wait for official request from posts.
  - It was brought forward to combine Convention w/ State convention.
  - Consensus was to not
  - Moved to accept 2<sup>nd</sup>. approved
  - Public Relations – no report
  - Constitution & By Laws – Jake – Recommend approve Constitution and bylaws be approved as presented. Move d to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> passed
  - Membership
  - Community Service / Safety - Statement – by Marc Mathews about motorcycle safety May 7<sup>th</sup> Motorcycle safety course Moved to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> passed
- Uniform / Quartermaster – No report
- Introduction of Resolutions
  - Vote on Resolutions – Moved to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> , Discussion – Jeff moved to Amend – to approve with removing the section of membership an those related –
  - New Resolution move to reinstate section regarding membership into the bylaws, 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for the question Nays have it.
- Nomination of Candidates for Executive Office
  - President – Gene Blakeman nominate Luis Diaz Robert Long 2<sup>nd</sup> . , Larry Miller Terry Chapter 211, 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - VP – Joe Watt nominate Jake Jacobsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Baughman, Greg Bridges, 311 Nominate Ken Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Banacus
  - Sgt. at Arms – Kenny Cummings Dennis Parish, Roger Marshal 2<sup>nd</sup> / Tom Bradley nominated Jeff Gallagher, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Announcements –
- Candidates address to delegates
  - Luis Diaz for President
  - Larry Miller for President
  - Jake Jacobsen for Vice President
  - Ken Simpson for Vice President
  - Jeff Gallagher for Sgt. At Arms
  - Dennis Parish for Sgt. At Arms

- Benediction – Pat Hurley
- Recess to Sunday Morning 0900 hours at 1552

### **Sunday April 18, 2010**

- Reconvene at 0915
  - Chaplain's Invocation by Pat Hurley
  - Announcements – Give back name tag covers, pick up charters, Area VP's please pick up left over one, Legacy Run, 741 still need to get their award for donating over \$500. Still need to find 146 Ocean Side.
- State American Legion Department Commander – Commend riders on work and importance on the riders to the American Legion. Stated how the National Commander commends the rides and stressed their importance. State Convention Fresno Auxiliary Dinner Hawaiian attire.

Memorial – Pat Hurley- Prayer and Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades

Recognition of Chapter for hosting the Convention this year. Jeff Gallagher represented the post.

Budget – \$500 awards, \$1,000 Donations, \$2,000 bonds and insurances, \$2500 accounting and taxes. \$1,000 Ways and Means, \$300 Convention, \$1,000 travel, \$250.00 President and the rest is for other board officers. There will be .35 per mile and premium per night. West Coat Rally \$11,150. Income \$150.00 . Move to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed.

- Election of Officers
  - President – Louis Diaz
  - VP – Jake Jacobsen
  - Sgt. at Arms - Jeff Gallagher

Comments from Post Commander 555.

- Installation of new Officers – Commander of State of CA.
- New Officers take positions Louis Diaz Pres. Jake Jacobsen. Jeff Gallagher
- Remarks from new officers – President Louis Diaz
- Announcements – DEC~ Meeting after , and group photo up front
- Benediction
- Adjournment - @ 1040

DEC 1st Meeting 1 hour after closing ceremony.