

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
Minutes July 17, 2010

1. Call to Order – By President Luis Diaz at 0903
2. Invocation by – By Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. Additions to the Agenda – No additions to agenda
4. Roll Call – By Secretary Anita Bart - Present - President Luis Diaz, Vice President Jake Jacobsen, Secretary Anita Bart, Sergeant at Arms Jeff Gallagher, Chaplain Mary Estrada, JAG John Bart, Service Officer Mike Shuster, Quartermaster Bob Scudero, Junior Past President Steve Weber, Area 2 VP Gene Blakeman, Area 3 VP Roger Marshal, Area 4 VP Gerald Kirby, Area 5 VP Doyle Tolbert, Area 6 VP Erik Lindgreen. Absent – Treasure Joe Love, Commissioner Jim Banakus, Area 1 VP Patrick Geronimi.
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6. Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2010 – Steve Weber moved to approve, Jeff Gallagher 2nd, Motion Passed with one 1 no vote.
7. Financial Report – Treasure Joe Love – The report and statement has been posted on the web site. There was a question about checks from convention. They have been sent to the treasurer.
8. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster – Bob Scudero – As of March 24, there was \$9587.13, He sent Joe Love \$7,00.00 withheld \$2,000. As of 16th there were 5680 orders for a gross of \$2,987.60 and for DOC of \$3,000.James Adames asked about why we post our treasury report on web site. President Diaz explained it is not required but good for

transparency. He stated it is really up to the Board as to if we want to continue. Steve Weber stated we should keep it because the state can view it. Gene Blakeman stated they had their chapter's on their web site and were getting calls for donations.

7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman - Everything right on track for rally. Funding for Rally question came up. As of now there is \$1,000 set aside in case for printing etc. There is money set aside just for rallies. The finance committee would rather send the money to the vender, but can direct the check to them. It is seed money and need to reseed the fund. Contact will be made to Poncho to let him know.

James Adames stated the dates have been changed for convention. April 8, 9, 10, 2010 @ the Veteran's Memorial building in Lompoc. Pres. Diaz asked if they have any questions. If needed they will come down to help out. There is a question on who will take the lead on Hotel blocks with the change of dates. There is a person contacting the hotels to set the dates places. Best Western is working with them very well.

7c. Constitution and Bylaws – John Bart – No report

7d. Uniform Committee – No report – Gene Blakeman there was a sighting of a group with ALR center patch with red and black Dist. 28 rockers. When asked about it they were confrontational. President Diaz stated that if you see someone with unauthorized patches do not approach. Contact a board with the information so they can look into it. These guys could have been out of Nevada.

7e. Service Officer – Mike Shuster – Great news regarding services for PTSD, Vets can request claims be reopened under new laws. Info is on the web site. Change to reg. No longer have to prove the particular stressor, if in combat zone and a VA Dr. has been diagnosed. He can walk them through. Steve Weber stated people are able to be in Veteran's homes now that there are more openings. It does take time so get applications in.

9. Area Reports

- a. Area 1 – Patrick Geronimi - No report – Pres. Diaz stated Area 1 needs to get together to vote on an Area 1 VP and alternate.

Committees need to be filled and begin meeting. He has sent letters out to the Area VP's to get positions filled so they can meet. Area VP's need to help get these filled so everyone feels represented.

- b. Area 2 – Gene Blakeman - Dist 28 riders are having a POW MIA ride Sat. after west coast rally.
- c. Area 3 – Roger Marshal – Central Valley Rendezvous. There were about 75 bikes. They will change it from Memorial Day weekend. There was a great representation of riders at convention.
- d. Area 4 - Jerry Kirby – The riders are getting better together. Thunder in House run in Chino. Last Sunday they had a flag burning with the Cub Scouts. They went to post that had previous problems and had great reception. This week they are going to Long Beech Queen Mary.
- e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert – Going well working with chapters to get Area 5 meeting Oct 23 in Palm Springs, Thunder in house went well. They raised more money than ever. There are new chapters getting ready to come on line.
- f. Area 6 – Erik Lindgreen – Chapter 280 patches, Area is becoming more acceptable, membership growing. James Adames stated there is a poker run next weekend. Sep 18, 211 memorial cancer ride for his daughter. They have regular rides to help novice riders get used to group rides. He will get info on web site. Aug. 13 heading to Area 6

10. Old Business – There is no old business

11. New Business -

Steve Weber moved to accept Chapter 208 Dixon, Bob Scudero 2nd – Motion Passed.

- a. Committee Appointments – Area VP for Area 1 is Patrick Gerinomo.
- b. Scheduled Meetings – Committees need to be filled and get meetings.
- c. Discussion: District Rockers – John Bart – Area VP's we have 6 dist. He was asked how they operate. The bylaws state they have to wear dist top rockers. There are 2 forms of leadership are being used. Some act together, some act as separate chapters still wearing the dist rocker. Steve Weber stated there are some Dist that were

grandfathered in and some chapters wear chapter rockers. John Bart he was stating what the bylaws said.

12. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada stated no riders issues over the past 2 months. Five California service men were killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. She is trying to get the addresses so the DOC can send cards.

13. Good of the Order – President Luis Diaz – Reminder Area VP. That those not paying per capita- charters will be cancelled. Chpter 827 will be giving up charter.

Even though we have not been able to get a Ways and Means committee he would like to get a DEC raffle for the DOC. He is requesting feed back or ideas.

Date of Next Meeting – August – 21, 2010 @ 0900

14. Benediction – By Chaplain Mary Estrada

15. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned @ 1025 by President Diaz