

# **Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association Meeting**

Embassy Suites Columbus, Ohio

4:30 PM

## **Fourth Quarter Business Meeting 2019**

Meeting called to order by President Bob Booker at 04:35 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance** by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dale LaRue

**Roll call of board & district representatives by Secretary Christine Untrauer, quorum of 11 officers were in attendance. (Pres. Bob Booker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dale LaRue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ginny Fogt, Secretary Christine Untrauer, Treasurer Brenda Collins, Representatives from Findlay, Paul Combs, Bucyrus, Richard Collins; Warren, Lou Gliozzi; Columbus, Lisa Taylor; Cambridge, Dave Peters and Delmer Dunlap) There were 38 Association Members in attendance.**

**Executive Board Reports** - Secretary Christine Untrauer

Minutes from 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter meeting (posted on oshpretiree.org website)

Motion to accept the minutes as written by Dale LaRue  
Second Ginny Fogt  
Motion Passed

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer Brenda Collins

Regular OSHPR Account	\$ 71,936.32
Retirees' Benefit Fund Account	\$ 9,144.37
O.W. Merrill Award Account	\$ 5,713.27
Robert M. Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award Account	\$ 6,488.85
Anniversary Account	\$ 6.03
Total for all accounts minus Anniversary	\$ 93,276.78

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Seldon Senek  
Seconded by Rob Hartsell  
Motion Passed

## **Membership and Credentials:**

Proposed Associate Member Richard Fulton, proposed by Ken Walerius and Jack Holland. Richard was a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> Academy Class, graduating in June, 1966. He started his career in Swanton and ended as a Sergeant at Elyria Post 47.

Discussion - None

Motion by Charlie Linek to approve Richard Fulton for Associate Membership

Seconded by Dave Peters

Motion passed

## **Committee Reports:**

**Resolutions** - None

**Historical** – Sheldon Senek

The display cases at the Academy have been emptied and will not be changed out until January. The vinyl clings on the windows are being changed and the timeline is being taken down. They wanted the cases moved out of the way to prevent damage to them. The Columbus Dispatch may be doing an article on Retired Lt. Charles W. Robison and the Pistol Team. His daughter, Susan, has been in contact with them.

The January displays will cover the following: retired Lt. Joseph A. Wolfe; Following in Their Footsteps-The Risner Family; Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award Winners; Retired Aux. Officer Donald V. Heckman; Retired Capt. John W. Rohal; Truckers' Blockade and Strike, December 1973-February 1974; OSHP Radio Communication System; B.A.D. (Bears Against Drugs) Trading Cards

## **Retirement System Update:**

Executive Director Mark Atkeson  
(report deferred for the program after dinner)

## **Active Ranks Update:**

Colonel Richard Fambro  
(report deferred for the program after dinner)

### **Executive Board Elections:**

Retired Colonel Richard “Butch” Collins, OSHPRRA Chairperson

The incumbent members of the OSHPRRA Executive Board submitted requests to retain their positions and responsibilities: Robert Booker (President), Dale LaRue (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) Ginny Fogt (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President) Brenda Collins (Treasurer) and Christine Untrauer (Secretary).

Open for nominations from the floor, hearing none, nominations closed by Dave Peters  
Motion to approved the present board be nominated and elected by Bob Carson  
Seconded by John Rohal. Motion passed

### **Upcoming Events:**

The Snowbird will be held March 5-7, 2020 at Marriott Orlando Marriot Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway Lake Mary, Florida. This our second Snowbird at this hotel and we found it to be very nice facility with accommodating staff. A good time was had by all. Early registration is available for the hotel and has been provided via OSHPRRA email.

### **Special Order & Announcements**

Ailing members: Gil Jones, Don Slemmer and active employee Shelley Town.  
Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Unfinished / New Business** – President Bob Booker

#### **Dale LaRue** –

Will defer for the dinner program.

#### **Ginny Fogt-**

Our next annual meeting and dinner will be held on October 24, 2020 the Aladdin Shrine Center in Grove City, and will have a catered meal. This was the only Saturday available in October. There was discussion to change to a luncheon and more business casual. It is less expensive for a luncheon and those traveling would do so in the daylight hours. There is a \$1,000 deposit required. It was requested after the luncheon to survey those attending for feedback. This is still in the planning stages.

**Next meeting:** Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Orlando Marriot Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway Lake Mary, Florida. The Snowbird is March 5-7, 2020.

Motion to adjourn by Dale LaRue  
Seconded by Keith Miller

Motion carried

**Adjournment** – President Bob Booker

Time 4:56 pm

## **Program following lunch:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dale LaRue** presented Colonel Thomas Rice a plaque from the Cleveland Police Museum for his donation to the museum. The silver, 1988 Chevy Patrol Car is now a part of the fleet, bearing Colonel Rice's unit number.

**Executive Director Mark Atkeson** reported on the current health of the Retirement System's financial status. This year, investments are up by 11% at this point. There is currently \$885,000,000 in assets in the retirement system. Due to actuary report, the active member's contributions for next year will be 14% and no COLA for retired members. There will be no changes in healthcare for next year, with premium information available on the website. On November 20, 2019, there is a meeting for the healthcare fund. Contact has been made with Aetna for available plans. Minutes from the board meetings are available in the secure side of the website. Reminder to all members, if you are a snowbird and will be out of state, update your address so your 1099 will be delivered to your winter address. This has been an issue in the past.

Mark thanked everyone for their support during his time as executive director.

**Daryl Anderson, Retirement Representative Board Member** thanked Mark for his 10 years as the executive director. There were many application received to fill the position of executive director. There have been 8 people interviewed for the position. At the board meeting on October 17th, 2019, the new director will be announced. The Aztec Bird is being held on January 4, 2020 in Surprise, Arizona. Daryl reminds all retirees of the physical exam available to them and their spouses every two years. Currently, only 5% of members are getting their exams. There is also an ultrasound and bone density test available every 4 years, free of charge to the retiree or spouse.

**Colonel Richard Fambro** spoke of the Indiana Trooper who was killed yesterday. A moment of silence was observed in his memory. There is great support from the state surrounding Indiana.

Colonel Fambro thanked Director of Public Safety Thomas Strickrath for attending. He also thanked the members of senior staff in attendance.

Colonel Fambro is stressing the importance of professional behavior to all members of the patrol both on and off duty. It is a privilege to work for the Division. He also shared the importance of upholding traditions.

Updates: He visited Trooper Jason Phillips (involved in a serious injury crash in July) this past week. He has made tremendous progress, but still has many challenges ahead of him. His goal is to come back and be a trooper again.

Operational Focus:

Traffic Safety: The Patrol has pulled back out of the cities, but is still there for support when requested. Troopers are working on the interstates, state routes and county roads, providing service in rural areas.

The 166<sup>th</sup> Academy Class is in week 15 and will graduate on January 17, 2020. The class started with 63 cadets and is down to 43. The 167<sup>th</sup> is scheduled to start in January or February, 2020.