

Minutes for House Committee Meeting

Tue, Aug 04, 2026

Meeting called to order at 10:05 on August 4, 2026.

Attending-

John Picken, Rusanne Anthony, Ron Webster, Mcarvie Crawford,

Gordon Countryman, Allen Lane, Maggie Raible

Due to the resignation of the House Chair Meeker, Picken conducted meeting.

John Picken

Okay, here we go. Going to go ahead with the agenda request approvals that are coming up. This first one is going to be the ALR American Regional Riders Area Five meeting, starting at 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. here in the main hall, that is a Saturday.

Chaplain

What's the date again?

John Picken

11/14. They were hoping to have the kitchen, but I don't think that's going to be available. They're going to have, like I said, they're Area Five names, so it benefits us to have the meeting here. I'm sure after the meeting they'll partake in a few beers. Anybody want to make a motion to approve? Allen Makes the motion. Gordon makes the motion. McCarvie seconds. Any discussion? All in favor?

Everyone

Aye.

John Picken

Okay. I'll put that on the calendar. Next one is again the ALR. We did this last year of 9/11, so we'll have food provided by whoever we do the food with. That's going to be from 2:00 to 7p.m. So we'll start the ceremony around 2o'clock with the ALR handling the ceremony. I'll be giving a speech. He's got, I believe, assemblyman coming in to also give a speech. Everybody okay with that? Need a motion to approve?

Raible

I make the motion to approve.

John Picken

Maggie makes a motion. Second?

Gordon

I will second.

John Picken

Gordon seconds. Any discussion? Questions? All in favor?

Everyone

Aye.

John Picken

Thank you. This one's for next year. It's a birthday party, March six. I don't have a calendar to put this on yet, but she keeps calling me. She and her friend. It's I believe it's an 80th birthday. They're trying to set up a date. It's going to be a Saturday, march 6, from five to 11. I will let her know that it's okay with you guys. Need a motion.

Raible

So that means it's closed for. . .

John Picken

the back bar will always be open when we have the main bar closed.

Raible

Okay. And you said it's five till?

John Picken

five until 11 p.m.

Raible

He is partying, staying up till 11.

John Picken

two separate event requests in for the same thing. Motion to approve.

Allen Lane

I'll make that motion.

John Picken

Okay. Allen makes the motion. Second? Ron makes the second. We'll put this on the calendar when I get the 2027 calendar. This one's. . .

Raible

Did we vote on that? Did we just vote on the 80th party?

John Picken

Pardon?

Raible

Did we vote on the 80th party, or did we just get a motion and a second?

John Picken

I think you're right. I didn't do that. Did I? All in favor of the 80th birthday party in 2027.

Everyone

Aye.

John Picken

Thank you for catching that. I got distracted.

John Picken

My date here is not corresponding correctly. This 9595, So on nine five, this lady wants to do a baby shower at 4 p.m. here with a taco truck. Her name is Marie Montenegro. She's been pestering me, seeing if we got approved. As I have to wait for the House committee, if we get it approved, I'll put it on the calendar. We'll get her to fill out the lease agreement. So that's again nine 526. A Saturday, 4p.m. baby shower. She's expecting 80 plus people.

Raible

Wow! Great. What kind of food truck?

John Picken

A taco person, which we've had the people come on here and they do the table little barbecue, whatever, and set up instead of a full truck.

Raible

Oh, okay.

John Picken

Need a motion.

Raible

I'll motion to approve.

John Picken

Second?

Chaplain

Second.

John Picken

McCarvie seconds. Any discussion? All in favor.

Everyone

Aye.

John Picken

All the crew. Okay, this one's a little bit weird. Last one. Gentleman came in. His name is Matt. Last month, I wanted to have a memorial for a gentleman that same week as he came in.

I'm so sorry, can't do it. The memorial is for Billy Erickson. Apparently, Billy Erickson used to be a musician here and came in on Fridays. Ron, you may remember Billy Erickson. Yep. Okay. So apparently, he passed away a couple months ago. Wow. They want to do a memorial for him here on August 12th, this is where it came in with the paperwork. They lost the paperwork and didn't turn it into me until I got this picture yesterday. And I talked to the sister Cindy last night, and she goes, "John, I'm sorry, Matt just sent this to me. I said we will try and get this approved and pushed through because he is a past musician here, and most of the people know him from the Post. Kind of said we'd give them a little bit of a discounted rate for the hall. It's on a Wednesday, so it's not impacting the Saturday stuff or anything like that.

