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

**Executive Committee Meeting, 6 November 2014**

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Commander Dennis Rike. In the absence of Chaplain Janson, due to a cold, Carrol Daigle offered the invocation. There was a moment of silence in respect for the flag. Our host was *Café Roma*.
- II. **Guest:** Don Schingler introduced a friend of his, Martin Pangborn, from Eugene, Oregon.
- III. **Member Introductions:** Beverly Abbe, Ron Abbe, Richard Boyle (Post 200, Taylor, Michigan), Jim Brockway, Carrol Daigle, Stan Francis, Cheryl Kehler, Jim Mawdesley, Russ Mills, Ken Ragatz, Dennis Rike, Nicholas Scott, and Don Shingler.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Richard Rideout's name should have been included in the attendance list in the minutes of the last meeting. It was **MSC to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of 2 October 2014 with the noted correction.**
- V. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. **Finance Committee:** Jim Mawdesley reported that there are \$71,000+ pesos in the account. Money has been advanced for tickets and posters for the Oktoberfest. He made the suggestion that the bank account be capped at \$75,000 pesos, and that a savings account be opened, with different signatures, for surplus funds. After discussion, it was **MSC to recommend that the membership approve capping the bank account at \$75,000 pesos, and that we open a savings account with Dennis Rike and Jim Mawdesley as signatories.** This will go as a motion from the Executive Committee to the Post 14 Membership at the meeting of 18 November 2014. It was noted that the signatories on the operating account are Ed Griffin, Dennis Janson, Cheryl Kehler, and Russ Mills.

- B. **Community Relations:** Dennis Rike said that in the interest of brevity he will postpone the community relations report until the Membership Meeting on 18 November.
- C. **Torpedoes:** They play this coming Sunday.
- D. **Membership:** Ron Abbe reported that John McCarthy and Charlie Henshaw had both died. Lee Cady paid twice. He has his membership card, and one of the dues payments will be returned to him. Ron encouraged others to seek and recruit new members.
- E. **Service Officer:** Cheryl Kehler reported that Dr. Ian from Lakeside Medical Group in Chapala will be at the Membership Meeting on 18 November. He will give an overview on some of the positive changes that may be about to occur that will allow veterans here in Puerto Vallarta greater access to medical services. Cheryl had followed up on the Service Officer training, which is scheduled for February in Indianapolis. There will be more information on this at the end of this month. The VA has not paid some of Norm's medical expenses, and Ron will follow-up on this.

## VI. **Old Business:**

- A. **Policy and Procedure Regarding Financial Assistance to Individual Veterans and their Families:** This Post 14 policy and procedure statement has been in draft form for several weeks, and will be circulated again with the distribution of these minutes. It was **MSC to put the draft forward, as a motion from the Executive Committee, for review, comment, and adoption by the membership at the 18 November meeting.**
- B. **Oktoberfest:** Scheduled for next week, on November 12.
- C. **Toys for Tots Golf Outing:** Our logo is on the flyer. It was **MSC that we recommend to the membership that we buy a hole for \$2,000 pesos.**
- D. **Veterans Day/Remembrance Day:** November 11. A banner is proposed – ten feet long with 3 flags and the American Legion logo. We are scheduled to meet at Steve's Bar at 10:00 a.m. and leave for the police escorted parade at 10:30 a.m., accompanied by a drum and bugle corps. The service will be at *Parque Lázaro Cárdenas* at 11:00 a.m. There is an American Legion speech for the occasion that will be read by a selection of members. The Canadian Consular Agent will make a speech. We have set aside \$1,000 pesos to buy tacos for the 20-25 kids in the band after the event.

- E. **Rotary Club/Punta de Mita Foundation:** Paperwork is due tonight on a proposal that we have been working on with the Rotary Club for funding from the Punta de Mita Foundation to help with the construction of two new classrooms at the School for the Deaf.

**VII. New Business:**

- A. **Farmer's Market:** We have volunteers to man our booth at the Farmer's Market this Saturday at *Parque Lázaro Cárdenas*.

- B. **Bylaws Committee:** We have operated for over a year with the new bylaws, and now see that there are some places where they need to be revised to be more reflective of the way we actually operate. Nick and the undersigned will serve on that committee, and anyone else who is interested should talk to Dennis Rike. We should be able to undertake this in January, and it will probably take only one sit-down meeting.

- VIII. Next Meeting:** The next Membership Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 November 2014, at Steve's Sports Bar. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, 4 December 2014 at a location to be announced.

- IX. Adjournment:** Carrol Daigle gave the Benediction, and the meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully,  
(s) Russ Mills, Adjutant