

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country

DEC Minutes

April 25, 2019

1. **Called to Order** - President Mick Sobczak @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Milo Barclay
3. **Pause for MIA** - President Mick Sobczak
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Mike Smith
5. **ALR Preamble** - President Mick Sobczak
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

President-Mick Sobczak;
Sergeant-At-Arms-Mike Smith;
Secretary-Debbie Proffitt;
Judge Advocate-Ralph Wenzinger-EX;
Parliamentarian-Hy Libby;
Service Officer-George Smith;
Quartermaster-Patrick Tafoya;
JR Past President/Tech Advisor-James Adames;
Convention & Rally-Dee Pittenger;
Legacy Run- Mike Cash;
Area 1 VP-Fred Branson;
Area 1 Asst VP-Pete DePalma;
Area 2 Asst VP- vacant;
Area 3 Asst VP-Ken Sutton;
Area 4 VP-Joel Lopez;
Area 5 Asst VP-Ron Huff; EX
Area 5 Asst VP-Ray Ficek-EX
Area 6 VP-Ronnie Womble;
Area 6 Asst VP- Blake Shiver;
Area 1 Commissioner-Bob Perryman;
Area 4 Commissioner-Karl Wilvert;
Area 6 Commissioner-Steve Weber

Vice President-Rey Ruiz;
Treasurer-Leonard Phillips;
Chaplain-Roy Van Westbroek;
Historian-Fran Del Santo-EX;
Safety Officer-Rob Carrier;
Webmaster/Public Relations-Jim Oxley;
Alt Quartermaster- Mike Clement;
Membership-Gary Teicher;
Awards/Certs-Rochelle Billet-Smith;
Ways & Means- Leif Meisinger;
Area 1 Asst VP-Rory Airheart;
Area 2 VP/ A2 Comm-Warren Halstead;
Area 3 VP-Paul LaPierre;
Area 3 Asst VP- Ralph Wenzinger;
Area 5 VP-Gene Hobdy;
Area 5 Asst VP-Larry Brandt;
Area 5 Asst VP- David Saenz;
Area 6 Asst VP-Milo Barclay;
Area 6 Asst VP- Tim Schueller;
Area 3 Commissioner-Ivan Frey;
Area 5 Commissioner-Paul Patricio;

Guests;

7. Additions to the Agenda –

None

8. Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2019

Motion to accept the March 25, 2019 minutes as electronically transmitted by Rey Ruiz.
2nd by Ken Sutton. Passed by vote of DEC.

9. Financial Report – Leonard Phillips

- *\$71,631.32 in bank.
- *Sent the budget in an email.
- *Added Line 45- Legacy run. Money will be shown there. Right now, \$3,723.78
- *Almost done with the Per capita and delegate fees.
- *Motion to accept the financial report as read pending audit by Warren Halstead. 2nd by Rory Airheart. Passed by vote of DEC.

10. Presidents Report – Mick Sobczak

- *Agenda is short. Longer reports next Friday.

11. Vice President Report – Rey Ruiz

- *Progress

12. Sgt. At Arms Report – Mike Smith

- *Need a name for an Asst. SAA for convention from Areas 1, 2 or 3.

13. Secretary Report – Debbie Proffitt

- *32% of chapters still owe a delegate report.
- *End of Year Report will be added to the convention requirements for next year since it is in the ALRDOC bylaws.
- *Credential Committee call in had 2 people.
- *Will be working on badges. Ordered more holders.
- *Will be doing a Facebook post.

14. Area Reports – save questions until after report is complete

a. Area 1 VP – Fred Branson

- *See ya next Friday.

b. Area 2 VP – Warren Halstead

- *Check is in the mail for the 2 outstanding chapters.
- *Will have the Area President's meeting in Santa Clara on Saturday at 10am.

c. Area 3 VP – Paul LaPierre

*Close to getting everything done.

d. Area 4 VP – Joel Lopez

c. Area 5 VP – Asst. Larry Brandt

*Adding chapters 289 and 468.

e. Area 6 VP – Ronnie Womble

*Have been doing PGR and funeral missions,

*John Archuleta had open heart surgery.

