

POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MID-TOWN HOLIDAY INN

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

OCTOBER 30, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea Towler, Mike Swain, Ed Burmood, Ron Fisher, Kim Christensen, Rick Carmichael, Bruce Felty, Jim Peschong, Kurt Bottorff and Bill Larsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andy Backman

President Towler called the meeting to order at 1500 hours.

MINUTES: Minutes from the July 21, 2005 meeting were presented. Ed Burmood's name was added as being in attendance. No other changes or corrections were mentioned. Bruce Felty made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Rick Carmichael provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was presented. Ron Fisher made a motion to accept the report. Jim Peschong provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Jim Lawson had sent a letter inquiring about some type of incentive program for NLETC graduation. Discussion resulted in nothing further.
- Communication was received from Donovan Beery, website developer, regarding tracking the number of hits on the website. He indicated there currently exists a method to monitor that activity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Election Committee: Mike Swain, Rick Carmichael and Kurt Bottorff.
- Second Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Two Board Seats—Ron Fisher and Kurt Bottorff.
- Awards Committee: Rick Carmichael
- Hall of Fame—Chief Timothy Mullen, Fremont PD
- Officer of the Year—Officer Robert Page, Bellevue PD
- President's Award—Chief Larry Thoren, Hastings PD

- Past President's Award—A/C Jim Peschong, Lincoln PD
- Membership Committee: Jim Peschong reported that only a few new graduates from the Academies took advantage of the free membership. Nothing else to report.
- State Fair Committee: Ron Fisher reported that they felt the State Fair Board's relocation of stages hampered attendance at some of the Law Enforcement exhibits, especially the Sheriff's Association Building . Hopefully this will be resolved before next year's fair.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Law Enforcement Retirement Bill—Kim and Andy made a request for some allowance for mileage to travel to the various meetings. Discussion resulted in an inquiry to find out how participants from the other organizations were being compensated.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cop Shop—Jim Peschong discussed information he had previously sent to the Board regarding a possible new fund raising mechanism through copshop.com, and he and requested someone from Cop Shop to attend the meeting but they could not. He asked members to review the website and provide any comments to him.
- Hometown Heroes Survivors Act of 2003—Russ Zeeb presented information about this act which is part of the Police Officers Survivors Benefits (PSOB) Program. It includes benefits for Officers dying from a heart attack, or stroke, which occurred within 24 hours of engaging in a line-of-duty, non-routine, stressful or strenuous activity. There have been problems getting the benefits from this act appropriated distributed to Police Officer Survivors in many of these cases which have occurred since the Act was signed into law on December 15, 2003. FOP was requesting letters of support from POAN to all of the Nebraska Senators and Congressmen and Governor encouraging their support in getting these benefits properly distributed. The Board agreed that new President Swain should undertake this task as one of his first duties after taking over the Presidency.
- Nomination Committee—consists of Mike Swain, Rick Carmichael and Kurt Bottorff. Need to elect Second Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and two three year term Board members.
- Administrative Assistant—Discussion occurred about Michele's performance and everyone was very pleased with her efforts. She has had increased responsibilities over the past year with the development the website and efforts to keep it current. Ed Burmood made a motion to increase her pay by \$100.00 per month, retroactive to October 1, 2005 . Rick Carmichael provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

President Towler asked for any other new business, or anything else for the good of the order. Nothing was presented.

Rick Carmichael made a motion to adjourn. Kurt Bottorff provided a second. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 1605 hours.

Respectfully submitted, William H. Larsen, Secretary/Treasurer