

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

August 9, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. – Third Quarter Business Meeting

All Occasions Banquet Facility

6989 Waldo-Delaware Rd., Waldo, Ohio

Meeting called to order by President Bob Booker at 11:06 a.m.

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

Roll call of board & district representatives by Secretary Lydia Frey, 15 elected officers were in attendance. (President Bob Booker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dale LaRue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ginny Fogt, Secretary Lydia Frey, Treasurer Brenda Collins, Past President Richard Collins, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Linek, District Representatives: Findlay, Pam Sullivan and Ken Walerius; Bucyrus, Arnie Schropp and Tim Mahoney, Cleveland, Matt Witmer, Warren, Lou Gliozzi, Columbus, Paul Combs, Cambridge, Delmer Dunlap, There were 30 Association Members in attendance. (HPRS Operations Manager Tony Bradshaw also in attendance)

### **Executive Board Reports:**

#### **Minutes from 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting**

Motion to accept as written by Dale LaRue

Second by Brenda Collins

Discussion none

Motion Carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Brenda Collins – Complete report on last page.

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
Main Working	\$94,154.04
Benevolent Account	\$10,441.22
O. W. Merrell Award	\$6,253.24
Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award	\$6,718.11
Total (Minus Anniversary Account = \$619.48)	\$116,947.13

Motion to approve report as prepared by Charle Linek, Second by Arnie Schropp, Discussion none, Motion carried

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Membership and Credentials:** Butch Collins

We currently have just over 1,400 members, with 1,254 of those paying \$1.00 per month. No new members pending.

### **Resolutions:** None

### **Historical:** None

### **Active Ranks Update:** Lieutenant Colonel Charles Linek (Held remarks until after lunch)

Colonel Jones is in Arkansas for CALEA. He is also a new grandpa. His daughter had a baby girl last week. Everyone is doing well.

Lieutenant Colonel Linek discussed the budget and the increases made to the BMV fees. \$5 registration fee increase, \$3 online registration fee increase and \$3 title fee increase. The Highway Patrol is happy with the change and thanked everyone involved. It was a team effort.

He also discussed the Capital Budget. Several facilities are being upgraded including the Crime Lab and different pieces of equipment are being purchased. A new forfeiture vehicle (white dodge challenger) will be used by recruitment and other OSP events.

Personnel – Would like 3 Cadet Classes a year. Recruitment is tough right now. The 177<sup>th</sup> class is going through the Academy at this time. The 178<sup>th</sup> starts in September. Close to 60 starting in the class.

Currently have 1,380 sworn officers. Applications are getting better. Down 27 dispatchers. ET's down. Tough to get ET1's.

New firearms course forthcoming. Ribbon awarded if meet the qualifications.

Division is helping out Cincinnati PD with crime reduction. We had 20 units sent to Texas to help with flooding. This ended up being an 18-day detail.

Discussed the missions handled by SRT and Aviation. SRT has new equipment to assist with their callouts.

The Division is getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Therapy K-9. English lab.

Lieutenant Colonel Linek thanked everyone that voted in the cruiser contest. OSP was 3<sup>rd</sup> and made the 2026 calendar.

Committee is being put together to look at weapons.

## **State Troopers of Ohio:** Colonels Butch Collins and Tom Rice

Retired Colonel Rice thanked everyone for supporting the STO and held his remarks until after lunch.

STO was formed 12/21/21. Talked about active units and how they are doing. Discussed pay from Washington and California. Talked about indexing OSP so they are one of the top 5 agencies in Ohio. OSTA has indicated they do not support this. Unless something changes, we will continue to get the pattern bargaining that has been the case in the past.

STO Stetson Club level donors Fred Goldstein & Jim Chapman recognized today.

## **Retirement System Update:** Anthony Bradshaw and Darryl Anderson (Remarks after lunch)

Discussed COLA and the committee that was formed to look at this. There will be a 2.7% COLA for 2026. HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) was also discussed.

SCAM – Medicare. Insurance companies calling. Be cautious of this. Any issues or if you are not sure about something, call OHPRS Benefits.

Darryl Anderson – 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee, Michael Kasler – 2<sup>nd</sup>. The OHPRS has \$1.2 billion in funds. We are well-funded. We are working to change the law so that we have more freedom to give COLA's outside of how we do it now. We would like to have COLA 1<sup>st</sup> pay of every year, not anniversary date. Two-day board meeting in Berlin, OH at the Grand Berlin Hotel - August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Special Orders and Announcements:**

Ailing Members: Retired Sergeant Dennis Lee, Retired Major Don Goodman, Retired Sergeant Rich Parilla. Paul Mayer, Tom Romaker and Fred Goldstein who were all at the luncheon today. Retired Colonel Collins mentioned Dennis Yingling, brother of Ray Yingling who recently passed away. If anyone has other names to be added to the list, please let us know.

President Booker and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ginny Fogt provided updates on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on November 8, 2025 at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Grove City, Ohio. More information coming out soon.

President Booker discussed the 2026 Snowbird in Florida. Dates are March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming out soon.

Retired Colonel Collins discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plate that will be given out at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dale LaRue provided an overview of the vintage fleet of cars at the Cleveland Police Museum. There was discussion held on the support provided by the Association for the vintage cars and President Booker made a motion to donate \$1,500. Seconded by Arnie Schropp. Motion passed.

Discussion – Arnie Schropp asked if the amount given could change over the years and the executive board did say the donation could change based on what is happening. Individuals can donate to the Cleveland Police Museum – Vintage Police Cars at 1300 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. Additional information can be found on the Cleveland Museum’s website or their Facebook page. <https://www.clevelandpolicemuseum.org/>

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Arnie Schropp, second by Kevin Titler. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

#3783	Checking Account (.05%)		\$	951.03
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	5.00
	Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$	37,857.20
	CD Total (3.80% to 4.75%)		\$	54,721.33
	*Anniversary Checking Account (.05%)		\$	619.48
	<b>OSHPRA Regular Account Total</b>	<b>#3783 Total</b>	\$	94,154.04
#5643	<b>OSHPRA Benevolent Account</b>			
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	5.00
	Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$	3,519.30
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/5/2026	\$	6,916.92
	<b>OSHPRA Benevolent Account Total</b>	<b>#5643 Total</b>	\$	10,441.22
#6708	<b>O. W. Merrell Award Account</b>			
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	1,552.63
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/13/2026	\$	4,700.61
	<b>O. W. Merrell Award Account Total</b>	<b>#6708 Total</b>	\$	6,253.24
#6822	<b>Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award Account</b>			
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	839.41
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/13/2026	\$	4,700.61
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/13/2026	\$	1,178.36
	<b>Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award Account Total</b>	<b>#6822 Total</b>	\$	6,718.11
	<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS</b>		\$	117,566.61
	*Anniversary Account is NOT part of regular monies	-\$ 619.48	\$	116,947.13

Report prepared with all statements through 7/31/2025  
and all other available information through 8/8/2025.