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

Executive Committee Meeting, 7 November 2013

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Commander Dennis Rike. Our host was *Café Roma*. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Janson, followed by a moment of silence. There were no sick call mentions.

- II. **Introduction of Guests:** Richard Ridout, Army, and his wife, Sue, were visiting. Joe Moros, Marine Corps, from San Clemente, now living here. John McCarty, Army, served in the Korean War, and shared his story of capture and escape, loss of his brother there, and being part of an action in which only nine of 2,400 survived. He is a new member. Dale Wright from Ohio, a Vietnam veteran of 1967.

- III. **Introduction of Members:** Rob Abbe, Brian Caldwell, Fred Crowley, Carol Daigle, Norm Deveraux, Stan Francis, Ed Griffin, Dennis Janson, Cheryl Kehler, Jim Mawdesley, John L. McCarty, Russ Mills, Joe Moros, Ken Ragatz, Richard Ridout, Dennis Rike, Don Shingler, Tony Wood, and Dale E. Wright.

- IV. **Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of 3 October 2013:** Not yet distributed, so no action could be taken.

- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Finance Committee:** Jim Mawdesley, Treasurer, reported that we have about 35,000 pesos on hand.

 - B. **Community Relations:** Dennis Rike reported that we have joined the Navy League in doing maintenance on the *Aurora* playground, and will be assisted by men from the Coast Guard cutter which is due in port. The work will include painting a building, columns, and basketball court. Trees have been contributed. A weed whacker is in use. Two soccer fields need work. Benches are being painted. We got in there through *DIF*, which has provided a locker for our equipment at their headquarters where the old Regional Hospital was.

We are returning to *Busca Un Amigo* to finish painting. Later in the meeting the discussion returned to *Busca Un Amigo* and how there is a great need for funds because they really hurt all through the summer. They had lost their

charity status, but this was worked on by Jay Sadler, Dennis Rike, and others, and the status has been reapproved.

There is also painting underway at *Casa Hogar*, and at the wheel chair place next to the clinic. Later in the meeting Dennis Janson reported that there is a great need for contributions of milk for *Casa Hogar*, which is located right after the airport, 100 yards or so before the turnoff at the light.

A fundraiser is coming up for our projects on 13 November, \$400 pesos per ticket, all the food/beer you can eat/drink. They want us back at the schools in *Boca de Tomate* early next year. Dennis pointed out that Jay Sadler had just entered the meeting, who was responsible for all of the funding of our original projects. There have been several write-ups in local papers about our work.

- C. **Service Officer:** Cheryl Kehler reported that there were no requests that required a response.

VI. **Old Business:**

- A. **New Meeting Time:** There was a brief discussion about the recent change in the meeting time from 12 Noon to 11:00 a.m. Dennis Rike clarified that the reason for this change was that we hold our meetings at bar/restaurant businesses that also have other customers; when we start at 12 Noon, often it is hard to find a sufficient number of tables and chairs all together because there are other customers. At 11:00 a.m., this is less of a problem.
- B. **Lakeside Medical:** Good plan for veterans with disability. They are located in *Chapala*. They handle bills directly, and there is no co-pay.
- C. **Golf Shirts.** The shirt with collar was passed around. The cost is 130 pesos, 160 pesos with pocket. Our logo is on the front and back. We may look for another vendor. The shirts are sold as a fundraiser for *Busca Un Amigo*.

VII. **New Business**

- A. **Veterans Day.** On Monday. There is an event at Steve's Sports Bar at 10:00 a.m. Will meet there and go to the park at 10:30. The Chaplain and the Commander will officiate in a service at 11:00. Poppies will be provided. Ron Abbe is going to *Rincón de Guayabitos* for a Veterans Day event on Sunday, one day early.
- B. **Flu Shots:** Larry Kehler announced that flu shots are free for anyone at the *Centro de Salud* after November 15.

- C. **Computer**: Tom Wood has a donated laptop computer, which is in pretty good shape, and he is trying to sell raffle tickets for it as a fundraiser for our community service projects. The tickets are \$50 pesos, and the raffle will be done at the Farmers Market.
 - D. **Farmers Market**: We need people to man our table there. We need a large folding table and an umbrella. It was pointed out that we may be able to borrow a table from the school.
 - E. **Truck Donation**: Brian Caldwell is donating a truck to the Legion for sale for fundraising efforts.
- VIII. **Good of the Order**: Ron Abbe pointed out that we are the lead post in the Department of Mexico for paid memberships. It was mentioned that we will need more of the brown T-shirts.
- IX. **Next Meeting**. The next Membership Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 November 2013 at Steve's Sports Bar.
- X. **Adjournment**. Dennis Janson gave the Benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

(s) Russ Mills, Adjutant