

MINUTES OF AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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taking minutes for Jeff Gallagher

Date: 01/17/09

Approved by:

Teleconference

Convened 0903

Quorum Yes

Adjourned 1031

The meeting was convened as a teleconference meeting at 0903 hrs. by President Luis Diaz. The invocation was led by Steve Weber

Roll Call of Officers

Present: President: Luis Diaz, Treasurer: Tony Fettig, Judge Advocate: John Bart, Past President; Terry Baughman, Area Vice Presidents: Area- 1 Dan Jordon, Area 2 – Gene Blakeman, Area 3- Jerry Scott, Area 5 -Reggie Jacobson, Area 6 – Steve Weber.

Absent: Vice President: Bob Scudero (excused), Secretary: Jeff Gallagher (excused), Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Miller (excused), Service Officer: Wayne Cloukey (excused), Area 4 Vice President: John Leonard.

A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda

Addition – Harley Joe Requested to give his report at the beginning of the meeting due to the need to leave. Harley Joe reported the Marine Honor run will be on Sep. 5 Labor Day weekend. He asked about combining with Chapter 555. President Luis stated that should go through the committee. He also reported that the ALR run to Washington DC in May is being organized so that two groups from California, will meet in Salt Lake City and ride to Washington together from there. One group will leave from Northern California and one group from Southern California. He will get the information to President Luis so that it can be placed on the ALR website.

Approval of Minutes

Steve Weber moved to approve the minutes from the 11/29/08 meeting. The motion was seconded by Terry Baughman. Motion Carried

Financial Report

Treasurer Tony Fettig gave a report on the end of the year balance for 2009 with an end of year balance of \$7047.27 and net profit of \$1150.01. There was discussion about

getting the tax information from John Bart to send in the taxes. The question came up about the Chapter taxes and John Bart stated that each chapter is responsible for their own taxes. Bob Scudero will get the information from the Quarter Master inventory to the Treasurer for the records. Steve Weber moved to accept the Financial Report pending audit. There was no second.

Committee Reports

Quarter Master Report – No report given

2009 Convention – President Diaz reported that there will be a dance one week before Valentines Day to raise money for the convention. The host post gave \$1500 to the convention committee to assist with expenses. Gene Blakeman stated he will be getting the banners needed for the convention. Terry Baughman began the discussion about the time prior to the convention when the per-capita fees should be paid and how often per year they should be paid. It was suggested that it may be better for records to have the per-capita payments

Future Conventions Committee - Terry Baughman – Stated the need to get 120 tally for 60 day prior to convention. Per capita fees and get chapter. When need to be in by what date? Finance Officer – Tony – 60 days before convention once per year. Discussion about whether semi annual or quarterly would be better than once per year. Doc – goal for future to get charters and cards for members to help in the record keeping process. Bill – ALR stickers on membership cards then laminate them. Terry Bauman discussed District 28 as possible backup. Midway City 555 was discussed as the location next year and Lompoc Chapter 211 for the year 2011. There was also discussion about possible having only one rally per year and possible having smaller events locally to reduce costs as well as reducing costly events during the rallies. There was also discussion about getting more participation at area meetings.

Pony Express Report – John Bart – The web site is getting set up and the ability to get logged on should be complete this next week.

Gene Blakeman asked about the dues and membership section in the by-laws and at what point members would be dropped for non payment.

Old Business

Young Members – John Bart – Young members can participate under PGR and Pony Express as they are an activity of the post and is allowable. There was discussion on the “future rider” patch available at emblem sales. It may be against the best interest of the riders to say no to the use of the future rider patch.

New Business

- a. Harley Joe 1st Annual California Honor Run September 5th.
- b. There was discussion about commitments to assistance to other agencies. Pres. Luis Diaz stated ALR should give assistance on a event by event basis and not continual commitments at the DEC level. The individual chapters can put events on their calendars.
- c. Borrego Springs Chapter 853 – Terry Baughman moved to grant provisional approval pending submission of certification records and by-laws. Gene Blakeman 2nd
Motion carried. Terry Jones President should be submitting needed paperwork.

Sick/Memorial

Chapter 311 lost 2 founding officers. One was Jim Robertson Nov. 7, 2007.

Chapter 741 – Johnny Walker ill

Chapter 48 – Nate Tally had heart surgery

Jeff Gallagher's Mother –in-law, Marsha Zwicky passed away. Her husband is a Korean War Era USAF Veteran.

Bob Scudero's Mother-in-law has been readmitted into the hospital

Pres. Luis Diaz suggested the chapters take photos at events to have for memorial occasions.

Good of the Order

Pres. Luiz Diaz. Stated Website has had 21000 hits. He has suspended the pod casts. The Convention is 109 days out. Information will be posted on the web site.

Benediction

Steve Webber

Adjournment

Pres. Luis Diaz adjourned the meeting at 1031

Next meeting date – Sat March 14. 2009

Reminder to VP to contact chapters at least 1 time per month. Finance officer and John Bart to get delegate count set up and forms sent out.