MINUTES OF
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Compiled By: Jeff Gallagher — Date: 10/20/2007

Time

Approved By: — Teleconference — Convened 1005

Quorum Yes — Adjourned 1314

Teleconference was convened at 1005 hrs by President Terry Baughman

Roll Call of Officers

Present: President - Terry Baugham , Vice President - Luis Diaz, Secretary - Jeff Gallagher, Treasurer - Tony Fettig, Sergeant-at-Arms, - Larry Miller, Judge Advocate - John "Doc" Bart (on at 1028 hrs), Service Officer - Bob Scudero, Past President - Jim Banakus, AREA VICE-PRESIDENTS: Area 1 - Marc Povondra , Area 2 - Wayne Cloukey, Area 5 – Reggie L. Jacobsen, Area 6 – Steve Weber.

Absent: Chaplain – Mary Estrada, Historian – Gene Blakeman, Area 4 VP – John Leonard, Area 3 VP – Greg Dais

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

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

1. Add Websites/Comments to Good of the Order
2. Patches under old business
3. Change items to reflect Napa re: Santa Rosa
4. Remove Approval of Napa change from Chapter to District

Approval of Minutes

Following changes are noted:

1. Change Santa Rosa to Napa
2. ALR Chapter misspelled on same paragraph
3. Good of the Order – Remove Bob Scudero from there
4. Motion made by Steve Weber and seconded by Wayne Cloukey to approve the minutes with above changes. **Approved**

Old Business

1. **Napa Chapter 113**
    a. Doc met with the Vietnam Legacy MC Club who shared some significant concerns regarding non rider legion members attending club events wearing soft colors and reporting themselves to be Riders. This has brought negative attention to the American Legion Riders in that county. Discussed with DEC Officers and drafted letter of denial. Jeff says that the letter has been sent. They may reapply in 12 months. **Discussion Held.**
    b. **Action Item: Jeff to send a copy of the letter to all officers by email**
2. **Adelanto**
    a. Jake Jacobsen – Has been in contact with members and has given them a copy of the constitution and bylaws. They are having problems with one of their members who does not want to conform to department rules. The patch issue is at hand and they need to conform to this. Jake is going to continue to work with them and will keep us informed. Jake has given them a complete packet for forming a chapter. **Discussion Held.**
3. **Post 509**
    a. John Bart – Kerman is Post 355. Terry says that some of the people from 355 have joined Post 509 and they are wearing the patch without forming a chapter. John Bart advised the group there are significant problems within post 509 and this is flowing over to the chapter. A chapter was formed by the Kerman people at Post 509 who set up a three piece patch and are claiming territory. They have not started the post correctly and have been called on it. They said they would just do their own thing. Doc Bart advised that the use of TAL on their rocker is a copyright infringement.
    b. Discussion by the legitimate chapter to move from Post 509 to Post 4. John Bart advised there should be no problem with transferring the charter.
    c. After moving the chapter we will deal with the Kerman members. **Discussion Held.**
4. **Email to National Advisory**
    a. Jeff contacted by email the Website and has received no reply as of this date. Doc directed that Jeff should email Bill Sloane and ask for their rep emails. Art Lubben stated that he has had conversations with their webmaster but there has been no resolution. **Discussion Held**
    b. **Action Item: Jeff will contact Bill Sloane and get this resolved.**
5. **Legacy Run Final Totals**
    a. Doc advised the money total is on the website but no information on the legacy fund as to its workings is unknown. Terry contacted Bill Sloane who says they are working on it but the money is just sitting there at this time. After discussion, it was determined that the National website has put new information and forms for obtaining scholarships on the site.
    b. Jim Banakus related an email that he had stating that referrals can be made to Bill Sloane or the head of the Americanism Commission. **Discussion Held**

6. **2007 West Coast Rally Report**
   a. Jake made a report on the Rally. There were 61 payees and 51 attendees. Several non-members showed up for a total of 78. Jake advised that we keep the add-ons to a minimum. Everyone who attended had a good time. As far as costs, both the chapter and the bar made profit. Gross profit was $1647 to the Department.
7. **Nonprofit status**
   a. John Bart said that he will get the process started. The paperwork needs to be filled out and fees sent. The cost is not expensive. Constitution and Bylaws are completed so we just need to register. **Motion** Judge Advocate to complete the paperwork and incorporate with funds expended not to exceed $300 made by Luis Diaz and seconded by Jeff Gallagher. **Discussion held.** Amended motion to include Jack Climer in the review process. **Approved.**
8. **Patches**
   a. Bob Scudero related discussions at the Hollywood ALR Commission Meeting. Discussed Emblem Sales and the quality of patches we receive from them. A cease and desist letter will be going to Adelanto due to copyright issues regarding the issue of patches they are producing. Bob would like to make application to emblem sales to be able to order something locally that would have better quality. More importantly is that we get control of the patches to keep us from having problems with non-conforming chapters. **Discussion Held**
   b. Terry asked Bob Scudero to work on a draft letter to Emblem Sales.
   c. Bob also advised that at the Hollywood meeting it was determined that chapters within a district with a district chapter must join the district chapter. There must be district officers, etc. Steve Weber interjected that it is not that you can't have chapters in the district, its just that all chapter smust have a rep in the district organization. **Discussion Held**
   d. After discussion is was decided that chapters may follow the bylaws in that chapters may call themselves a District chapter and that we should amend the bylaws to clarify that the designation of chapter or district is "who" they ride with and not denoting any particular hierarchy structure. **To constitution and bylaws committee**

<u>**New Business**</u>

1. **Request by Chapter 88** to be known as District 12
   a. **Discussion held.**
   b. John Bart suggested that any chapter wishing to be approved as a district get a letter from their TAL District Commander allowing the change.
2. Marc Provandra asked if we could get the problem with the toll free number fixed. Doc said that they have a limited number of toll free numbers and that everyone else has to use the toll number. John Bart suggested that this should be an expense item call-in to the DEC.
3. **Agenda item to motion for call in expense**

4. Alternate VPs. Steve voiced concern that there should be no alternates and that no one can stand in or vote for the VP. Jeff stated that he put that in so for informational purposes. Jeff remembered this done at the 1st meeting and he believes the minutes reflect that. John Bart recommended that we ask each Area VP designate an alternate and advise Jeff of that designee who will also be notified. **Discussion Held**

<u>Sick and Memorial</u>

1. Doc Diaz thanked everyone who supported the Gil Meadows farewell
2. Jim Banakus reported that Bill Gobel passed away from a heart attack
3. Jim Banakus reported that the commission approved a motion that a resolution be developed to have a retired member class of membership. **C&B to address the issue**

<u>Good of the Order</u>

1. **Website Comments**
   a. Comments made by Luis Diaz about some erroneous information that had gone up on the website and was taken down as soon as known.
   b. Art Lubben related that he sent an email regarding the map on the website
   c. Doc was complimented and thanked for his work on the website
2. There will be a committee report on the convention for 2008 at the next DEC meeting.
3. Bob Scudero asked that any member of the uniform committee email him with their contact info.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, motion was made by Luis Diaz seconded by Jeff Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 1314 hrs
Motion Carried

The next Executive Committee meeting was set for December 8, 2007 at 1000 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

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Secretary