



The American Legion Riders
Department of California
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President: Mick Sobczak

Secretary: Monique Clemons

ALR DEC Meeting
5/23/16

Minutes

Call to Order: 1900 HRS President Mick Sobczak

Invocation: Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Financial Report:

Start of period \$ 57499.94

End of Period \$ 50029.69

Pete Calvert motioned to accept the report
Kristina Witt 2nd the motion
Motion passed

CalTex24 Funds received \$ 8803.00 and \$ 8567.98 from last year's charitable funds for a total of \$ 17370.98 we still have checks coming in.

Anthony advised he has been working with Don but until some issues are completed they cannot fully transfer everything over. Anthony brought up that we need to start to look at a change in delegate fees. We need to also start looking at the finances as a business even though we are a nonprofit. We need to create a line item budget that can be reviewed and carried over year to year. The treasurer also needs to have the ability to pay bills as they come up especially things like attorney fees without having to come back and ask permission.

Mick Thanked Don again for all he has done including driving up to Sacramento to meet with the franchise tax board.

Pete Calvert offered to help write a resolution that will give the treasurer the ability to pay bills without permission each time.

James stated that we can accomplish the same thing with a vote of the board, that a resolution can only be presented at the convention.

We will discuss later after getting more information from our Judge Advocate.

Vice President Report- Brad Ring : Went to a blue and gold star event was a little disappointed that they did not have more riders. Area 6 was seen to still have some vests that are out of compliance. Will be working with Jim Oxley and the Simi Valley post to start a riders group.

Area 1 Report- Bob Perryman: Reported he has two Assistant Area VPS Steve Bound and Loyd Watson who are both very motivated. Will be working together to establish new chapters. Had a successful poker run and have three more poker runs coming up in Area 1. Reported they have been working hard up north. They are currently raffling a 1200cc sportster on April 27th 2017. Will be selling only 1000 tickets. Profits will be split between VA & R and Homes for Troops.

Area 2 Report- Pete Calvert: We had seven out of nine active chapters show up at the Livermore VA hospital. Ended up spending \$7250.00 on the vets at the hospital. Had many activities including Bingo and a Lunch. 262 Hours were spent on event. Monterey County stand down will be this year and district 28 will be doing the security. Others including District 9, 10 Chapter 31 and others will also be helping. District 28 and Chapter 31 are working with the veterans club at the college. They have done joint fundraiser activities and have donated money to them. Will have A poker run in July and other fun runs are scheduled. The information regarding Chapter 465 is needed not sure what needs to be done while on suspension.

Area 3 Report- Randy Brenneman : Been very busy in the area. Participated with the Honor cart. 6 -8 Chapters participated from area 3. We had up to 80 bikes in each leg. The cart is on the way to DC for the run for the wall and then to Dallas Fort Worth Airport. Had several successful poker runs including one on May 7 for the children's hospice camp. Chapters participated in several welcome homes and services since convention. Chapters also helped with food distribution activities. Tehachapi post would like to start a chapter. The commander even said he will buy a bike. Suspended chapter would like to pay all fees due and become current to have their suspension reversed. Doc Bart will discuss with Randy off line to resolve.

Area 5 Report-Rey Ruiz : 262 had a rodeo. Area 5 had poker runs in the San Diego Area. I have been out to four different meetings so far and some dinners and events. Have been working on new chapters in West Convina and at post 731. I am continuing with the weekly emails with a message from me and all the upcoming events so that all the chapters know when other events are going on so we don't have multiple events on the same day which will help with the attendance at the events. I decided to split my area up into three parts giving each of the three assistants 10 chapters to visit and support. So far all three have been out getting to know their chapters.

Mick Requested that anyone that does the weekly emails please include him and VP Brad Ring.

Area 6 Report- Don Marriott: May 16th had a honor flight in Monterey where riders did a flag line. Western Romp in 2017 both Chapter 149 and 66 have volunteered to do it. The vote will be done at the Romp in Oregon. June 11 we will have a Bike blessing. Chapter 741 is not in compliance and currently working on how to get them in compliance.

Pete Calvert Motioned to suspend the rules to allow discussion and appointment of a Service Officer.

