

**MINUTES OF
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Date: 03/14/09

Time

Approved By:

Teleconference

Convened 0900

Quorum Yes

Adjourned 1120

The meeting was convened as a teleconference at 0900 hrs by President Luis Diaz.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Diaz.

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Mary Estrada.

Roll Call of Officers

Present: President: Luis Diaz, Vice President: Bob Scudero, Secretary: Jeff Gallagher, Treasurer: Tony Fettig, Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Miller, Chaplain: Mary Estrada, Judge Advocate: John "Doc" Bart, Past President: Terry Baughman. Area Vice-Presidents: Area 1- Dan Jordan, Area 2 - Gene Blakeman, Area 4 - John Leonard, Area 5 - Reggie L. Jacobsen, Area 6- Steve Weber

Absent: Area 3 VP- Jerry Scott, Service Officer: Wayne Cloukey (Excused)

A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda

Add item E to Agenda: Debit/Credit card

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Steve Weber and seconded by JJ Leonard to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. **Motion Carried**

Financial Report

Tony Fettig gave the financial report and discussed certain exceptional items. **Discussion Held.**

Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Steve Weber and seconded by Jeff Gallagher. **Motion Carried**

Committee Reports

Quartermaster Report

Bob Scudero reported that he is having issues with a few chapters who are not using a single point of contact. He said that it is important that all chapters use a single point who will work with the QM. Bob is working with Tony on the finances of the QM and will have a report next week. 96 patch sets have been issued to the chapters. Bob said the cost for a patch set has gone down since we are using a different vendor for the rockers. Discussion held.

2009 Convention

Luis Diaz everything is available on the website. Many sponsors are coming on board. If you have a sponsor, send the info to President Diaz along with what they are donating to the raffle for the convention. There was an issue with one hotel and they have been taken off the list. Lots of great support from the area.

Future Conventions Committee

Terry advised that they were looking at 555 in Orange County for 2010. Terry advised they are looking at Lompoc for 2011. He said that he was actually looking at going a couple of years out so that everyone has time to prepare.

Rally- Terry discussed the options we have for Rallies. Escondido would like to move theirs up to come in line with the honor run. This should be in September. Next year, they are looking at Area rallies for each Area (6 rallies). Luis Diaz summarized the 3 options that were sent out.

After discussion, it was decided to go to with option 3, Prunedale for the rally this year. Motion made by Gene Blakeman Second by Steve Weber to hold the rally in Prunedale. An amended motion was then made to hold two rallies, northern and southern this year with discussion at convention for the future rallies with split funding for both. A Roll Call Vote of the officers was unanimous. **Motion Carried**

Luis advised that he would need a chair for each rally to be sent to the secretary ASAP

Pony Express Report

No report

Old Business

Honor Run update

No further info given at meeting time

New Business

New Chapters

Chapter 20 Porterville

Chapter 280 East Pasadena

Chapter 108 Amador

Motion made by Steve Weber and seconded by Terry Baughman to approve charters for all. **Motion Carried**

Rally Proposal (Terry Baughman)

See convention notes

Tax Status (Luis Diaz)

Luis received the IRS letter saying they received our application and that it is being reviewed at this time. He will send the document to the officers by email.

E-Board Nominating Committee

Luis discussed having a nominating committee and the process for nominating officers for 2009-2010. He asked for volunteers for the committee. Terry volunteered to chair the committee. Luis gave a list of voted positions. Discussion held.

Debit/Credit Card

Steve Weber asked that we consider obtaining a credit/debit card for the DEC to use in transactions regarding this. **Discussion held.**

Sick/Memorial

Mary thanked everyone who participated in the Four Chaplains ceremonies in their respective areas. As chaplain, she went to the main service in San Francisco and saw several riders up there.

Please remember in your prayers our sick brothers and sisters: Anita and Doc Bart, Wayne Cloukey, Clayton Lehong.

Please make sure you forward names of individuals in your Areas to Mary.

Peg McKinley recently passed away. She was the the first member of District 28 to pass away.

Good of the Order

Benediction

Mary Estrada gave the benediction in honor of Peg

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, President Diaz adjourned the meeting at 11:20hrs. The next meeting of the DEC will be a teleconference held on April 11, 2009 at 0900 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted



Jeff Gallagher
Secretary