

May 8, 2013, General Membership Meeting

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Tommie Haffelder - P
Past President	Robert Wisian - P
Vice President	Liz Merrill - A
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone - P
Sgt. at Arms	Ernie Hinkle - A
Board	Bill Whitaker - P
Board	Norman Toungeate - P
Board	Dennis Smith - A
Board	Henry Tomlin - P

2. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Brother Mailloux to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting as written, Second by Brother Wisian.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

3. Membership report: (Resignations and new members)

Of the current 570 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership we have 347 active members, 52 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 16 Honorary Members and 6 Associate Members.

4. Reports of Committees-

**Benevolent Committee** – Jeff Rodman –

Lt. Bert Gerding 86 passed away on 3-19-13

Ernie Becker hospitalized

Lorraine Kerlick, Investigator for the Travis Co. D. A., former Austin PD Officer, passed away 4-7-13

Officer Henry (Hank) Moreno's mother, Mary P. Moreno, passed away

Darrell Boydston's father, Porter Gene Boydston, passed away on 4-8-13

Lieutenant James Nisula's mother, Cynthia Lucille Nisula, passed away 4-11-2013

Officer Frank Corpus', grandmother Cecilia Corpus, passed away on April 13, 2013

James Chomout, John Chomout's father & father-in-law to Sgt. Christine Chomout, passed away 4-25-13

James Kortan passed away on 5-6-2013

**Entertainment Committee** – Randy Malone – Our next Social Gathering will be on Saturday, 6-8-13, at Texas Disposal System Pavilion. We will start meeting at noon, food served at 1pm (Or a little sooner if they get it ready to serve). The Department send out notices to the Retired Civilians as we do not have a listing of who they all are. If you are in contact with Retired APD Civilians, please ask them if they did get our invitation. We are also inviting the Command Staff. No Alcoholic Beverages allowed.

The Texas Disposal System Exotic Game Ranch is located at: 11508 Carl Road, Creedmoor. This is an APROA function so there will be no cost to APROA Members and one of their invited guest as well as all invited Civilian Retirees and Invited Guest along with one of their invited guest. Additional guest will be \$10.00

<http://www.texasdisposal.com/exotic-exotic-game-ranch>

Please RSVP by May 28, 2013

**Legislative/Retirement Committee** – Pete Morin –

Brother Morin reported that the session was almost over and Bills that had not crossed over would be dead by mid week.

Brother Morin reported that Sharon Voudouris-Ross had brought a suggestion to the system in regards to the \$10,000.00 death benefit we all have. She wanted to look into the possibility that retirees could commit the funds now to pre-pay for their funerals. The APROA will be looking into this as well as having speaks at our next meeting on pre-planning funerals.

**APA Liaison Committee** – Robert Gross – Not present

**Recruitment Committee** – Ruth Bullock – Not present

**Treasurer Report** - Randy Malone Copies attached to minutes.

Also attached is the Corrected - 2012-Year-End report

Brother Malone reported there was a typo on the Year-End report submitted to member sat the March meeting. The corrected year End report was presented to members.

Motion made by Brother Tomlin to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Brother T. Smith.

Discussion –None - Approved by voice vote.

5. Communications and Bills –

Thank you E-mails from the Lee Craig Smith Family – Regarding Dedication

6. Unfinished Business – Winnie Project

Brother O’Leary reported on the progress indicating we have located the company we will probably do business with and are ready to start raising funds. Brother O’Leary stated Brother Potts was going to take this forward and try to get public support on this as a Human Interest Story. We also plan to send this out to members to see if anyone has a better contact on a possible acceptable home that can be donated or a contact that can get us a better deal.

7. New Business –

Beneplace - Jodie Tatum, Benefits Coordinator - City of Austin

This is a new program offered to City Employees as well as Retirees. It is a web site where you should be able to get discounts on hundreds of items or leads of pricing of items you plan to buy, such as a vehicle. You really need to check it out for yourself to see if this will help you.

[www.beneplace.com/CoAustin](http://www.beneplace.com/CoAustin)

2015 – POMF – Brother T. Smith reported that at the 2013 POMF ceremony at the State Capitol that had very limited containers of cold water for the Color Guards and guest and it ran out quickly. Officers in full dress uniform were running around trying to get water to the coolers, which no longer had ice in them as well as to get it out to the Color Guards who were in formation. In 2015 the APROA needs to take an active part at the ceremony and this would be a service that is needed.

Brother Haffelder mentioned we could even look into getting the water bottles with our names on them.

Door Prize - Norris McCord

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Brother Whitaker to adjourn, Second by Brother Woods.

No discussion.

Meeting Adjourned

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Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer