

Austin Police Retired Officers Association
General Membership Meeting
March 11,2015

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Tommie Haffelder -
Past President	Robert Wisian
Vice President	Elizabeth Merrill -
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone
Sgt. at Arms	Dennis Smith -
Board 1	Carl Pardinek
Board 2	Norman Toungate
Board 3	George Vanderhule
Board 4	Jimmy Brown

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Robert Wisian to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting as written,
Second by Emile Mailloux
Discussion – None
Approved by voice vote.

3. Membership report: (Resignations and new members)

Of the current 645 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership we have 382 members, 68 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 15 Honorary Members and 8 Associate Members.

Honorary Membership nominations:

Cheryl Carpenter – Susan Farmer

Motion made by Ruth Bullock to accept Cheryl Carpenter as an Honorary Member of the APROA, Second by George Vanderhule.

Discussion – None

Approved by voice vote.

Honorary Membership nominations:

Rick Freeman – Randy Malone

Motion made by Ruth Bullock to accept Rick Freeman as an Honorary Member of the APROA, Second by George Vanderhule.

Discussion – None

Approved by voice vote.

4. Reports of Committees-

Benevolent Committee – Jeff Rodman –

Tom Risher – cancer

Norman Toungate – Knee replacement on 2-9-15

Tina Estrada, Toni & Harry Singletary's mother, passed away

Bill Ligon in St. Davids hospital (south Austin) with double pneumonia 2-22-15
Frank Hemphill's brother, Leon Hemphill of Smithville, passed away on 2-19-15
Danny Campos' mother, Jane R. Campos passed away on 2/21/15
Bill Ligon was back in hospital.

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone

2015 Social - The Social will be on 4-19-15, at Texas Disposal System Exotic Game Ranch, 11508 Carl Road, Creedmoor, at TDS Pavilion. We will start meeting at Noon, food served around 1:30pm (Or a little sooner if they get it ready to serve). This is an APROA function so there will be no cost to APROA Members and one of their invited guest. All Retired Civilian Employees are also invited as our guest to this event, at no cost and they too can have one guest. Additional guest will be \$10.00.

Legislative/Retirement Committee – Pete Morin –

Tim Atkinson gave a report to the members about current status of the retirement system. A number of Bills had been filed in regards to retirement systems but currently none of the Bills which could damage our system were moving.

APA Liaison Committee – Robert Gross –

Jim O'leary reported that at the last APA Board meeting they did not have any business that concerned retirees.

Treasurer Report - Randy Malone- Current 2015 report attached to minutes.

Motion made by Jeff Rodman to accept the Committee Reports, Second by George Vanderhule .

Discussion –None

Approved by voice vote.

5. Communications and Bills –

Thank you card from Darrell Gambrell

Thank you card from the Tina Estrada family (Singletary)

6. Unfinished Business –

Winnie Project – Jim O'leary reported they were waiting for Dell Shaw's company to knock down the old structure and build the porch. The weather had caused delays.

Peace Officer Memorial Project at the Capitol – The APROA volunteered to help deliver water to Color Guard teams that will be marching on May 4th at the Capitol. Liz Merrill was assigned to oversee this operation and volunteers will be needed.

Retirement Board Issues – Randy Malone spoke to the members about the conflicts of interest on the current Board of Trustees. He expressed the need to make changes so members could trust the Board of Trustees to make decisions, which are in the best interest of the members, not in the best interest of certain Trustees. More information will be coming on this issue soon.

Street service fee – Jimmy Brown spoke to the members about the street service fee in the City of Austin. If you are over 65 you can get these fees waived off of your utility bill, but you must request it. He also gave the number to call to get this done – 512-974-9400.

Information was given to the members about the new shooting procedures for the range. A date has been set aside each month for retirees to qualify. All information is currently posted on the web site. To schedule to shoot you can e-mail or call one of the two instructors listed on the web site. They did add that if you are shooting a 40 cal, they would provide the ammo.

Ruth Bullock discussed the US Flag in the room and requested that we do the pledge at the start of our meetings.

Ruth Bullock made a motion that the APROA conduct the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of our meetings. Second by Kermit Schernik.

Discussion –None

Approved by voice vote.

Bill Warren introduced himself to the membership as he is now over seeing the APA Building as well as cooking activities for the APA. He mentioned that anyone who wanted to help work the rodeo

7. New Business –

Patricia McNiel Delgado - New Travis County Courthouse Project Team – Members were given information about the need to a new courthouse and a future City Bond election to pay for it.

Door Prize - Con Keirse

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Robert Wisian to adjourn, Second by Jeff Rodman.

No discussion.

Meeting Adjourned

Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer