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Puerto Vallarta and Banderas Bay
The American Legion, Department of Mexico**

Executive Committee Meeting, 2 January 2014

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Commander Dennis Rike. Our host was *Sea Monkey*. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Janson, followed by a moment of silence in respect for the flag.
- II. **Sick Call:** Ronnie Sharpe had heart surgery in the U.S. Frank Mier is sick with *gripa* or flu. Fred Riley had a stroke while in Guadalajara, but is home now. Captain Don is back in the hospital with a swollen leg. Post 14 sends best wishes to all.
- III. **Introductions:** There being no guests, members present introduced themselves: Ron Abbe, Carrol Daigle, Norm Deveraux, Stan Francis, Dennis Janson, Cheryl Kehler, Mr. Fox (Larry Kehler), Steve Leopold, Jim Mawdesley, Russ Mills, Bruce Morin (and wife Maureen), David Noah, David Rathje, Dennis Rike, and Don Shingler.
- IV. **Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of 5 December 2013:** The Minutes under Section III, Introductions, incorrectly showed Bernie Jene as a new member from Canada when, in fact, he has been a member for several years and lives in St. Francis, Wisconsin. It was **MSC to approve the Minutes, as corrected.**
- V. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Finance:** Jim Mawdesley passed around a preliminary year-end report, which will be finalized on January 13 and sent out. We have in excess of \$33,000 pesos. Mr. Fox announced that a PayPal account has been created for American Legion Post 14, so that members can send money to the Post from anywhere. This is of benefit to us because it allows for auditing later. Go to www.paypal.com, click on “send money,” and type in americanlegionpost14pp@gmail.com (all small letters). The page will ask for your paypal account or, if you don’t have one, your credit card number.
 - B. **Community Relations:** A member has donated golf balls which can be purchased at 10 pesos each or 11 for 100 pesos. More work has been done at the playground at Las Canoas, and people can volunteer if they wish. Dennis Rike and Mr. Fox are working on the posters. On Saturday, 11 January, we will start having a table at the Farmer’s Market in *Parque*

Lázaro Cárdenas. The American Consular Agent helped recently when a member was in trouble, and we bailed the person out.

Special Presentation to Sea Monkey/Cheeky Monkey: At this point in the meeting there was a special presentation, with photos, by Dennis Rike and Norm Deveraux, of a plaque for Troy Valen of Sea Monkey for supporting the American Legion Department of Mexico Convention held last June in Puerto Vallarta, with a round of applause by members present.

VI. Old Business:

- A. **Pub Crawl:** Bonnie, who was going to help with the Pub Crawl, is now not available. So, while this is still on the table, there is no plan at the moment, and it will be brought up again at a future meeting.
- B. **Cuale Paradise:** Some business cards, which had been marked with “10% discount,” were passed around from *Cuale Paradise* in gratitude for our having held the 20 August 2013 Membership Meeting at that beautiful location.
- C. **Medical Matters:** Ron Abbe is still awaiting more information about the forthcoming event at the Marriott on medical matters.
- D. **Chili Cook-off:** This will take place in March, and a first committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, 10 January, at 12 Noon, at the *El Río Restaurant* on the *Cuale River*. The committee consists of Jim, Stan, Dave R., and Dave N.
- E. **Busca Un Amigo Party:** There was good turnout for the *Busca Un Amigo* party; the large donation from the U.S. is still being worked on.
- F. **Toys for Tots:** There is a meeting tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Marriott to assemble the toys for the annual Toys for Tots program. Distribution will be handled by Post 14 at *Mismaloya* and *Boca de Tomatlán*, on Tuesday, 7 January. Several members have volunteered to go. Dennis Rike will pick up the toys and meet at Steve’s Bar at 8:30 a.m. Dennis Janson has room for seven in his van.

VII. New Business:

- A. **Hearing Tests:** Norm is checking on the costs for the hearing tests that will be available. This is an annual service provided by a representative of the Foreign Medical Program.
- B. **Sign on Highway:** Our sign will go up soon. The American Legion Magazine shows the official signs that have reflective material in them. They cost about \$100 U.S. dollars for a two-sided sign. It was mentioned

that signs with reflective material in them can be made here, and it was decided to go with that idea.

- VIII. Good of the Order:** *Carazón del Niño* is having a breakfast at the Marriott on Wednesday, 8 January, at 9 a.m., at a cost of \$200 per ticket. This raises funds for the program. Dave Noah has tickets. Any member doing Post 14 work who would find Post business cards helpful can talk to Dennis Rike about it. These can be very useful when representing the Post to the public. Ron Abbe is making a trip through Guatemala and other Central American countries, and invited persons interested in going to contact him. Ron also reported that we had achieved 100% membership in 2013.
- IX. Next Meeting.** The next Membership Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 January 2014 at Steve's Sports Bar. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, 6 February 2014 at a location to be announced.
- X. Adjournment.** The raffle was held, Dennis Janson gave the Benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully,

(s) Russ Mills, Adjutant