

# The American Legion Riders Department of California



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## DEC Minutes April 23, 2017

1. **Called to Order** - President Mick Sobczak 11:08am
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain
3. **Pause for MIA** - President Mick Sobczak
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms

Motion to suspend regular meeting ...2<sup>nd</sup>, vote, passed

### 2017/18 Elected Officers...

President = Mick Sobczak  
Vice-President = Randy Brenneman  
Sergeant-At-Arms = Caleb Homer

### 2017/18 Appointed Officers...

Service Officer = George Smith  
Secretary = Debbie Proffitt  
Chaplain = Anthony Serio  
Parliamentarian = Hy Libby  
Safety Officer = Ken White  
Membership Officer = Gary Teicher  
Quartermaster = Patrick Tafoya  
Jr. Past President = James Adames  
Webmaster = Jim Oaxley  
Finance Officer = Leonard Phillips  
Asst. Finance Officer (120 days) = Anthony Serio  
Historian = Denise Schroers

### Committee Chairs...

Convention and Rally = Dee Pittenger

Motion by James Adames to accept officer appointments by Mick Sobczak with Anthony Serio as Asst. Finance Officer for 120 days. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Brenneman, discussion, passed by vote of membership.

## **5. President's Report- Mick Sobczak...**

\*DEC members...Elected officers have a voice and a vote at meetings. Appointed officers have a voice, can make a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> a motion but have no vote.

\*Monthly DEC meeting call in are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm. After discussion the call in was changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm to accommodate more members. The next DEC call in will be Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7pm.

\*Monique left and took everything with her. Will have to contact her to get all information and equipment.

\*Area VPs...Rey Ruiz talked about having a weekly email to chapter POC'S. Area 5 now has a calendar on the ALRDOC website where chapters can post their events for the year. He has started including safe riding tips in the email. Adds in the next 30 days of events. Will share and send to other Area VPs if they would like.

\*Each officer needs to create a gmail account for their position asap. Get your phone numbers and emails to Debbie.

\*Mick stated that his phone is off from 11pm to 6:30am so no response to calls, texts or emails in that time frame.

\*Area President meetings...try to schedule them on the weekend of the District/Area DEC meetings. ALR President meeting on Saturday, report to the District/Area DEC on Sunday

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\*Area Caucus reports need to be gotten to Debbie. Rey Ruiz stated that he still had the Area 5 report. Others stated they had given them to Monique. Emails need to be cc'd to Mick, Randy and Caleb.

\*There are 79 of 83 rosters on the website. Tomorrow the rosters will be unlocked. They will generate Certification of Officers and Delegate Certification from the website. If there is no log on with roster updates by 12/31/17 then Area VPs will go to the chapter's next meeting and input the roster right there. Per capita will be paid then, also.

\*Area VPs-check each chapter membership dashboard. There will be a red, yellow or green indicator to indicate chapter strength. Red = less than 10 members.

\*Encourage members to get on the ALRDOC website and sign up to get notifications. Pass the word to members to check emails daily.

\*As a chapter adds/loses a member the roster should be updated in real time.

\*We will have our own ALR membership cards to be printed from the rosters. They are only to be given out AFTER renewing with the Legion/Aux/Sons and then renewing with the chapter.

\*Have chapters send per capita checks to the Treasurer. Roster info goes to the Secretary.

**6. Vice President's Report - Randy Brenneman**

\*Area VPs and Committee Officers need to be proactive in their Area and Chapter.

\*Update Mick and Randy on Committee happenings.

\*In the back of the new Safety Manual is a ride incident report. It's not there to get anyone in trouble. It's there so the Dec can compile information. The report needs to be printed out and kept on the Road Captain's bikes.

\*Contact Randy with any questions or concerns you or your chapters have.

\*Area VPs need to work together.

\*Safety Manual will be available on the website.

\*The Motorcycle Raffle will take place May 20<sup>th</sup>.

\*Paypal...Don is shutting down the Paypal account. There will be a newPaypl account opened. There is a \$2 fee per transaction to use Paypal

\*VPs- go out to visit your chapters. You are allotted \$350 stipend per year for travel.

\*There will be a DEC meeting at the State Rally in Indio. There will be mileage and a per diem.

\*Quartermaster...upper and lower flares on the back patch MUST be in compliance...this means they must be purchased from the Quartermaster and not an outside vendor. The online order form is now up and can be used for orders. Orders for white berets would take about a month.

**7. Next Meeting Date – Thursday May 25, 2017 at 7 pm.**

**8. Benediction - Chaplain Anthony Serio with a moment of silence in memory of Ray Ficek's Father.**

**9. Adjournment – President Mick Sobczak 11:53am**