Raible

Did you say August 11th?

Allen Lane

12. 12.

Raible

Oh, sorry. Okay. Good.

John Picken

So from two to six. So we'll hire a second bartender to come in for that time. They're going to have their own musicians playing up there, and as far as I'm concerned, this is . . .

Raible

this is PR for us. Yeah.

John Picken

So if we can approve this, I need a motion to approve. Gordon makes the motion. A second? Ronald makes a second. All in favor? Or discussion? Questions? All in favor?

Everyone

Aye.

John Picken

Let's see. Matt Barnes has already confirmed the date and time of the region. Plus, okay, they're going to pay for the liquor license plus the \$200.

John Picken

Matt Barnes, who was in front of just the last part.

Okay, they're paying a few \$100 for the hall plus \$100 for the ABC license.

Raible

Okay, cool.

John Picken

Any discussion? All in favor?

Everyone

Aye.

John Picken

Okay. I will get that taken care. That's all the event requests we have.

Allen Lane

Thank you

John Picken

Okay. Um. Moving along, number two, we had two emergency plumbing issues that were handled this month. Two weeks ago, the steam table drain plugged up, and last Saturday we had the urinals backing up. I called Bill for both our on-call plumber. He repaired them both. The urinals cost us \$165, and I believe the steam table plug-up cost us around maybe around 165. I forget that. Garth wrote that check. What happened on the steam table was a bottled cap from a fruit juice had dropped down into the drain and plugged it up. Took care of that.

Raible

Of course.

Allen Lane

Okay.

Ron Webster

Excuse me. Go ahead, Ron. They have little basket strainers for these low-sink drains. Yeah. Basket strainers, so if anything drops down, they take it out. Right.

John Picken

happened to slide through somehow pass the cover we have on there.

Chaplain

Yeah,

John Picken

so it's what they call a it's like the sink we have in the in the bar for something little yeah trout.

Ron Webster

Got one, but there's also they make a basket strainer that that fits down the side, so anything like that bottle cap you're talking about get fasted. Yeah, the screen will pick it up. Yeah, so it's a lot cheaper than paying out that kind of money every time something like that happens. I'm going to . . .

John Picken

I'll have Bill look at that again. Unfortunately, this Saturday he lost his brother. His brother has passed away in his bathtub at their house. I talked to him yesterday about send our condolences. Okay, we've been doing potluck number three. We've been doing potluck on Sundays. It's been well attended. However, this Sunday, we will not hold it as we are out of town. For training, so no potluck this Sunday.

Raible

Is that on Facebook or reminding people?

John Picken

Just a reminder: District 21 meeting next I put it month on the 20th. back bar will be open for members during the meeting.

Raible

September 20?

John Picken

September 20. Big meeting year. Also, the Suns are having their District 21 meeting here in our meeting room. I just found out yesterday they're having an extended training program, which nobody asked us about doing, but it should not impact our general membership meeting in the main hall. Last month, we talked about the investigation into an assault in the canteen. The investigation was concluded by the police department for the alleged assault. No report filed with the DA. Not enough evidence to substantiate a claim. Anybody have any questions on that? Okay. kitchen, this is a pain in my derriere. The kitchen redo has stalled, okay, due to the original contractor not having proper workers' comp insurance to cover their people. He lied to us. Said he had it. We investigated just to cover our bases. He only had it for himself, not his crew. So he brings in some workers from wherever they were not covered. So who ends up being liable for any injuries?

Raible

Right.

John Picken

So we decided, or Garth decided, to tell him to pounce in. Found another contractor who came in and did they miss it. No workers' comp. However, he has agreed to purchase the workers' comp, and he should be starting demo work this week. Knock on Formica.

Raible

Did we give contractor one a deposit?

John Picken

He got a deposit. He was paid for the little work that he did.

Raible

Okay.

