

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Date: May 1, 2009

Approved by:

Time Convened: 0955

Quorum :Yes

Adjourned 1030 May 2, 2009

Introduction of Guests & Announcements

The Mayor of San Leandro, Tony Santos, introduced a resolution to the ALR from the City of San Leandro

President Diaz advised that Al Lennox will be unable to attend as he is in the hospital at this time

The Department Judge Advocate, Jack Climer, introduced the Department Vice-Commander Representing Women, Cheryl Palsrok

Call to Order

The 3rd Convention of the American Legion Riders, Department of California was called to order by President Luis "Doc" Diaz at 0955 hrs

President Diaz advised that all convention rules are in order

Advancement of Colors

Colors were advanced by the Sottish \American Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Invocation

Department Chaplain, Mary Estrada, gave the invocation

POW/MIA Ceremony

The POW/MIA Bike ceremony was conducted by Department Sgt.-at-Arms, by Larry Miller

Recitation of the Preamble of the Constitution

President Diaz led the delegates in reciting the preamble to the Constitution

Roll Call of Chapters

Department Secretary, Jeff Gallagher, called a roll of the chapters. A quorum of chapters was declared and all certified delegates were seated.

Roll Call of Department Officers

Department Secretary, Jeff Gallagher, called the roll of officers. Present were: President-Luis Diaz, Secretary-Jeff Gallagher, Treasurer-Tony Fettig, Sgt.-at-Arms-Larry Miller, Chaplain-Mary Estrada, Area 1 VP-Dan

Jordan, Area 2 VP-Gene Blakeman, Area 3 VP-Jerry Scott, Area 5 VP Reggie "Jake" Jacobsen, Area 6 VP-Steve Weber.

Excused: Vice-President-Bob Scudero, Judge Advocate-John "Doc" Bart. TAL Department of California Judge Advocate, Jack Climer is standing in for JA Doc Bart at the request of President Diaz

A quorum of officers was declared

The microphone was turned over to Jack Climer who thanked everyone for their cards and concern after his heart attack.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

The Judge Advocate introduced an amendment to the bylaws.

Proposal #1

Move Secretary and Treasurer from elected to appointed positions

Proposal #2

Remove term limits for officers.

Jack advised that The American Legion Department of California would require term limits of some sort. After discussion, the proposal was modified to extend term limits of officers to 3 years. The amendments were read for the first time.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were previously published. A Motion was made by Chapter 119 and seconded by District 10 to accept the minutes as written. **Motion Carried**

Area VP Reports

The area Vice-Presidents present on the floor were given an opportunity to offer a report of activities and issues concerning their Areas.

Past President and ALR Commissioner, Jim Banakus, introduced the Commissioners who were present at the convention.

Memorial

Chaplain Mary Estrada gave a memorial to our fallen brothers and sisters who are no longer with us.

The Convention was recessed by President Diaz at 1050 hrs. for lunch.

Convention reconvened at 1400 hrs

Announcements

President Diaz reported that one rider from Chapter 50 had an accident on the way back from the BBQ. The rider is currently in the hospital and in good spirits

The raffle was discussed along with other donated items for the convention

Past President, Jim Banakus requested a change to the Agenda. He requested that we have the candidates address the delegates today rather than tomorrow. President Diaz granted the change to come after Committee Reports.

Treasurer's Report

Finance Treasurer Tony Fettig gave the treasurer's report and discussed certain exceptional items. A motion was made by Chapter 117 and seconded Chapter 593 to approve the treasurer's report. **Motion Carried**

Committee Reports

Rally and Convention

Terry Baughman Informed the delegates of the plan to hold two rallies, one each in the North and South. The fourth Annual ALR Department Convention will be hosted by the Albert E. Schwab Post 555, Midway City. The 2011 Convention will be hosted by Chapter 211. Motion made and seconded on the floor to approve the committee report. **Motion Carried**

Constitution and Bylaws

Amendments and proposals were discussed earlier and no further discussion was held at this time.

Membership

Report tabled until tomorrow

Uniform

President Diaz reported on behalf of the quartermaster. The issues for the QM have been mostly resolved. We have had a few issues and we are moving in the right direction. Discussion. Motion made and seconded on the floor to approve the report. **Motion Carried**

President Diaz discussed the issue and importance of the caucus at the convention. He also discussed the purpose of the caucus and appointment to committees. He asked that the caucuses nominate people to the committees that they feel will make their voice heard to the DEC and the membership. President Diaz announced the caucus assignments.

Nomination of Candidates

President Diaz opened the floor for the nomination of candidates for executive offices. After nominations, candidates were given the opportunity to address the delegates.

Announcements

President Diaz made some final announcements and recessed the convention until the caucuses return to the floor.

Prior to recess, Mike Nettles moved to change the agenda to move the vote up for the resolutions. Bob King seconded. Discussion Held. **Motion and second withdrawn**

Recess

Return from Caucus at 1620 hrs.

Secretary, Jeff Gallagher, announced the Area Vice Presidents for the coming year. They are:

AREA: 1 Albert Villa

AREA: 2 Gene Blakeman

AREA: 3 Jerry Scott

AREA: 4 Gerald Kirby

AREA: 5 Reggie L. Jacobsen

AREA: 6 Ken Simpson

Amendments to Bylaws

Jack Climer was given the floor to explain the proposed amendments to the bylaws and to answer any last questions. The proposed amendments were read the second time.

A motion from the committee to make the changes/amendments to the bylaws as recommended was made.

Proposal #1- A roll call vote was requested and made. **Motion Carried**

Proposal #2- Voice vote called. **Motion Carried**

The convention was recessed by President Diaz at 1640 hrs until Sunday, May 2, 2009 at 0930 hrs.

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2009

The convention reconvened by President Diaz at 0930 hrs.

Announcements

President Diaz thanked the post commander and others for helping to host this convention. He asked the entire membership of Post 117 to stand and be recognized.

President Diaz thanked the members of his e-board and said a few words about each of them and their accomplishments over the past year.

Election of 2009-2010 Officers

On a motion made by Jack Climer and Seconded by Jim Banakus, all unopposed candidates were elected by acclamation.

A roll call vote of delegates was made for the elections with more than one candidate. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President: Steve Weber

Vice President: Larry Miller

Secretary: Anita Bart

Treasurer: Joe Love

Sergeant-at-Arms: Kenny Cummings

The Oath of office was administered to the new officers immediately following the election

President-elect, Steve Weber, gave his acceptance remarks. He thanked Luis Diaz and asked for a round of applause for the outgoing president.

Retreat

Retreat was called. The colors were retired in place

POW/MIA

The POA/MIA flag was recovered

Closing Prayer

The Closing Prayer and benediction was offered by the Chaplain.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the convention, the meeting was adjourned by President Weber at 1030 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Gallagher
Secretary