

Oakland County Deputy Sheriffs Association General Membership
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2017 at 1700 hrs
Held at the OCDSA Union Hall 581 W Kennett Pontiac, MI

Officers present:

President Bill Christensen, VP of Road Patrol Mike Garrison, Alt Chief Steward Pat Weir, Secretary James Boomer, Treasurer Dan Main

Officers Absent: VP Corrective/Court Services Dan Wait

Others Present: Attorney Jim Moore, Patrice Fredricks

Secretary Boomer called the meeting to order at 1658 hrs.

Communications/Invited Guests:

Patrice Fredricks from AFLAC spoke regarding the services and products offered by her company.

Treasurers Report:

A motion was presented by Boomer, seconded by Partogian to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was presented by Christensen, seconded by Partogian to approve the minutes from the October 2017 meeting as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Officer's reports:

President Christensen:

Christensen reminded members to use their FLT Holiday before the cut-off date and to be mindful of the caps that have been set on each leave bank.

Christensen spoke regarding the recent death of Deputy Eric Overall and reminded everyone to be careful and to remain vigilant.

Christensen advised that, due to the holiday season, the December general Membership meeting date has been changed to December 19 at 1600 hrs.

VP of Patrol Services Garrison:

Garrison presented a framed sponsor flag which was given to the Association in recognition of our hole sponsorship in the Patrick O'Rourke Memorial Golf Outing. The flag will be hung in the Association Hall.

Garrison reminded members to be certain that any crash memo indicates where they were travelling to, the type of call they were on, whether the vehicle was an Impala or a Tahoe, the road conditions and any other detailed information that will assist in the process.

VP of Corrections Wait:

Not Present.

Secretary Boomer:

Nothing to report..

Treasurer Main:

Nothing to report.

Chief Steward Partogian:

Nothing to report.

Alt. Chief Steward Weir:

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Building Manager Curtis reminded everyone that the Annual Lunch with Santa will be held in the Association Hall on December 9. The renovation of the rest rooms has been postponed until after the luncheon as the contractor could not insure that they would be ready by the 9th.

Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business:

Weir advised that the Association's Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan (DSAM) dues are up for renewal.

Christensen raised concerns regarding the direction that DSAM was headed in and asked Weir for his assessment. Weir advised that DSAM has lost membership (Wayne County recently dropped theirs) but that the current leadership has begun looking at corporate sponsorships to supplement operating costs which will make member dues less of an issue. Weir advised that should DSAM fold we would lose seats on the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), the Michigan Sheriffs Coordinating and Training Council and the GLI. Weir advised that 15 out of Michigan's 83 counties belong to DSAM.

A motion was presented by Christensen, seconded by Partogian to approve the renewal of the Association's membership in DSAM at a cost of \$3400. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was discussion regarding a request to assist Deputy Tim Lorey who is on an extended medical leave.

A motion was presented by Weir, seconded by Boomer to approve up to \$5000 to assist Deputy Tim Lorey. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Association members from the Forensic Science Laboratory (Crime Lab) appeared before the Board to seek release from Association membership.

Bob Koteles advised that positions in the Lab have evolved beyond simply being a promotional opportunity for Corrective/Court Services and the Road Patrol. Koteles further stated that the pay scale for Forensic Lab Specialists (FLS) is unfair when compared to what other Labs are paying their staff. Koteles asked for an opportunity to “fight their own fight” without being lumped in with the Association’s contract negotiations, adding that the Association has done nothing for the Lab in past negotiations. Koteles asked the Association to de-certify the six FLS positions.

Christensen stated that he did not agree with Koteles’ belief that the Association has not done anything for them. Further, Christensen stated that he was concerned about closing opportunities within the Association for future members.

Partogian advised that he was not necessarily opposed to the idea but wanted a legal opinion regarding feasibility.

Boomer stated that, as he had been in the past when this issue was brought to the Board, he was concerned that the FLS members were being misled into believing that they would fare better without union representation. Boomer felt that if the County wanted to pay the FLS members more money, then they could do so regardless of their membership in the Association.

A motion was presented by Christensen, seconded by Partogian to table the agenda item pending a legal opinion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Business from the Floor: None

A motion was presented by Christensen , seconded by Weir to adjourn at 1800 hours. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Boomer
Secretary of the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff’s Association