

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country
Minutes
Monday Aug 24, 2015

1. **Called to Order** - President James Adames opened in due form at 1900
2. **Invocation** –Dept Chaplain Mary Estrada gave invocation
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** - President James Adames
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Steve Storey
5. **ALR Preamble** - Recited by James Adames
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Steve Weber, Quorum declared- absent, Poncho Villa, Jake Jacobson. Don Marriott, Doc Diaz, Smokey Stover, JD Bennett, Marc Mathes
7. **Additions to the Agenda** - Website, 10 minutes limit each topic
8. **Approval of Minutes** – July 28, 2015, 1st by Chris Coleman, 2nd by Nacho A2, to accept, passed
9. **Financial Report** – Don Christolear - \$48236.34 bal \$46750.14 sent in check for cancer for \$100.00, 1st – Mick Sobczak 2nd by Paul Patricio to accept subject to audit, passed
Don has contacted the lady to review our books and should be done soon.
10. **Vice President Report** - Mick Sobczak – Sat went to JJ Leonard funeral, Ch 826 wore old vests for funeral only, reviewing manual for putting out to members
11. **Area Reports**
 - a. Area 1 VP – Mike Ross – uniform issue has taken a toll in his Area, activities director is now with HOG, echo in phone, Dist 5 Post 208 has voted to dissolve and now have started 3 piece patch club, has asked for all patches to be turned in but has not seen any yet, Dan Dale has been in touch with Lobrano, nothing turned in yet, Dist 2 has had some emails going out, he has had some issues with them, apparently some restraining orders against their president, may be charges coming soon.

- b. Area 2 VP – Ignacio Alvarez - moving forward, Area mtg went well, they helped set up Livermore function Aug 15th, Aug 29th Celebration of Life for Wayne Clockey, Sep 19 meeting, Oct 10th meeting may be in Martinez, R2R Oct 17-? Chapters are getting ready to support. James says he had fun at Livermore
- c. Area 3 VP – J. D. Bennett – not present
- d. Area 4 – Vacant
- c. Area 5 VP – Paul Patricio – Anniversary tonight, slow in summertime, 2 chapters getting ready to form, should be ready by next mtg.
- d. Area 6 VP – Don Marriott – Dan Dale gave Sarah’s Ride Sep 19th, R2R Oct 20th in San Luis Obispo, been busy with flag lines and escorts, been busy all over

12. Committee Reports

- a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya – 6 orders with 23 sets, 2 top rockers, rally patches and rockers will be sent out this weekend, has not received flares from Dist 5, started a new job, some travel coming up. Stand Down in Antioch same weekend as Rally, Dist 9 may not make rally because of Stand Down Security duty
- b. Uniform Committee – Sonny Stowers - has been asked questions regarding uniforms, vests have not been in code, he states the chapter President should enforce, James has seen some not in compliance, when are we going to hold Presidents accountable, discussion, at Wayne’s event they have asked people to wear the old vests for that day, James are going to have to draw the line at some point but not this weekend, Mick – it has been 2 months since we were to comply, suggested Sept 1 as deadline, stated to short, Oct 1st, dues are due Jan 1 member in compliance, Mick Sep 10, Dan Dale we should not extend due to our requirements from the legion. Lets enforce now, James lets look at rally, and send letters and let chapters know they are not in compliance yet, Start enforcing now, by James. Memo to be sent out to chapters
- c. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – next year’s event working on, Stopped by Hanford, they are ready, they have hosted convention before so they are ready, Brother Wayne funeral/ Celebration of Life getting ready for, Convention for San Luis Obispo, he has been getting calls about fees, everything looks great.
- d. Judge Advocate Report – JAG - Dan Dale – 9 sets of bylaws have been received and he has responded, been at reunion in Oregon, has answered allot of calls re: uniform issues
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- e. Service Officer – Chris Coleman - no report at this time
- f. Sgt @ Arms – Steve Storey – no commission
- g. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes -
- h. Jr. Past President – Poncho Villa
- i. Historian – Jake Jacobsen
- j. Dept. Commissioner – Jim Banakus – he did not give report at Legion DEC, gave list of Area Commissioners, Ron Dillow for Area 1, Area 2 Terry Baughman, Area 3 Vince Cole, Area 4 vacant, Richard Ramirez commissioner, Area 5 Jake Jacobson, Area 6 Jim Banakus, end of report

13. Old Business

- a. Chapter Forms 2016 – have been coming in slowly, will send out reminder soon.
- b. Chapter recognition – Steve Storey- sent out letter with his thoughts, has not received any feedback to date, Mick- great idea, there are some problems still as to how do we give recognition – Steve says we should not give to those that are not in compliance etc, This is supposed to be for those that do good things all around
- c.

14. New Business

- a. New Chapters – none ready
- b. Website –Mick, Jim Oxley would like to be asst webmaster, possibly ads on site, would do this for free, Discussion regarding helping Doc with existing site, James to discuss with Doc and see if anything further to do or where Doc could use help if any
- c. Big Mike – Dist 5 Post 208 – there has been some interest in keeping the Chapter open, Post 113 may have members ready to stay, Lake Tahoe may be ready soon too, Dan Dale stated that a member can belong to one post and a different Chapter, Mike to look into further.
- d.

15. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – she has sent out cards, Rider Everlasting for Wayne Clockey read, Amen

16. Good of the Riders – President James Adames – Jim Banakus- fallen warrior fund \$3500.00 for this year to be sent in, Jim to call Poncho to see if he is going to Nat'l Convention - \$25900.00 to date – Dan Dale- convention registration form has been sent out, registration form has been used from past conventions, package deal is to be for ease

not required, recommend finding room now and cancel later if you can't go, see all stuff sent soon and start process.

17. **Next Meeting Date** – Consensus – Monday -Sep 28th, 7 PM
18. **Benediction** - Chaplain Mary Estrada – benediction given.
19. **Adjournment** – President James Adames adjourned in due form at 2042