

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country
Minutes
June 15, 2015

1. **Called to Order** - President James Adames opened in due form at 1902
2. **Invocation** – Past Dept Chaplain Steve Weber
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** - President James Adames
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Steve Storey
5. **ALR Preamble** - Recited by President James Adames
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary by Steve Weber, Quorum Declared, Mary Estrada, Chris Coleman, Pancho Villa, Jake Jacobson, Doc Diaz Excused
7. **Additions to the Agenda** - VA&R donation, Legionnaire
8. **Approval of Minutes** – May 19, 2015 1st- JD Bennett A-3, 2nd- Marc Mathes, discussion, none, Passed
9. **Financial Report** – Don Christolear \$55269.85 start, 235.40 our Balance \$55,034.45 subject to audit to approve by Mick Sobczak, 2nd by JD Bennett, no discussion, passed – VA&R donation – to be discussed
10. **Vice President Report** - Mick Sobczak – membership officers for each Chapter requested, sending out info, going to different parts of the state soon, let him know if you want him anytime soon,
11. **Area Reports**
 - a. Area 1 VP – Bob Perryman – introduce Mike Ross as new VP – had to resign due to election to Post Cdr., has alternate for Mike, he was installed yesterday as post commander, has allot of riders as post officers, being accused of taking over post, ALR stepping up to do the jobs needed. Mick Sobczak swore in Mike Ross as Area 1

VP. Alternate VP Albert Gaede apt by Mike Ross. Bob, 119 poker run coming up, 521, won honorary mayors contest, 2nd in parade.

b. Area 2 VP – Ignacio Alvarez – mtg at 564 June 7th, as had memorial day activities, escorts, to final rest, both were subject to acts of violence, Facebook page as been created to invite A-2 members to events, travelling wall coming to Hollister, they will have people there to help find names, keeping active, mtg Aug 5th, ALRVP Aug 14th in A-2

c. Area 3 VP – J. D. Bennett - Pres Adames, acknowledged loss of JD's mother with moment of silence, JD- tough couple of weeks, thank you to all for condolences, 684, ridgecrest, been very active as a new chapter, BBQ put together, he will be going there soon, doing great, no reports from other chapters for now, July 20 General Grant event, rededication, some history of event given, 6 chapters mtg to ride to event, looking forward to Mick showing up.

d. Area 4 – Vacant

c. Area 5 VP – Paul Patricio – been busy, poker runs, sgt Eric Siemen escort, firefighter, Temecula and back, trap shoot, worked with Arizona chapter, trap shoot went well, A5 presidents mtg next Sat.

d. Area 6 VP – Don Marriott – went to Western romp, lots of rain, 4 mbrs from 66, 8 from 507, Az Cdr showed up, very talkative, interesting he went to school with Cdr Wilson, Romp was great, next Seaside Oregon next year, working with 507 back patches, cleaned off, Memorial day rides were done. James mentioned Sarah Adames Ride coming up.

12. Committee Reports

a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya – in New Mexico, taking care of father, 55 orders, there was rush to get orders before prices went up, please use form on website, address on form for checks to be sent to.

b. Uniform Committee – Sonny Stowers – copy of draft of uniform manual, all have read, Mike- interpretation that back is center patch and flares only on back, Steve Storey, POW/MIA patch, word should means they have option, discussion shall should be used instead for flag, Mick- POW/MIA patch stated shall be worn on vest but placement up to members, should give more leeway to mbrs for placement, Jim Banacus stated we all have different reasons for wearing what we wear, uniformity unless in writing can never happen, James, talked about giving mbrs choices, going back to start about how we got to where we are today, from adhoc to present, many e-mails have came to James about patches etc., Terry has charter mbrs, discussion about those patches, Jim Banakus, charter mbr language conflicts with previous section of manual, Smokey- manual has not been out long, Terry – we are trying to get this done before convention, James- we have put this together as part of the resolution given us by ALDEC, Smokey stated that clean

