

March 12, 2008 General Membership Meeting

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Tommie Haffelder	P
Vice President	Henry Tomlin	P
Past President	Robert Wisian	P
Secretary	Jim Andrist	P
Treasurer	Randy Malone	P
Sgt. At Arms	Ernie Hinkle	P
Board	Bill Whitaker	A
Board	Norman Toungate	A
Board	J. W. Thompson	P
Board	James Paap	P

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Brother Jim Andrist to accept the minutes of the January 2008 meeting as written. Second by Brother Henry Tomlin.

Discussion - None

Approved by voice vote. Unanimous

3. Membership report: Randy Malone presented

Of the current 405 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership we have 231 members. We have 13 Honorary Members.

4. Reports of Committees:

Benevolent Committee - Ben Vega –

Sympathy card sent to Dennis Smith and family on the death of his mother Mrs. A.J. Smith memorial service to follow.

Retired Sgt. Jack Leo's wife Cindy Leo passed away NOI.

Entertainment Committee - Randy Malone – Fish Fry is scheduled for June 7th at the Manchaca

Fire Hall. As in the past the APROA will pay for the member and one guest.

Additional guest are \$10.95 each. Please RSVP to Randy Malone 512-658-0692 or malone@bga.com by May 25th, as we must tell Manchaca Fire Hall how many we expect to attend. Open at 5:00 p.m. eat at 6:00 p.m.. Members voted to invite retired officers widow to the fish fry and notice will be sent out to them.

Legislative Committee – No Legislation going on at this time.

Motion Made by Brother Wisian to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Brother Jim Andrist.

Discussion - None

Approved by voice vote. Carried

5. Treasurer Report - Copies attached to minutes

Motion made by Brother Henry Tomlin accept the Treasurer's report, Second by Brother N. Meinardus.

Discussion - None

Approved by voice vote

6. Communications and Bills –

Letter from Council Member Kim - Council Person Kim simply responded by saying if they raised the death benefits they may have to cut other benefits. No action taken at this time.

7. Unfinished Business -

Right to Carry - Shooting once a year

Options for Right to carry - TCLEOSE has a form for out of State officers, which they indicated could be used by Retired Texas Officers, provide documentation of compliance with HB-218. Most of the retired Federal and out of State officers use any of the concealed handgun-licensing providers to qualify and sign their forms.

Retired Officer Andy Anderson is still a qualified instructor and is willing to work with Retired officers on the issue, for details on forms contact Randy Malone. Right to shoot applications and liability releases are in APROA website. TCLEOSE has the form for Federal law clearance. Randy and Tommy will still continued dialogue with the Chief on this issue. ID cards for State needs to be done yearly, Federal no ID cards just complete qualification form. ID cards will be issue on Tuesdays only during hours of 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Raffle for June Social Event - Shotgun to be raffled see Tommie Haffelder for tickets.

8. New Business –

Russell Nash - Benefits committee/ Human Resources came to meeting for questions and answers. Tommie Haffelder has replaced Kendall Thomas on the board representing retired officers. Russell passed out benefits cards to members present, Mr. Nash presented a few benefits to the members present i.e.: free blood screening and flu shots.

Blue Cross has a rider policy on dental for benefits, several members were notified by mail about this dental benefit, for more detail or any questions call 512-974-3284.

Discussed briefly about retired officer going to a nursing home and how the Federal Government will step in and take your retirement and Social Security and sometimes your home to pay for your services.

9. Door Prize - Won by J.W. Thompson, \$50.00 check

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Brother Henry Tomlin to adjourn, Second by Brother Robert Wisian to adjourn, Motion Carried.

Jim Andrist - Secretary