

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

Compiled By: Jeff Gallagher

Date: 06/28/08

Time

Approved By:

Teleconference

Convened 0905

Quorum Yes

Adjourned 1005

The meeting was convened as a teleconference at 0905hrs by President Luis 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, Sgt. at Arms – Larry Miller, Chaplain – Mary Estrada, Judge Advocate – John Bart, Service Officer – Wayne Cloukey, Jr. Past President – Terry Baughman, Area 2 VP – Gene Blakeman, Area 3 VP – Jerry Scott, Area 4 VP – John Leonard, Area 5 VP – Reggie Jacobsen, Area 6 VP – Ken Simpson (alternate)

Absent: Area 1 VP – Marc Povandra

A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda

Under New business - Headgear

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Gene Blakeman and seconded by John Leonard to approve the minutes of the regular May 31, 2008 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Jeff Gallagher and seconded by Tony Fettig to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 12, 2008. **Motion Carried.**

Old Business

Incorporation Status – President Luis Diaz advised that we do now have our final incorporation papers and we have our tax-free status. **Discussion Held**

Quartermaster – Vice-President Bob Scudero advised that patch sets are now available from the Quartermaster. There are full patch sets as well as center and bottom rockers available. He said it may not be cost effective to order just the top and bottom rockers rather than the whole patch set. This is based on several patch

sets that were ordered in different ways from Emblem sales. The order form will be on the State website. **Discussion Held**

President Diaz also asked where the family pins currently are. It was determined that District 28 has possession of those. After discussion it was decided that we could sell the pins and any leftover shirts after the rally on the Quartermaster site.

Post 509 Status – Judge Advocate John Bart said that he discussed the issues with the new Dept. Commander and the incoming JA. He believes the issues are very near resolution. They are planning on meeting with involved parties to work on resolving the issues.

Legion Sales – No further discussion. **Remove from the agenda.** Quartermaster update to remain on agenda as standing item

Committee Assignments – President Diaz said that he has not received any nominations for any of the committees after he had put out the call. He will resend the form to the area VPs. If he does not hear anything from them by next meeting he will seat the committees at his discretion.

Pony Express Status – President Diaz received a letter from “Eagle” asking that John Bart be nominated as the State Coordinator for California for the Pony Express. The American Legion has been notified and they want us involved so that we can insure we do not have a competing Rider group involved with TAL. John Bart advised he will accept the position so that we can have a voice at the table. **Discussion Held**

New Business

Headgear – President Diaz said that during the State American Legion Convention held in Bakersfield, the outgoing Commander made comments regarding the wearing of our berets. He does not believe that it was the intent of the outgoing commander to make new policy but it has become a bigger issue than it should be. Luis sent a letter to the new Commander and Judge Advocate for the Department and he is waiting an answer. Most of the people Luis has talked to agree that it was not the intent to stop our wearing the beret at American Legion events where we represent the Riders. However, it has created problems as some new District commanders are quoting it as “the bible”. We will await the new commander’s ruling, however. There is nothing in the bylaws or officers manual put out by National on this issue. John Bart said that pg 51-53 gives instruction on the wearing of the legion cap only. There is nothing in the California bylaws of TAL regarding the wearing of headgear. **Discussion Held**

Sick/Memorial

The daughter of a post 31 member was killed in an accident during the State TAL Convention. She was a past president for the Auxiliary for post 31. Mary Estrada will attend a memorial service on behalf of the Legion Riders.

Mark Shanks from Post 311 was in the hospital after an accident and has been released, resting at home.

Good of the Order

Doc Bart – recommend that we add to the roll call the commissioners. After discussion it was decided that the commissioners will be notified of DEC meetings but will not be put on the roll call.

President Diaz suggested that we go dark in July and meet again in August. He called the next meeting of the ALR-DOC for Saturday August 16, 2008 at 0900 hrs.

Jeff advised that per capita is due at this time.

John Leonard advised that August 16th is Airborne Day

Benediction

Chaplain Mary Estrada offered the benediction

Adjournment

With there being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned by President Diaz at 1005 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

A black and white image of a handwritten signature, likely of Jeff Gallagher, written in ink on a dark background.

Jeff Gallagher
Secretary