

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
Minutes December 4, 2010

1. Call to Order – President Luis Diaz at 0905
2. Invocation by – Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. Additions to the Agenda – New Business 10. b. Post 359
4. Roll Call – Secretary Anita Bart – Present – President Luis Diaz, Vice President Jake Jacobsen, Secretary Anita Bart, Treasurer Joe Love, Sergeant at Arms Jeff Gallagher, Chaplain Mary Estrada, JAG John Bart, Area 2 VP Gene Blakeman, Area 3 VP Roger Marshall, Area 4 VP Gerald Kirby, Area 5 VP Doyle Tolbert, Area 6 VP James Adames. Absent – Service Officer Mike Shuster, Quartermaster Bob Scudero, Junior Past Presents Steve Weber, Commissioner Jim Banakas, Area 1 VP Patrick Geronomi
5. Approval of Minutes –October 16, 2010 – Joe Love moved to approve. Gene Blakeman 2nd the motion passed.
6. Financial Report – Treasure Joe Love – Beginning balance of \$22,063 1 check sent out ending balance \$21,959. Gene Blakeman moved to approve as read Mary Estrada 2nd. The motion passed
7. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster – Bob Scudero – Joe Love Reports from email. This year the total received was \$47, 415.37. The total cost was \$25433.40. The total gross was \$22,988.22. The total DOC percentage was \$15,261.74. The total shipping costs were \$1,833.37. The Total to District 9 was \$6,139.86.

7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman - The Convention for April 8 -10 is still on track. There will be a rally September 9-11 in Merced. Terry will be going in Jan. to look it over. There is a link on web page for Convention.

7c. Constitution and Bylaws – John Bart – No report – If any Chapters have an questions about domestic partners it only applies to same sex couples, and those over 62.

7d. Uniform Committee – No report

7e. Service Officer – Mike Shuster – No report

8. Area Reports

a. Area 1 – Patrick Geronimi - No report

b. Area 2 –Gene Blakeman – Everything is going fine – Ideas for VA hospital run, It is difficult to do things before April because of weather. They are find ways to get money for Livermore VA. Review of story of riders to back up young man on bike. They are making escort plans for National Commander it looks like there will be 35 – 40 riders.

c. Area 3 – Roger Marshall – Seems to be quiet. The Veterans' Day Parade had a good turnout. There will be a run April 23 for SIDS, Children's' Valley Hosp. He wants Central Valley Rendezvous to move from post to post in the chapters within the valley.

d. Area 4 – There is no Chapter in Area 4. They moved to Area 5.

e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert – Things are going well. They had a Pancke breakfast and toy runs. They also rode the Vets without family memorial.

f. Area 6 – James Adames – They have a Face book page. They have Christmas parades in the area, and escorts for returning soldiers. All Chapters will be involved with vets without flags on Veterans' day.

9. Old Business

- a. Using PayPal as an alternative payment method. Tabled until next. Meeting.

10. New Business

- a. New Chapters – no new chapters

b. Post 359 – President Diaz explained the circumstances of the riders leaving Post 359. President Diaz wants opinions from the board. President Diaz position is there is no Chapter at 359. Doyle Tolbert stated that no commander can do what Post 359 Commander has done. If they want a new riders' chapter they should have to apply again for a charter. What we need to think about is that if a commander disbands a chapter they will need to go through the process to bring it back. John clarified the position of the judge advocate. That the riders have been disbanded and the charter has been returned. If they want a new chapter they will need to go through the process.

The Board members are supportive of taking more stern action against these. There should be no support for any activity of supposed chapter 359 – They will report back.

- 11. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Area 2 chapter 593 – rider Patrick Malfy passed from lung cancer. Memorial Service held next week. It is the Holiday season and there are some people having hard times. Look out for those who may need help. Does any one know how Larry Miller is doing? She will get a card off to him.

- 12. Good of the Order – President Luis Diaz – Jan 8th 2011 @ 0900

- 13. Benediction – by Chaplain Mary Estrada -

- 14. Adjournment – @ 0958