John Picken

And he returned the rest of the money. We took his name off of the Palm Springs portal, which was needed to do business in the city, that just happened two days ago. Garth left two days ago to go on vacation. He'll be back on the 10th. So hopefully things will get taken care of there. The Friday dinners are still being provided for in our main hall. I'm contracting right now with Riccio's restaurant. Food costs are breaking even with a little bit of extra now and then. Canteen monies for the bar are within norms of those regular Friday nights. So, we punted a month and a half ago, and it was worked out. So, we're going to continue doing that for those nights. Along with that, September 4, the Suns were supposed to do dinner again, like they did for Nick D last month. They pulled out. They said they're going to people are going to be out of town. They can't do it, so I'll be taking care of that with Riccio again. Okay. This past Friday. Oh, hang on. ALR is cooking for karaoke on the 15th. I double. It's proofread this stuff before I write it. ALR is cooking for karaoke on the 15th for karaoke. Sorry about that. They did it last month. It worked out pretty well. Makes them a little money. Keeps our bar

hopping, and our karaoke people are happy with it too. Number nine, Ron. Did you get a sheet? Sorry about that.

Raible

There you go.

John Picken

If you guys want to think about it and wait till tonight, Gordon won't be there. But maybe we can have somebody just come up tonight.

Chaplain

try not to ruffle any fellas.

John Picken

So it's going to be up to the House committee and the executive board to present anything. Yes, sir.

Chaplain

Isn't it in our bylaws that we, the executive committee, are in control of these events that go on at the post? Nobody can just show up and say, "Hey, because basically you didn't talk to them until the night before. So in my mind, hey, I'm showing up. I'm doing this." Who gets to do that?

John Picken

That's what happened. The executive committee oversees the House committee, in the fact that we make our recommendations to the executive committee for stuff like that. If it's just a general running of the bar and canteen, then it stays right here. But because we have an issue with the way it was handled, it needs to go to the executive board for them to make that decision.

John Picken

Gordon, you had a question. Yes,

Gordon

I agree with what everyone said here and your opinion of it and everything.

Raible

Me too.

Allen Lane

There should be something.

John Picken

So here's what, we should make a motion for recommendation to the executive committee from the House.

Raible

I'll make the motion.

Allen Lane

Just stating, you know, this is what we understand. There's a procedure. And in this way, we have red tape showing that you know we talked about this already. That way, at least there's something in the file.

John Picken

Okay, we have a motion. Need a second?

Gordon

I will second.

John Picken

Gordon seconds. Any other discussion? McCarvie? No?

John Picken

All in favor?

John Picken

Oh, sorry. Any other discussion? All in favor?

Everyone

Aye. Aye.

John Picken

Any nays? Any abstentions? Motion passes.

Okay, members of the House Committee, you have any comments, suggestions, moans, groans, complaints?

Raible

Are we clearing the tab at the bar every night?

John Picken

Supposed to be, it wasn't done for a few days in June, which created an issue for Andrea and Lauren and a couple other people.

Raible

I've heard about that, but I'll have to double check because it's showing an amount that I'm not sure includes the tip. So anyway, I'll let you know.

John Picken

yeah, one of the bartenders just forgot to close out for a few days in a row, and those never got closed out. So when I went back into the system, it showed me five days that hadn't been closed out at that time, almost three weeks late until I had the bartender on the Sunday night close everything out, and then I found out from Andrea and Maureen on Monday or Tuesday that they had been hit with their credit card on the Monday because we closed out. So, the state fund the bartenders in council, and I go in every night, either here or at home, until make sure it just closes out.

Raible

Okay, cool.

John Picken

Okay, so yeah, and that's what happens with all restaurants. If they don't close out their POF system, it doesn't go over bank,

Raible

right?

John Picken

But if it closes out late, it all goes in one.

Raible

Sure. No, I understand.

John Picken

that problem has been taken care of. Thank you. Anybody else? Questions, comments, gripes? Any new business we need to bring up.

Allen Lane

I was speaking with a few veterans at the village this morning when Ron brought some stuff, and I've got a request for a ride to Loma Linda. I'll bring up tonight, and that's it. A lot of the veterans are coming to me. My name's getting out there. I'm getting a few calls, so I'm happy that the word's getting out. Thank you.

John Picken

Let's go ahead and close up.

No other business for the House Committee?

I Declare this meeting adjourned at 10:46 am August 4, 2026.