Kristina Witt 2nd Motion

Motion Passed

George Smith introduced himself and gave a quick explanation of his experience. He will assemble the list of all the county service offices with certified service officers and then split it up by our areas giving each area VP those contacts to pass on to their chapters so they can access those sources when needed.

Pete Calvert Motioned to accept George Smith as the ALR DOC Service Officer for 2016-2017

Kristina Witt 2nd Motion

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Quartermaster- Patrick Tofoya: 10 orders since convention. Funds went out to Livermore hospital (\$500.00) and Cal tex24 (\$150.00) will continue to use quartermaster funds to give back to veterans. Quartermaster requested that the VPs let the chapter presidents know that the quartermaster only wants checks from the chapter treasure. All orders should come through the chapter president and treasurer.

Mick asked if Patrick can send out the list to VPs with who is ordering patches.

Convention and Rally-Dee Pittenger: Received the letter of intent for Rally from Chapter 31 and has sent it out to the DEC. Has some questions regarding the Rally which we will discuss latter after reports. Verified that the Convention will be Hollister and the Letter has been accepted and Voted on already.

Judge Advocate- John Bart: We will have more discussion after convention when we receive direction from the new state commander. We will work on also making the distinction between a Budget and the ways and means making us more in line with our parent organization. Also stated that he will contact Area VPs regarding suspended chapters. Clarified that on the Call elected officers have voice and vote and appointed only have voice.

Service Officer-George Smith: No more to report. Previously advised plan during introduction.

Safety Committee- Ken White: Will be working on putting together a safety manual to include how to safely ride in a group and had signals. Received input so far from area 3 and 5. Ken hopes to have it completed to present at the next convention. Area 6 Alternate VP Dave Kennedy stated he is also working with the CHP on a similar safety program and is willing to also work with the Safety officer.

Membership Committee- Christina Witt: Chapter 684 has been successful in getting younger members including sport bikes. Will continue to work with Brad Ring to bring more members in requested his Email again.

Historian- Jeff Gallagher: No Report

Jr Past- James Adames: Wanted to thank Don again for his years of service. There will be a learning curve. Said that Mick is doing well as president.

Dept Commissioner- Jim Banakus: We have to work on the commissioner process. We only had a few show up at convention and one say he did not even know he was a commissioner. Will work on it and report more during the next meeting.

Mick asked that the commissioners work with the VPs to help clean up the name of the Riders and work on membership and creating chapters in post that do not have them.

Webmaster-Jim Oxley: At convention it was asked if we could add a rider's everlasting page to the website. This was added along with a form that can be completed and will automatically update the list. Please check out the website and direct your chapters to look at it. We also have an event page with upcoming events and pictures from past events.

Old Business-

Dee Pittinger made a motion to accept chapter 31 as the location for the 2016 West Coast Rally in September.

James Adames 2nd Motion

Motion Passed

New Business-

Convention Awards-

Safety award for chapters that ride the most accident free miles. They will receive a trophy that they will hold on to for a year.

Randy asked how we will document it. It will be on the honor system. Each VP will have the chapters send in their mileage monthly. No Matter how many bikes are on the ride it is the number of miles from point A to B.

Discussion followed

We will work on the idea but have the chapters start to keep track of millage.

CAITex 24 - James Adames: The ride was great went by too fast but what was important was the funds that we raised for the VA&R . Thanked everyone including Bill Richardson, Rey Ficek and Monique Clemons for their support in the Chase vehicle.

Monique and Rey both spoke about being in the chase vehicle.

Mick Thanked the Chase team again and said without the chase team they may not have made the 24 hour mark.

Jake Jacobsons Celebration of life will be at the Escondido post 149 on June 12th @ 1 pm. He was one of the original riders and was our state historian. All the information will be given to the Secretary and she will pass it on.

Sick/ Memorial - No report

Good of the riders-

-Sportster fundraiser information is on the website and we would like help from all the areas. Drawing will be on 4/27/17.

Mick requested that everyone should be sure to check emails at least once a day.

Next meeting date : Tuesday 6/28/16 1900

Benediction – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Adjournment- 2050 HRS