



The American Legion Riders Department of California

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President: Mick Sobczak

Secretary: Monique Clemons

ALR DEC Meeting
7/25/16

Minutes

Called to Order - President Mick Sobczak 7 pm

Invocation – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Pause for MIA - President Mick Sobczak

Pledge of Allegiance – Brad Ring

ALR Preamble - President Mick Sobczak

Roll Call - Secretary Monique Clemons

Additions to the Agenda

None

Approval of Minutes – June 2016 DEC Minutes

Motion was made to accept the minutes as read.

Motion made by Ray Ruiz

2nd by Brad Ring

Motion Passed

Financial Report – Anthony Serio

\$44699.57 at the end of the period. The checking account will be switched over this Saturday. Starting now we will be using Purchase orders before checks are written. Everyone needs to be cautious when giving money to charities make sure they are not scams.

Motion made to accept the finance report pending Audit

Motion made by Pete Calvert

2nd Randy Brenneman

Passed

Vice President Report - Brad Ring

Dealt with chapter 146 regarding a patch issue. Also chapter 731. Visited several chapters and also spoke to chapter 31 regarding hotels not being aware of the rally. Currently still working on the coin. The cost for an artist rendition is \$100 each to be able to send them for approval.

Area Reports

Area 1 VP – Bob Perryman

Chapter 119 had a well-attended poker run and are working on getting there chapter going. Chapter 130 in the foothills will be having a poker run on October 1st and will be there first one. Will be working on getting a presidents meeting set up. Will be going to the Yountville Veterans Hospital in Napa for a Picnic. Will be out of town August 3 to the 13th to go to Sturgis. Still selling tickets for the Sportsters. Requested that each area VP will agree to sell 10 tickets in their areas.

Area 2 VP – Pete Calvert

We just had our Summer Poker Run at District 28 that we have now renamed to the Wayne Cloukey Memorial Run and made over \$1500.00 to donate to Freedom Paws. This Saturday we will be leaving from Prundale to the USS Hornet. Chapter 694 is having many problems and is down to 8 members and only 6 active. They have agreed that the goal is by Dec 31st to double their number

of active members. Will be working with DLI to recruit members. There is currently two bar-b-ques planned for this weekend that are being arranged to provide a place to recruit new riders to start a new chapter in Area 2. The traveling wall will be coming to the Area in October. Chapter 31 is working on the Rally.

Area 3 VP – Randy Brenneman

Have been helping Chapter 711 after the fire. Chapter 221 in Tehachapi will not be able to get started till winter. This coming Saturday will be the Presidents meeting.

Area 4 – Vacant

Area 5 VP – Rey Ruiz

Have had many breakfasts and Dinners in the Area and chapters are visiting other chapters for meals. Had many riders participate with the traveling wall that was in the area until 7/5. We had multiple parades during July. Chapter 595 did a VDO event on July 9th. July 15-17th we had our Presidents meeting also at Chapter 595. Barstow Veterans home run will be November 19th. We had a Ride for the Blue on Sunday from San Bernardino to San Diego.

Area 6 VP – Don Marriott

Had the 12th annual poker run for the fallen, there were many different Chapters and Districts in attendance. Chapter 66 had two events also, one was a Stand Down that the riders went down to the creek and encouraged homeless vets to come to the stand down and get cleaned up and get services that are needed. Major Bike accident happened in the Area. A past member was involved. One rider who is a Vietnam vet has passed from his injuries.

Committee Reports

Sgt. at Arms – Steve Storey no report
Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya

Have processed 56 orders 209 patch sets since the beginning of the year. District 9 sent 711 a check for \$750.00 to help with rebuilding from the fire and also are giving funds to the local Veterans homes. Working hard to keep the two week turn around. Emblems Sales is trying to keep stock in of our patches. We currently get 30 at a time.

Uniform Committee – Jim H

The Chapter verses District Flare the decision was made that the Chapter Flare should be used but everyone in the Chapter should be the same. This should be a chapter issue.

Convention and Rally – Dee Pittinger

Working on details for the Rally but we will not have a host hotel because of an air show at the same time in the area. Some hotels may be up to 12 miles away. Clarification was asked for regarding the funding for Rally.

Judge Advocate Report – John Bart no report

Service Officer – George Smith

Has sent out information to some of the area VPs. Also has been working on a visit a vet program. Currently working closely with the California State service officer and is passing the information from them to the Area VPS.

Safety Committee – Ken White

Committee meeting was held. Will send out the completed packet as soon as it is ready to the Area VPs

Webmaster – Jim Oxley

The website is working well and more and more events are being added. Remind all the chapters to add their activities and miles to the website. Any of the flyers regarding Rallies and conventions need to be sent to the Webmaster to be posted, starting to get questions regarding them.

Membership Committee – Christina Witt No report
Historian – Jeff Gallagher No report
Ways and Means Committee – No report
Jr. Past President – James Adames No report
Dept. Commissioner –

Need to speak to Jim Banikas regarding history regarding being a commissioner

Old Business

Chapter / District Flare –

Motion was made that the top Flare should say Chapter only not District.
Motion made by Brad Ring
2nd by Rey Ruiz

Discussion regarding the possible cost and possible problems that will come up.

Pete Calvert made a motion to table the previous motion
Brad Ring 2nd Motion
Passed

Legacy Run- Reno 2017 National Convention will discuss offline again

Out of Compliance Vest-

ALR 711- Vest had Velcro on it to be able to add and remove a patch depending on where they are. The member was told he cannot do that and must remove the Velcro.

ALR 262 – Went to their meeting and discussed the vest. Explained to him he has to have a valid vest patch with rockers.

ALR 241- Us army rocker above the Chapter Flare. Emailed the Chapter and spoke to someone on the phone but have not received an answer yet. Will be going to the next chapter meeting.

District 2- working on trying to reach them but they have not been communicating for awhile

ALR 365- Two patches on the back of the vest. Has sent email to the chapter president. Has had some discussion but does not know if it has been taken care of.

New Business

New Chapters –

Chapter 364 for Area 5. Everything has been submitted.

Rey Ruiz motioned that the DEC accepts Chapter 364 as a new chapter
Randy Brenneman 2nd Motion

Passed

Quartermaster-

Rey Ruiz received a letter from chapter 155 regarding the Quartermaster (Letter attached to the minutes) . The letter was sent to the DEC and then Patrick did reply with an answer regarding the duties of the quartermaster. Mick stated that after the convention in able at the DEC meeting Patrick was appointed and the appointment was voted on and approved along with the other appointments. He also mentioned that Chapter 155 is currently wearing flares that were not purchased from the quartermaster. Pete Calvert mentioned maybe we should change the language a little bit regarding appointing officers. Other VPs spoke up regarding the issue as well. Mick will put this on the agenda as old business for the next meeting after discussion with the Judge advocate regarding if we have a contract written up and if not we will look at creating one to cover us until the convention next year.

Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

No one to report only the riders that were part of the accident in Area 2

Good of the Riders – President Mick Sobczak

Will be attending Presidents meetings in all the Areas. Only the Cover of the Parent organization or the Barrett is authorized to wear during the meeting.

Please let me know about Chapter and Post events I will come up to as many as I Can.

Met with the new state Commander. His biggest request is that we help with membership. Mick told him we do not get support from the American legion and would like to see more support.

Don Marriott- James is not able to ride currently do to 4 vertebrae being messed up in his neck

Next Meeting Date – Consensus Aug 23rd 1900 hrs (7pm)

Benediction - Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Adjournment – President Mick Sobczak 2059