

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

Compiled By: Jeff Gallagher

Date: 09/08/2007

Time

Approved By:

Teleconference

Convened 1100

Quorum Yes

Adjourned 1205

Teleconference was convened at 1100 hrs by President Terry Baughman

Roll Call of Officers

Present: Terry Baughman – President, Luis Diaz – Vice-President, Tony Fettig – Treasurer, Larry Miller – Sgt.-at-Arms, Jeff Gallagher – Secretary. A quorum was declared.

The meeting was held as a teleconference. There was no presentation of colors or invocation.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda –

1. Clarify the status Area 1, Napa and Santa Rosa.
2. Luis- received phone call on MC patches. Add to agenda item B.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Scudero advised that the minutes show Larry Miller present and he was not on line for that meeting. Bob also suggested said that the roll call include all officers including the chaplain and vice-presidents. Jeff said he will make a list and distribute it to the officers for approval. That will then become the roll call list. Motion to approve the Minutes with changes Made by Luis Diaz. Bob Scudero Seconded. **Motion Carried**

Old Business

1. **Membership Cards** – Jeff Gallagher advised that he has researched this issue extensively along with Luis Diaz. Although the card drafts were supposed to be submitted and he has a draft card, he and Luis suggested that a different approach using either an issue stamp or sticker from the ALR-DEC be used on existing cards. Jeff, acting as committee chair, introduced said motion. **Motion Carried**
2. **Non-conforming chapters**

- a. Discussion was held on the Napa chapter Area 1 reports that there is a riders chapter there. The VVV Delta Chapter is attempting to keep the other riding clubs from existing at all. The ALR Chapter originally did not want to comply with DEC but now wants us to get behind them. Marc Povandra will be going there tomorrow to discuss the issues. Marc believes we should contact the state CoC to find out if there is a real problem. **Discussion Held.** Bob Scudero and Marc Povandra will jointly work on this issue.
- b. Terry Baughman discussed issues with Adelanto and trying to get them back on board. They are trying to get a sponsoring post and Terry is assisting them with that. Jeff said that he contacted members of the Pacific Palisades post and they are not aware of a chapter starting up there. Chapter 555 has volunteered to go to the post and verify that. **Discussion held.**
- c. A discussion was held on the issue of District rockers and Terry said he believes there are about 3 district chapters. Terry advised that it is up to the chapters whether they want to be part of the district or a separate chapter and depends on whether they meet as a district or not. It was decided that the area commissioner and area VP will handle the issue between district and chapter in their respective area. Terry stated that we only need to make sure that whatever solution they come up with complies with our bylaws. Jeff stated the bylaws are sufficiently vague enough in this area to allow for a wide variance of how the area operates. **Discussion Held. ACTION ITEM:** Jeff to send off email to national advisory to tell them how we want them to deal with our inquiries from California.

3. National Convention

- a. Luis Diaz gave a report on the convention and the Rider's part in the ride and Legacy Fund. He also discussed the Riders Caucus on Sunday. Doc felt we had a good showing and good convention overall. Terry asked us to form an ad hoc committee incorporate. Appointed Luis and Jennifer Diaz to the committee. DEC – TAL Commander Howard Darter would like to bring the ALR convention into the DEC convention. **Discussion Held.** The last report for the Legacy Fund had the amount collected at \$270 thousand dollars.
- b. Stu said he was very disappointed in the communication on the Legacy Run. There were problems when they arrived at Post 440. No one knew when they were coming due to the issue of communications. It was suggested that we have a coordinator or committee handle the logistics of the ride. In the future.
- c. Luis Diaz stated we have a formal request in as to how the Legacy Fund money is being handled so that we have a clear understanding of where the money is going. He believes they need to be more transparent than they have been. John Bart asked about the money collected for the Legacy Fund and how they would be recognized for their donations by National. **Discussion Held.**

4. **Commission Appointments** – Have been completed in Visalia DEC. Discussed the status of the commissioners and what their responsibilities are. A question was asked on meetings of the commissioners. It was suggested that Jim Banakus be contacted for that.
5. **West Coast Rally Status** – Luis Diaz will get with Jake Jacobsen and post a status on the web site.
6. **Website** - Everyone commented on how much they liked the website. Doc was commended for his work. Doc said he needs reports from committee chairs so the entire membership can have the information.
7. **Non-profit corporation status** – Doc made motion to forward non profit status report to the JA to get a status. We need a recommendation for what status we should obtain. Motion by Luis Diaz and second by Jeff Gallagher. **Motion Carried.** Luis Diaz will handle this issue

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed at this time.

Sick and Memorial

Adrian Morton from Chapter 555 is in poor health

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Next meeting will be held by teleconference on October 20 1000 hrs.

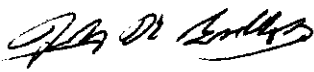
Asked who was attending the West Coat Rally, Jake was advised that Jeff Gallagher, John Chizmar, Terry Bauchman, Tony Fettig, Larry Miller, and Luis Diaz would attend.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, motion was made by Jeff Gallagher and seconded by Luis Diaz to adjourn the meeting at 1245 hrs

Motion Carried

The next Executive Committee meeting was set for October 20, 2007 at 1000 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted



Jeff Gallagher
Secretary