

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
MINUTES
March 4, 2015

1. **Called to Order** - President James Adames – 1901 in due form
2. **Invocation** - Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** - President James Adames
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Don Christolear
5. **ALR Preamble** - James Adames
6. **Roll Call** - Steve Weber – Quorum declared additional guests from Areas
7. **Additions to the Agenda** - program in jeopardy, Doc Bart has bought us some time
8. Terry Boughman – Vietnam veteran out of Santa Cruz, storage of bike made citizen arrest of two guys, Johnny King, deputy DA, says ALR is 1% club, charges are being brought against him, Terry getting info to show we are not a M/C, Doc has investigated too to find out where this 1% is coming from
9. Pres Adames – got wind that this happening and called for this special mtg
10. Doc Bart – facts are Resolution 005 is a program of Legion, warned not to become a club, we need to be cautious of associations, some not abiding by our bylaws, Dept of Justice surveillance of some clubs, pictures of some of our ALR mbrs on justice files, he has made calls to DOJ, they do have pics with our ALR mbrs in their cuts, Terry and Doc are working diligently to clear our name, next opportunity to talk about our program at legion level, DOC not putting up with problems, 4 ALR mbrs on EC dept of CA, bickering of ALR not going over well in DEC, he has been here from get go any cares about ALR very much still and has fought for us on legion level, issue now is not personnel, we are list of DOJ as 1% affiliates, VVCMC has worked with us but we do not go to there clubhouses, typically they come to our house, Nat'l JA has advised him about some things, he will advise commissioners about problems,

11. Terry Boughman states Doc Bart has done very good job for us
12. Jim Banakus – goes back to adhoc committee, we never associate with 1% but some do ride with these clubs, blind sided by us being on DOJ list, if chapter do not want to adhere to bylaws they should be removed, word has to be put out that this will not be tolerated
13. Jake Jacobson – we have had some of these problems since we started we hang with bikers so it is easy to see us with other bikers, lots of time in organization, bylaws
14. Steve on adhoc gave lots of leaway for chapters to have things their way
15. Nacho – 2011 helped formed Hollister chapter, has had conversations with powers to be about 1% clubs, Chapter 31 now has been associated with COC but not now, not familiar with some of these charges now, feels strong about ALR and wants to start climbing Legion chairs in his post and district, will do everything possible to keep our ALR strong, does not want to jeopardize ALR
16. Bob Perryman, what do we need to do now to go forward, we focus on bad apples but we have so much going on that is good, newspaper doing article on ALR about what they are doing that is good, our strength is in what we need to do to go forward
17. Pres Adames, allot of stuff we do is supposed to come out at DEC mtgs
18. Terry Boughman – when forming with the adhoc committee we always left room for us to grow and develop with little government because we had good people who were able to help us start, VVVMC helped us start without us being in COC or 1%, we started legion way and now we need to start governing more
19. Mick Sobchak – A5 has been on phone with Doc Bart and others to keep ALR straight, 1% has shown up at rallies and other programs, we can use our bylaws now to set some of their people straight.
20. Doc Bart, A3 has people riding with 1% too not just A2 mbrs, DA using gang enhancement to try to put this guy in more trouble, he will be going to Sacramento to discuss this with DOJ, this could happen to others if arrested with colors on could be charged with gang enhancement issues too. Penal code sentencing can be lengthened if tied as gang mbr
21. Mick ALR on affiliated list with gangs on DOJ? Doc Bart states DOJ personnel talk to each other and can expand and spread around, some old contacts have warned him that we need to watch out for some of our members, this can expand fast
22. JD , retired 2011 from law enforcement, gang investigator, in 2011 we were not on gang list, has worked with his chapters to comply with our bylaws, we have some bad apples

but majority are doing very good job, take action on bad apples so program is not in jeopardy.

23. Pancho – bylaws tried to change before, people complained, now we are in trouble because we didn't do bylaw changes, we need to enforce more to bad apples because they need to be told more bylaws are coming because we are in trouble now, it has been brewing for a long time, this needs to get done, he is tired of trouble
24. James reminds that we are apolitical, cares about what is happening now
25. Dan Dale- has been listening very intently, started chapter because he wanted to ride with people like himself, he has career in law enforcement too, in growth we have not vetted members to see how our members growth is going, is HOG group on our list of not to ride with? Who is being lumped in with 1%, such as HOG.
26. Doc Bart – Hells Angels Legacy vets, vagos, etc where only members go to clubhouses for the 1% patches, DOJ has guidelines to look at members of clubs. If we are associated with to closely we can also be associated with as a criminal enterprise. Toy runs are not issues to get us looked at. Club houses are looked at to see who is coming and going with your colors on.
27. Dan Dale, uniform committee should get involved to keep us off radar
28. Smokey, associated with 1% can get you on radar. Keeping away from 1% clubs good idea.
29. Don Christolear – nervous about being labeled as DOJ radar, be careful on Facebook etc that ALR can not be put out there in the wrong light
30. Terry – recommendation to place all chapters on probation till convention, Smokey, this cannot be done because our members do not know what all this about, not all chapters are guilty, lets deal with individuals not everyone, lets adhere closer to standards that are in process now, Legion first riders 2nd.
31. JD – do you have a direction on how to go forward with this Mr President, can you put out a email to be be handed down to chapters with the issues that we are talking about and what is expected between now
32. Terry – want to get attention put hammer down till convention, 90% of mbrs not at fault
33. Mick – could not vote to probation on all chapter but not afraid to put problem chapters on probation
34. Doc Bart stated that Cdr Wilson loves ALR , we will get some help from Dept DEC to help with our stand on what is needed to go forward. We have strong people in ALR that

can help us go forward, we have these people on our board now, help will be given as best as Dept can.

35. Smokey – moving forward resolution 35 can help us move forward. He will continue to help us move forward.
36. James – get out resolution to chapters and VPs to bring us in conformance
37. Chris, fine line between what we do, legion does, has went to 1% funeral went back to post not clubhouse, lets change bylaws to narrow gray areas, has ideas. Let all chapters know that we have issues that we will be addressing at convention, we are not going to accept the problems we have, convention we should take this under control
38. James, some time to get done now that we have some issues, we will not tolerate problems and we have authority to pull charters if needed within our bylaws.
39. Dan Dale, can we have letter from Pres and JAG Stover that all chapters get same message from the DEC. Smokey already writing letter as we speak. No later than Friday he should have letter done, James wants this out to chapters by Sat. We all love what we do. One point to put out is chapters importance to be at convention. All chapters should be at convention,
40. Mary Estrada, one of the things always comes up are the patches we allow on our vests.
41. Smokey, uniforms can be easy to enforce,
42. JD, are we going to have feedback time to go over this letter. Smokey has already sent one letter out.
43. James plan of action, letter, sent to all chapters Cdr Wilson and JAG. Program is in trouble, can not sit back and let some of the bad things go forward.
44. Chris, when he joined organization, he looked up to all the organizers who started ALR, has rode for years and understands the culture of M/C's, some posts rent out building to M/C's, we may need to talk about this too.
45. Smokey, need to have more mtgs to discuss the things we have talked about tonight.
46. Mick, because we going to institute changes can we get bylaws committee to start mtg sooner than convention.
47. James, committees can start earlier than convention to have things ready at convention.
48. Patrick, add to uniform committee,
49. Don, JAG and Sec after mtg.

50. Any other business, none

51. Benediction by Mary

52. Mtg adjourned by James in due form at 2100