back was adopted at convention, had to do with 15-004, Mick 1st that Section 1 be approved, 2nd Don Marriott, discussion, Patrick clarification of charter, passed with 1 No vote, Section 2 Mick 1st without standard color being included, read section, 2nd Nacho, discussion, passed, Section 3 and section 4 not be accepted, by Mick, discussion to strike no other patches may be worn in this section, James to table to review by uniform committee, clarified Mick table till next DEC, 2nd by Paul Patricio, clean back is only bylaw section to go to ALDEC, table passed, 1 nay, Sections are put out by committee and we do not have to go with their recommendation without sending some items back to them, Mick Section 5 strike side areas, Smokey clarified reading, Mick 1st striking side, 2nd by Paul Patricio, Smokey, shoulder seam to shoulder seam still leaves a side on vest, Sonny- arm seam to arm seam leaves no side, committee stated nothing on back from seam to seam, discussion, motion, amended to as read by Smokey, to leave side areas in, Paul OK'd amend, Don Marriott, no section 7 Steve read section 7, passed, nay A3 Area 6 nay, Terry Nay, Section 6 Nacho read and 1st to accept, 2nd by Mick, discussion, passed, Section 7 read by Nacho again, Nacho to approve 2nd by Mick, Paul, discussion, passed, no opposed or abstain, Section 8 read by Nacho, Nacho 1st to approve, 2nd by Mick, no discussion, passed, Section 9 questions by Mick, patches be purchased through quartermaster, Mick 1st, Paul 2nd, Terry prior to 2007 were purchased by emblem sales, OK, no ther discussion, passed, Section 10 Mick 1st 2nd Paul to accept, discussion re. 2007 members section 5-8, Terry wanted to remove Section 5-8 in this section, passed, nays 1, no abstained, Section 11 Mick read, 1st by Mick to accept, 2nd by JD, no discussion, passed, no nays or abstentions, Mick read section 12, Mick 1st, 2nd JD, to accept, passed. Section 13, Mick read and moved for acceptance, 2nd by Paul, discussion JD we have 2 sections out but they are going to be rewritten, they are still in manual, Dan stated the mbrs will not be brought up on charges immediately, but we are still working on this manual, we need to be smart about the manual, passed, opposed none, abstentions none, Section 14 read by Mick, motion to accept by Mick, 2nd by JD, discussion, question of review by commissioners, passed, no nays, no abstentions.

- c. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – everything going well, no changes, Comfort Inn, for Hanford rally, Marc Mathes \$76 for King size, A-2 mtg, founding mbrs vests brought up again to him, asked Marc to get with Doc Luis
- d. Judge Advocate Report – JAG - Dan Dale - been busy with chapters bylaws being sent to him and he has went over
 - 1. John Calise charges, has sent packages to John, Ray Simmons received his, John refused to receive his, trial is scheduled for July 12th, if John does not show up they can go with trial board recommendations, may not show. Board of Review can be appointed by Pres Adames. Mick Sobczak – convention going North and South is not in bylaws, Dan will review, Pres Adames, if John Calise does not receive papers can he come back to us, President Ray Simmons has received paperwork so he should know, Smokey question, thoughts, agrees that since Pres. Simmons has received he should not have any legs to stand to stand

on, John may have something else to do but has not replied to date, may have problem with one trial board member being there, will get an alternate available

- e. Service Officer – Chris Coleman - not present
- f. Sgt @ Arms – Steve Storey – no report
- g. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes - Safety manual has been received in pdf format, Smokey has been trying to get it in word format, rally stuff – please mention the ALR rally when you get rooms
- h. Jr. Past President – Poncho Villa
- i. Historian – Jake Jacobsen
- j. Dept. Commissioner – Jim Banakus – contacted commissioners and 4 on line out of 6, waiting for bylaws to be given to him, so they can review them and make recommendation, James thanked and reiterated that resolutions do still need to be approved by the legion

13. Old Business

- a. Chapter Forms – Steve starting to receive new officers forms
- b. D&O Insurance – Dee Schafer-
- c. Legionnaire space is paid for by the ALA and SAL, they do ask for an article from us every issue

14. New Business

- a. New Chapters - none
- b. VA&R contribution to convention, JD 1st for \$5100.00 2nd by Nacho, no discussion, passed
- c.
- d.

15. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain - none

16. Good of the Order – President James Adames – going to convention Friday morning, speaking Friday, berets can be worn during James speech. Mick wrote to have Nat'l ALR.

17. Next Meeting Date – Consensus July 28 at 7 PM

18. Benediction - Chaplain stand-in Steve Weber

19. **Adjournment** – President James Adames in due form at 2222