

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country

DEC Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2017

Called to Order - President Mick Sobczak

Invocation – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Pause for MIA - President Mick Sobczak

Pledge of Allegiance - Warren Halstead

ALR Preamble - President Mick Sobczak

Roll Call - Secretary Monique Clemons

Additions to the Agenda – None

Approval of Minutes – December 2016 DEC Minutes

Rey Ruiz made motion to accept the minutes as presented electronically
Don Marriott Second
Motion Passed

Financial Report – Anthony Serio

Report was sent electronically to all of the DEC. The different tabs on the reports were explained. A large number of checks and Paypal items have come in over the last few days have not been deposited yet. The largest item that has been cleared was the seed money for the Convention to Chapter 69 in the amount of \$2000.00. Current account balance \$43394.56

Warren Halstead Made motion to accept the transmitted report pending audit
Rey Ruiz Seconded
Motion Passed

Presidents Report – Mick Sobczak

Advised Area VPs to work with Chapters to get Paperwork done. Advised he wanted reports to the point regarding status of Chapters and major events only.

Vice President Report - Randy Brenneman

We have had a lot of email traffic regarding the rosters, Fees, etc. Area VPs need to continue to push their chapters to get the paperwork in so that everyone will be able to seat delegates.

Secretary Report – Monique Clemons

Reported on each Area regarding number of chapters missing required paperwork. Also explained the requirement for the Certification of Officers.

Sgt. At Arms Report – Steve Storey

No Report

Area Reports

a. Area 1 VP – David George

Will work on the discrepancies on the fees paid by some of the Chapters. Lincoln may not have enough members to continue as a Chapter. Chapter 383 has not been able to be reached yet. Has several post that are trying to start chapters.

b. Area 2 VP- Warren Halstead

Have asked the commissioner to help with Chapter 456. We have several events coming up including working on the Convention coming up in April. Terry Reported he called the Post and spoke to the Post commander and was told by the post commander that he would call him back but still have not heard anything.

c. Area 3 VP – Ed Chachone

Had our presidents meeting on Saturday at Chapter 509. It was a very good meeting we were missing some chapters do to the road conditions. My assistant VP has been working on getting the Rosters and the Fees from the chapters. We have not heard of any problems just a few wrong numbers but we now have correct numbers and emails for the Chapters in the Area.

d. Area 4 VP No Report

c. Area 5 VP – Rey Ruiz

Had our Presidents meeting/ Rally this last weekend in Chula Vista. We had 18 chapters in Attendance. It was a very good weekend.

The Bike Raffle- Any Rider can win the bike if they buy a ticket. The line on the ticket was just put on the ticket for legal purposes.

Area5 now has a google calendar for all events in Area 5 thanks to Jim Oxley.

d. Area 6 VP – Don Marriott

We had 14 Chapter represented at our Presidents meeting. We had very bad Fog which made the travel bad. We had a very good meeting and received a lot of good information. Over in Bakersfield we will have a group of Military Police coming home from Cuba and we want to try and get a Flag line set up for them. Baldwin Park was on suspension last year and I spoke to Gail to try and help them get the paperwork done and so has other officers but they still have not gotten anything done. Guadalupe Chapter 371 is a good group of guys but they are struggling to get members because of another group in their area.

1. Committee Reports

- a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya
No Report
- b. Convention and Rally – Dee Pittinger
Robert Deluna Chapter 69 everything is on track still for the convention. Terry Baumann advised he has someone to sing the national anthem so Robert and Terry will talk off line. Mick advised to keep in mind that we need to have Chapters lined up to campaign for the next convention at convention this year.
- c. Judge Advocate Report – John Bart
Advised that the Department Commander was very pleased with the organization during the National Commanders visit. The problem with the deadline is an ongoing problem. He has not received any Bylaws so be sure to send them to the email he gave.
- d. Service Officer – George Smith
No Report
- e. Safety Committee – Ken White
After we get people for each area for the safety committee we will start to expand to people for each Chapter.
- f. Webmaster – Jim Oxley
This has been a busy month. I have been helping people with logging on to the website and working out any of the bugs in the system.
- g. Membership Committee – Gary Teicher
No Report
- h. Historian – Jeff Gallagher
No Report
- i. Jr. Past President – James Adames
No Report- Back in California
- j. Dept. Commissioner – Vince Cole
I was asked to contact Post 22 Commander and he had no idea he had a riders program. But I was able to reach the riders and get them in contact with the Area VP.

2. Old Business

Already covered, no other old Business

3. **New Business**

Accept resignation of Peter Calvert
Randy Brennaman Made the motion to Accept the resignation
Steve Story Seconded
Motion Passed

Ratify Warren Halstead as Area 2 VP
James Adames made the motion
Rey Ruiz Seconded
Motion Passed

Mick Sobczak passed control of the meeting over to Randy Brennaman

New Chapters – ALR 804 (East Los Angeles)

All the Paperwork was submitted electronically
Mick Sobczak Made the Motion to accept ALR 804 as a new Chapter for Area 4 for the first time in 8 years.
Rey Ruiz Seconded
Motion Passed

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Vote to award 2017 Rally

Chapter 149- Escondido/ Denise Gave presentation on why we should choice Post 149 as the location for our 2017 Rally.

Chapter 739-Indio / Gene Hobdy Gave a presentation on why Post 739 is the best choice for the 2017 Rally.

Vote was taken and Indio won the vote. Indio will be the location of the 2017 Rally.

Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Gerald Stockert
Ben Horr from Hemet Passed away serves will be this Friday.

Good of the Riders
None

Next Meeting Date – 28 February 2017 at 1900

Warren Halstead was Sworn in as Area 2 VP by Mick Sobczak

Benediction - Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Adjournment – President Mick Sobczak 2030 HRS