*Post 817 voted to have a chapter. Need the paperwork done.

15. Committee Reports – save questions until after report is complete

a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya

*Talked to Patch about swag for convention. Mick reminded about the I rode mine to convention patches.

*Apologizing in advance. Will be at check in on Friday. Will be there Saturday but only in the afternoon. Will be there all-day Sunday.

*Will have berets at registration.

*Patch will make more black with gold hoodies. Mick asked about gold with black hoodies.

*Leonard will bring the Square reader. Can cover for Pat on Saturday. District 9 will be helping also.

b. Convention and Rally – Mick

*Best Western in Gilroy has rooms.

*Waiting on the list of speakers.

*Will have a bugler for the National Anthem. During Rider Everlasting will have 2 buglers.

*Will ride up Thursday.

*The service banners were sent to Hollister.

c. Service Officer – George Smith

*How many people are reached by a blast email vs the newsletter? Mick stated it's the same.

d. California Legacy Run – Mike Cash/Rochelle Billet-Smith/Debbie Proffitt

*Rochelle-Lunch at 509 is a go. Hot dogs and hamburgers.

-Bakersfield Cemetery is a go.

-Dinuba won't work as they don't know if it will be ready.

-Checking to see if the 9-11 beam is a possibility.

-Looking at the cost of wreaths.

*Mike-Thanks to Rochelle and Milo.

-Need to promote at the convention.

-Next call in is at 6:30pm on April 30.

*George-Ed asked him to call Palo Alto to make a connection. Told the lady to contact ED.

*Debbie- 19 people have registered so far.

16. Old Business

a. Convention

Already talked about.

17. New Business

a. Chapter 105 (Redwood City)

*Motion by George Smith to accept Chapter 105 at the ALRDOC's 94th chapter. 2nd by Rey Ruiz. Passed by vote of DEC.

b. Chapter 289 (Riverside)

*Motion by Gene Hobdy to accept Chapter 289 as the ALRDOC's 95th chapter. 2nd by Larry Brandt. Passed by vote of DEC.

c. Chapter 468 (Julian)

*Motion by Gene Hobdy to accept Chapter 468 as the ALRDOC's 96th chapter. 2nd by Larry Brandt. Passed by vote of DEC.

d. Chapter 709 (Rancho Cordova)

*Motion by Pete DePalma to accept Chapter 709 as the ALRDOC's 97th chapter. 2nd by Rory Airheart. Passed by vote of DEC.

18. Sick / Memorial

*John Archuleta had bypass surgery.

*Mick took the names for Rider Everlasting from the website.

*Thanks to Jim Oxley for the ability to send out blasts.

19. Good of the Riders

*Area 3- Ch 476 will be hosting a meet and greet this Saturday.

*A5-Progress.

*Jim Adames brought up chapters having house rules. In most cases they are good and serve a purpose. Some house rules don't serve a purpose and when they discriminate against current members. There is a chapter who has a house rule that a member must live in California to continue being a member. This is claiming territory and is not supporting our vets. I think this is wrong and could possibly open up the Riders and the Legion to a law suit. This will be a black eye on the Riders and the Legion. This is not supporting the 4 pillars. This should be handled at our level. Living out of state and not being able to stay a member is discriminatory. This is bordering on a fine line. Retainment hasn't been talked about.

*Mick- There won't be discussion because there was mention of a law suit.

*James-Don't sweep this under the rug.

*Bob Perryman-The Area Commissioner should be involved, not the DEC.

*Mick-Can a child of a rider join as a member?

*George-Had an issue with Ch 208 who put a patch on a child. Had to deal with it. It is not allowed.

*Ralph will check on it and talk at the pre-convention DEC meeting.

*Post 620 has reached out to have a chapter.

*Should have 309 coming in next month.

*San Francisco Cathay post is interested.

20. Next Meeting Date – 3 May 2019 at 6 PM. (Pre-DEC)

21. Benediction - Milo Barclay

22. Adjournment – President Mick Sobczak @ 8:06 PM