

Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association Meeting

August 14, 2020

11:00AM

Third Quarter Business Meeting 2020 – OSHPRS Zoom Video Conference
President Bob Booker

Meeting called to order by President Bob Booker at 11:07 AM

Pledge of Allegiance by President Bob Booker

Roll call of board & district representatives by Secretary Christine Untrauer, quorum of 11 officers were in attendance. (Pres. Bob Booker, 2nd Vice President Ginny Fogt, Secretary Christine Untrauer, Treasurer Brenda Collins, Colonel Richard Fambro, District Representatives: Findlay, Ken Walerius, Bucyrus, Tim Mahoney and Richard Collins; Warren, Lou Gliozzi; Cambridge, Delmer Dunlap; Wilmington, Bill Baugus) There were 6 Association Members in attendance. (Carl Roark, Bob Hartsell, Stan Erter, Ed Barborak, Pam Sullivan, and Michael Faber)

Executive Board Reports – Christine Untrauer

Minutes from 2020 2nd Quarter meeting

Motion to accept the minutes as written by Brenda Collins

Second by Ginny Fogt

Discussion none

Motion carried

Treasurer's report – Brenda Collins

A copy of the Treasurer's report was forwarded for review by email.

Motion to approve report as prepared by Bill Bagus

Second by Tim Mahoney

Discussion none

Motion carried

Committee Reports

Membership and Credentials: None

Resolutions: None

Historical:

The Living Legend project is currently on hold, due to Covid.

Brenda Collins – The Trooper Bob Karsmizki Memorial in Galion is still a work in process, per Arnie Schropp.

Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon scheduled for November 7, 2020 has been cancelled, due to COVID-19 concerns and especially with the cold and flu season staring around the time of the meeting, we have no way of knowing how things will be with COVID. This decision was made by the Executive Board with the health of our retirees in mind.

Retirement System Update: Executive Director Carl Roark

The staff is currently working to pick a vendor for Medicare connector, giving members access, who are Medicare age, to health insurance that will meet the needs of our retirees. Rather than a one plan fits all, this will allow members to pick a plan that will work best for them. This will save money for the Retirement System, as well as the members. The plan will be similar to the one OPERS members have currently. The connector will not be available until 2022.

Special Order & Announcements:

Ailing members:

Don Slemmer – ongoing physical therapy from a fall;

Jim Rosser – battling dementia;

Phil Sheaffer and Deb Sheaffer (his wife) are fighting COVID;

Hank Williams –cancer;

Bob Markowski – cancer;

Don Anweiler – broken leg;

Gil Jones - cancer

Please keep these members and families in your thoughts and prayers.

Active Ranks Update: Colonel Richard Fambro

The State Budget continues to be a big concern for the Division.

The Patrol has been dealing with both peaceful and not so peaceful demonstrations. Trooper and Professional Staff are taking care of the business of the patrol, and have been since March. At this time, there are many people who are retiring from the patrol. There are 17 people who will be retiring between now and October with over 420 years of experience. Since there is the hiring and promotion freeze, it is a difficult time.

Colonel Fambro asks retirees to keep their eyes and ears open and also sing the praises of the patrol. Budget projections are bleak and it may take until 2024 to get back to pre-COVID shape. Of our current members, 38% have less than 10 years of service. As of July 1st, we are heading back to our normal enforcement activity. Fatal crashes were up over 6% from the last two years.

Unfinished Business – President Bob Booker

2021 Snowbird Reunion - We have time to make a decision on the Snowbird Reunion. We will decide a month from now and will still have time to get flyers and information out to the members. The safety of our retirees is most important.

Next Business meeting will be announced at a later date.

Motion to adjourn by Brenda Collins
Second by Ginny Fogt
No Discussion
Motion carried

Adjournment – President Bob Booker

Time 11.36 AM