

September 12, 2007

General Membership Meeting

1. Roll Call of Officers:

President	Tommie Haffelder – P
Past President	Robert Wisian – P
Vice President Norris	McCord – P
Secretary	Jim Andrist – P
Treasurer	Randy Malone – P
Sgt. At Arms	Ernie Hinkle – P
Board	Henry Tomlin – P
Board	Bill Whitaker – P
Board	Norma Toungate – P
Board	Ben Vega – A

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Henry Tomlin to accept the minutes of the July 2007 meeting as written,
Second by N. Toungate.

Motion carried.

3. Membership report: (Resignations and new members) by Randy Malone.

Our 2007 membership reached 203, of the current 388 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership. So far we have 100 est. who have paid in full their 2008 dues. We have 13 Honorary Members.

4. Reports of Committees:

Benevolent Committee - Ben Vega - Jack Adkins - death

Jack Moody - Alzheimers

Don Collins - by-pass surgery

Spanky - cancer

Bonnie Booth - death

Kent Emerick - death of his mother

Chuck Bachmann - wife passed away

Darrell Gambrell - colon surgery Scott & White

RR

The above names sent sympathy cards and door flowers from APROA.

Entertainment Committee - Randy Malone - Money in proposed budget for two large gatherings in 2008. We had just under 200 attend our last gathering so we should plan for the same attendance in the future when booking a meeting place. If you know of meeting places around the Austin area which can hold our group and like the Manchaca Fire Hall, is free or low cost, please let us know about it. We would also like suggestions as to the food we should serve

at future gathering.

Legislative Committee - Randy Malone - We should discuss changing our Retirement Benefits to add in a “Pop-Up” benefit. The Retirement Board meets on 09/26/09, 9am, to discuss legislation for the 2009 session and getting an early start would help. Pop Up benefits are for those who chose a retirement plan giving a spouse benefits in the event they dies, but the spouse died first. This would allow the Retired Officer to change their plan back to Officer only plan giving them more money each month. The Retirement Board Representatives on this issue were present. The State Law will need to be changed in 2009. This will be studied by Retirement Board.

Motion made by Ernie Hinkle to accept the Committee Reports, Second by R. Davis

Motion carried.

5. Treasurer Report - Copies attached to minutes

Proposed 2008 budget attached, to be voted on at November meeting.
Some increase in line item, review by Randy to the members.

Motion made by Robert Wisian to accept the Treasurer’s report, Second by Norman Toungate.

Discussion - None

Approved by voice vote.

6. Communications and Bills - McCord has talked to wife on update.

Received letter from Arlene Moody in reference to Jack Moody. She stated he has Alzheimers and he has been placed in Country Careplex in Giddings

7. Unfinished Business -

Rodney Keene - Applebee Fund-raiser. Dates are booked but we need to cancel and put off until later.

8. New Business - K. Williams re-vised the web site with several updates any suggestions contact K. Williams.

Nominations for Office:

President	<u>Tommie Haffelder</u>
Vice President	<u>Henry Tomlin</u>
Secretary	<u>Jim Andrist</u>
Treasurer	<u>Randy Malone</u>
Sgt. At Arms	<u>Ernie Hinkle</u>
Board (1)	<u>James Papp</u>
Board (2)	<u>Bill Whitaker</u>
Board (3)	<u>Norman Toungate</u>
Board (4)	<u>J. W. Thompson</u>

Vacancy were nominated by R. Wisian and N. Toungate
Motion made by K. Thomas to vote the nominations by acclamation second by E. Hinkle.
Motion carried.

Board discussed having door prizes at meetings. After discussion it was agreed to have them with a \$50.00 sealing amount per meeting.

PO Box - Should we keep it? After a Board discussion it was decided to slowly get rid of the PO Box and change the address in web site.

Newsletters - The need to keep all members informed. Possibly send out minutes from meetings?
Copy minutes and treasure report to be sent to members with no e-mail address, about 30 members.

Pete Morin, Commander Mike Yung, and Lt. Fred Fletcher from the Retirement Board address the members on our retirement stability, report on our investments attached to minutes, discussed C.O.L.A's from the past several years to current, the actuary of our Retirement Board does the study to whether our retirement is sound enough to give the C.O.L.A.

1. Mortality Rate has increase for Retirees
2. Death Benefits has increased from \$7500.00 to \$10000.00
3. The unfunded liability has prevented our increases
4. End of 2007 the Board is working on a Retiree to move money to build up an account for later use.
5. State Law regulations governs our C.O.L.A. increases also

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Ira Frisinger to adjourn, Second by Henry Tomlin.
No discussion.
Approved by voice vote.

Jim Andrist - Secretary

