

**David F. Lilley, Post 14,  
Puerto Vallarta and Banderas Bay  
The American Legion, Department of Mexico**

**Membership Meeting, 15 July 2014**

**M-I-N-U-T-E-S**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Commander Dennis Rike, and Chaplain Janson gave the Invocation. There was a moment of silence in respect for the flag. Our host was Steve's Bar.
- II. **Member Introductions:** Ron Abbe, Dennis Janson, Cheryl Kehler, Larry Kehler, Jim Mawdesley, Russ Mills, Dennis Rike, Nicholas Scott, Don Shingler, and Leo Truluck. Leo is a new member, living full time in *Boca de Tomatlán*. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 through 1970 and did two tours in Vietnam.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** It was **MSC to approve the minutes of the Membership Meeting of 17 June 2014 as sent out.**
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. **Finance Committee:** Jim Mawdesley, Treasurer, reported that we received \$27,000 pesos from the sale of Norm's motorcycle, which is of great benefit to the Post. There were expenditures of \$2,000 pesos for putting the logo and Norm's name on the truck. Another expenditure was \$2,500 pesos for our license plates. Jim passed around a copy of the financial report, which had been sent out by e-mail.
  - B. **Community Relations:** Dennis Rike reported that we have the first set of exercise equipment, bench presses, to install Friday at the playground in *Aurora*. The Coast Guard ship *Berthof* is coming in, and we are going to have a workday with the Navy League at the senior home to include some electrical work and some painting. When Ken Maloney was at the senior care center, they brought him out in a broken wheelchair. *DIVAC (Discapacitados Vallartenses, A.C.)* has some old ones that are not being used. This was brought up and discussed as a project idea: how we might get hold of some, fix them up, and provide them to people in the community who have need. It was **MSC to buy a wheelchair for the senior care center.**

- C. **Membership:** Ron Abbe reported that the 2015 cards have arrived, and we are 35-40% paid up.
- D. **Busco Un Amigo:** Now we are getting monthly financial reports. Dennis has identified six organizations where they could direct funds.
- E. **Service Officer:** Cheryl provided follow-up on Ken Maloney. After he went to the United States, he spent about a week in the hospital. Now he is a permanent resident of a VA home outside of Houston. She also provided information on how veterans who need health care coverage can sign up for the Affordable Care Act. The web site is [www.va.gov/aca](http://www.va.gov/aca). Bev Huffman's application for survivor's benefits was mailed by Cheryl in the United States. This could mean as much as \$500-\$800 per month for Mrs. Huffman.
- V. **Old Business:** Dennis Rike reminded those present that the new procedure for obtaining the Mexican Senior Card (*Tarjeta Inapam*) was mailed out to members. Because some members have not seen it, it was recommended to send it out again.
- VI. **New Business:** An example of the new patches for the Torpedoes uniforms was passed around. It has the Post 14 logo on it, and is larger than the t-shirt logo. They cost \$38 pesos each. It was **MSC to order 25** for people who may want them.
- VII. **Good of the Order, Member Concerns, Announcements:**
- A. Dennis Rike received an e-mail from an organization in Guadalajara, affiliated with a group in Canada, which is interested in working with us.
- B. It was noted that the Post still does not have a Canadian flag. Jim Mawdesley will order one which the undersigned can bring back in August after a short trip to the U.S.
- C. Dennis Janson reported that **Intercam Bank** provides an opportunity for individuals to be able to access their cash here in Mexico without paying fees. The Bank of America or Wells Fargo Bank will wire money to Mellon Bank in New York which will wire to Intercam Bank at no cost. Of course, one would need an account in Intercam Bank.
- D. Dennis Rike showed a professionally framed certificate of appreciation for those who helped with the Chili Cook-off. 25 were made. He wants to do a similar but slightly larger one for two or three individuals who made significant financial contributions. It was **MSC to order two or three special framed certificates.**

**VIII. Next Meeting:** Members are reminded that the August Executive Committee meeting has been cancelled. The next Post 14 meeting will be the Membership Meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 August 2014, at *Cuale Paradise, Manantial 382, Col. Buenos Aires*, Telephone (322) 222-4225. The entrance is off of and above the *Libramiento*, between the two tunnels, just north of the *Rio Cuale*, and the Number 4 bus goes up there.

**IX. Adjournment:** Dennis Janson gave the Benediction and the meeting was closed at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russ Mills, Adjutant