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Annual General Membership Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 – The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 18:19 hours, at the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge by President D. Humphreys.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE: J. Paholski led the membership in reciting the pledge and pausing for a moment of silence for our fallen law enforcement officers and military personnel.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL: D. Humphreys, President; Y. Nikitin, Vice-President; S. Marsh, Secretary; B. Reed, Treasurer; R. Backstrom, Director; P. Teichmann, Director; J. Paholski, Sergeant-at-Arms/ Director; R. Parker, Director; B. Schrieber, Director.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Hashin, Chief Financial Officer, J. Huss (Retired) and refer to membership sign in sheet for others.

GUEST(S): None.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ **WELCOME:** D. Humphreys welcomed the membership and introduced the 2016-2017 Board of Directors for the Association and Foundation. He acknowledged S. White for his service to the POA & POF.
- ❖ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** D. Humphreys said that there were raffles being conducted for members in attendance for various gifts and one for a week stay in Utah.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- ❖ **FINANCIAL & MEMBERSHIP:** D. Hashin gave a financial report for the Association & Foundation, as well as a status of membership numbers (232) in the ranks. All reports are available for review upon request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ **POLITICAL ACTION:** Y. Nikitin said that the PAC held interviews (09-06-2016) with City Council candidates for the November General Election and said that this will be a challenging year for the POA. No endorsements have been made, but a decision will be announced in a week.

EVENTS

- ❖ **CONSTABLE CLASSIC:** D. Hashin said that the 10th Annual Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament was the highest gross/net raising tournament to date, which benefited the non-profit organization, Alzheimer's Family Services Center with a check for \$58,000.00
- ❖ **HB 9/11 MEMORIAL:** D. Hashin said that the memorial will be ready for the dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2:00 PM and encouraged the membership to attend it. J. Paholski acknowledged members of the POA that had gone back to NYC and befriended members of the Port Authority that would be a part of the ceremony on Sunday.
- ❖ **HBPD RETIREMENT PARTY:** D. Hashin asked that members to RSVP by September 12, 2016 if they are attending the party on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at Meadowlark Golf Club as we honor five newly retired members. Members are free and guests are \$25.00.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS PARTY:** D. Hashin said that the Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort. The cost will be \$25.00 for members and guests.
- ❖ **PUBLIC SAFETY HEALTH FAIR:** The Public Safety Health Fair was held on August 31, 2016 and the rates are available for 2017. Open enrollment is SEP 12 – OCT 7, 2016 for the calendar year of 2017.

RECENT TOPICS

- ❖ **420 POLICY:** Y. Nikitin said that there was no dialogue with the chief resulting in attorneys being involved to deal with the policy. Ultimately a meeting was arranged by Pete Mitchell with the DA's Office and a revision to the policy was worked out. The revised policy is pending approval by the Department's administration.
- ❖ **BODY WORN CAMERAS:** The membership had issues with the Department's "pilot program," which were shared with the city council. However, the chief returned to city council (09-06-2016) and made another presentation and won the opportunity to purchase 50 BWCs and 50 iPhones in his initial purchase and implementation. The goal is for 150 BWCs for the Department. The POA feels that the program will only cripple police services further and the membership was cautioned to be careful in their use of them. There was no information on when or how the program will be implemented.

The membership was encouraged to view the city council presentation to have an understanding of the presentation from the chief.

The POA believed that the monies to be used on this program could have been used on better items of technology that would have direct results sooner, such as CDL readers, fingerprint scanners, and/or expanded LPR use. Questions taken from the floor were answered.

- ❖ **COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU:** There are many new trainees being hired and even though the positions will be filled soon, having a competent and trained communications operator will be months down the road.

Noticeable Changes - The incoming telephone lines were changed from direct callers more to the telephone tree to reduce the number of administrative type of telephone calls handled. New chairs were purchased, but "One size does not fit all." The Green 1 – Green 2/ two-channel debate still lingers.

- ❖ **LOCKER ROOM SEARCH:** R. Parker addressed what he saw and was told regarding the completion of the men's locker room search for pack-set batteries due to a huge shortage of them for on-duty patrol staff. It was pointed out that with the change in the batteries, the home charger units were no longer to be used. At times, there appears to be an inadequate amount of equipment combined with members holding onto charged batteries, which creates a shortage. Some members felt that the POA should have provided more direction as a result of the incident. However, it was pointed out that any member can file a grievance at any time they feel that their rights have been violated.
- ❖ **COMMUNICATION WITH CHIEF:** Discussion held with membership on why communication broke down with the chief during the Senior Staff meetings. It was explained that the meetings were being treated as "meet and confer" meetings, which was not the intent of the meetings. The little dialogue was usually more one-sided from the chief towards the POA.

RAFFLE/ GRAB-BAG DRAWING HELD

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting was adjourned at 19:50 hours.

ATTEST:


Jeff Huss, HBPOA Retired Member


Brian Schrieber - HBPOA Secretary