

Department of California American Legion Rider Board Meeting

July 11, 2009

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Steve Weber – 0900 -

The meeting was called to order at 0905 by President Weber.

2. Invocation – Mary Estrada

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3. Roll Call – Secretary – Anita Bart

Present – President Steve Weber, Vice President Larry Miller, Secretary Anita Bart, Treasurer Joe Love, Sergeant-at-Arms Kenny Cummings, JAG John Bart, Junior Past President Luis Diaz, Area VP's Area 1 Albert Villa, Area 2 Gene Blakeman, Area 3 Jerry Scott, , Area 6 Ken Simpson.

Absent – Chaplain Mary Estrada, Service Officer Mike Schuster, Quartermaster Bob Scudero, Area 4 Gerald Kirby, Area 5 VP. Reggie Jacobsen.

4. Changes/Additions to Agenda

No changes

5. Approval of Minutes

Terry Baughman moved to approve the minutes from July 11. Jerry Scott 2nd the motion. Motion Passed,

6. Financial Report

Joe Love - The checking account is in Union Bank of CA. it is all over CA. PO Box 82 Hollister, 95024 The account balance is \$10,169.68. The year to year for records is from Jan 1 – Jan 1.

Gene Blakeman moved to approve the Financial Report. Ken Simpson 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

7. Committee Reports

a. Area 4 VP Change – Gerald Kirby (jeronimo) is the new Area 4 VP. He had been asked and agreed at the convention. Anita Bart has not yet received the minutes from the convention.

Area 1 VP Change – Dan Jordan officially resigned and Albert Villa (Poncho) from Chapter 108.

Gene Blakeman moved to accept the changes. Motion passed.

Dianne Downing was introduced as the secretary from Chapter 108 as the area secretary.

b. Ways and Means – Any names???,

No Names have been submitted yet. President Weber asked everyone to please go back to their areas and get names for the committee. He would like to get started on the motorcycle raffle and there needs to be representatives from each area on the committee.

c. Other Committee Appointments or changes -

Public relations Committee – Bill Boker from Santa Clara Post, Area 2 to join Public Relations

Committee Gene Blakeman moved to approve the appointment. Jerry Scott 2nd the motion. The motion carried

d. Quartermaster report

No report

e. 2009 Department of California Convention Report

Denis Perko is the New Commander for the Department of California. President Steve Weber spoke at Auxiliary, SAL and Legion meetings. He talked about how to go to the website to begin a new chapter as well as how to use the area VP's and contact the members. Jim Banakus gave good report, but did not give budget and bylaws. The report was approved and passed. President Weber was not sure if budget and report were submitted.

f. Future Conventions/ Rally Committee Report/Dates

Terry Baughman discussed the North and South rallies. The south will be at post 555 in Orange County and the North in Amador. He needs to confirm dates for 2010 convention. He has not received confirmation for April 17. Other groups are moving their activities to the week of the State Convention so that may open the first week in May once again. We need to get some set dates so everyone will know future conventions. Terry has been working with Jeff to get an official rep from 555 to go through. Terry will contact Chapter presidents and posts to make sure everyone is OK with dates.

g. Honor Run

The information is on web site. The Northern rally information is the site. Honor Run information is also on the web site.

Joe Love - Budgeted \$1,800 (900\$per rally) for both rallies- Chairmen can contact him to receive the money. Gene Blakeman said they will be using their own money.

h. Pony Express Report -

John Bart - Announcement Larry is the CA coordinator for the Pony Express. A map will get sent out. There will be more info sent out. There has not been much contact from Texas. Formal information will get sent out this week.

The Legacy Run is run by American Legion and Bill Sloan and John will contact him this week to see where the Pony express fits in. John plans on making run if he can. He stated he needs to figure out to how to combine the pony express with the legacy run. Any one who has people going contact him to coordinate between Pony Express and Legacy. The Pony Express and Legacy are two different groups and there needs to be coordination. The Pony Express allows others to be involved in the legacy run. You can go to website and register. There is a store is on the web site. He is not sure what is available on website. The store at Post 135 in Texas, and is a little slow. John will send info to Luis Diaz explaining what the Pony Express so and he can put it on the web site.

8. Old Business

a. IRS Tax Status

All the paperwork is done and has been approved. There have been two different communications as to whether we need to file one says no, one says yes, but once you do you must always file. We are not sure what the form is, but we will need to make sure we continue to file. John will get the information to the secretary. The posts and chapters do not need to incorporate. It is a layer of protection in liability. If you are incorporated the liability it will go to the post not the officers. If not it will go to the officers. There was discussion about possibly if civil lawsuit about who would be named. Those who were not involved will be dropped from the lawsuit. They will name board members and officers. Technically everyone could be named, but those not involved would be dropped.

Gene Blakeman- The Department not insured and not bonded. Right now the department bonds the posts and insures the posts at a cost. The president will follow-up with Dept of California American Legion to find out what needs to be done. Any chapters whose post is not incorporated should move quickly to do so. It is cheap insurance to be incorporated. John does not have info on the bonding or insurance.

There has been no information from uniform committee on Berets for Assistant VP's. They can wear the white if they choose. The Uniform committee does need to decide and make a recommendation.

9. New Business

a. New Chapters - Chapter 255 National City, Chapter 11 Madera Area 3

All the paperwork and payments have been submitted by both chapters. Chapter 255 will need to make

some technical changes in their bylaws but nothing to stop their acceptance. John Bart will contact and assist them in making the changes.

Gene Blakeman moved to accept Chapter 255 and Chapter 11. Larry Miller 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

b. Legion Convention Info –

The report had already been given.

c. Membership Transfers and Documentation of Officers,

The chapters should update us yearly. Once per year the membership is the only one we require. There needs to be a way to track changes. There could be a problem of a post leaving a name on roster after a person has moved to another chapter.

The Membership committee will look at a tracking form to help make sure all chapters are sending in forms and money. Will check on updating chapters and get the ability to go in and update. There will be more discussion after the meeting.

10. Sick/Memorial –

Mike Kettle's knee doing better. Bob Scudero was hit by a moving truck, but is up and doing better. Bill from 119 went down from a poker run. He is doing well. The past president from 211 doing well and has been released from hospital. Jerry went down but is doing well. Chapter 11 road chapter Dan Mitchell has been diagnosed with lymphoma in Area 3. The president will pass the information onto Mary.

11. Good of the Order – The Next DEC Meeting– Aug 15, 9:00

12. Benediction – Mary Estrada

Steve Weber conducted the benediction.

13. Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned by P resident Steve Weber at 1036.