

CWEPA Minutes  
July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Gunnison Service Center

Board Members Present: Mike Swaro, Matt Martinez, Todd Cozad, Sean Shepherd, Adrian Archuleta, Brandon Dye

Call in Board Members: Cody Wigner

Call to Order: 10:15 am

Membership Present: J. Wenum: Call in: Kris Middledorf

Treasurer Report: Matt Martinez

UBS: \$187,308.88

US Bank main acct: \$13,442.48

US Bank scholarship acct: \$10,494.11

Credit Union of Colorado:

Savings: \$505.51

Checking: \$5079.29 (scholarship money)

Money Management: \$3,440.93

12-month CD: \$4,971.63

New Members approved: Travis Bybee (Trainee)

Retired or resigned: Paul Jones, Mike Reid, Bill Andree

Website Renewal Fee: \$449.64

New/Old Business:

No corrections for last meeting minutes.

Liaison Discussion:

Mike Swaro discussed how Colorado State Patrol uses a legislative liaison and the fees associated with a potential liaison. Swaro spoke with Mike Hahn, president of the CSP association. Mike Hahn put Mike Swaro in contact with Tony Lombard of Lombard and Clayton, Inc. The CSP lobbyist represents their interests outside of what their agency provides. Mike described that Lombard and Clayton, Inc. has a monthly retainer and the fees range from a low of \$1500 a month to \$5000 a month. Colorado State Patrol Professionals Association charges members \$50 a month. The legislative liaison would not impact non-profit status.

There was a general discussion of the benefits of a lobbyist. The benefit would be to represent membership interests at the State Capital. Recent legislation has been introduced and some has

become law that has directly impacted membership and employment. CWEPA will continue to investigate a legislative liaison and possibly invite a representative of Lombard and Clayton, Inc. to a scheduled meeting. CWEPA will also solicit membership for feedback on concerns and questions regarding a lobbyist. CWEPA has approximately 198 members. CWEPA board members agreed that dues would need to rise to pay for a legislative liaison.

#### NAWEOA Summary:

Adrian Archuleta discussed the NAWEOA annual conference in Wyoming. Colorado Parks and Wildlife was well represented. Several officers attended the conference and participated in events. CWEPA co-hosted a hospitality night with the Nebraska Conservation Officers Association. CWEPA sold \$750 worth of merchandise. CWEPA received a certificate of appreciation for co-hosting a hospitality night. Several CWEPA members were recognized by NAWEOA. Paul Jones was recognized for his career as a game warden and aquatic biologist. The 2017 CWEPA lifesaving award winners were acknowledged, this includes Cody Purcell, Pepper Canterbury, Adam Gerstenberger, Rick Gardner and Jordan DePriest. The 2017 Colorado Parks and Wildlife John D. Hart Wildlife Officer of the Year, Casey Westbrook was also honored at the NAWEOA conference. The CWEPA board would like to thank Lyle Sidener for ensuring that award winners were properly recognized at the conference.

Adrian reported that there was a lot of interest by participants for Colorado to host an annual conference again. Colorado last hosted in 1997, the Division of Wildlife's 100 anniversary. 2022 will be the agencies 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

CWEPA would also like to thank everyone that assisted at our booth at the hospitality night. This includes Adrian Archuleta, Lyle Sidener, Ty Petersburg, Brandon Muller, Jeromy Huntington, Casey Westbrook, Troy Florian and Jason Surface.

Lastly, Adrian Archuleta and Jason Surface both placed in the top five finishers of the 5K run.

#### Merchandise Sales/Credit Card Reader:

CWEPA discussed merchandise and inventory. Sean Shepherd will send out emails to Area Offices and we will bring all belt buckles into a central location. It is difficult to track the inventory when it is spread throughout the State. Adrian Archuleta will continue to add merchandise to the website. CWEPA will test out merchandise sales at a few area offices. Sean Shepherd will work out a limited number of area offices for selling merchandise this fall. CWEPA will try to capture the general public's interest in our merchandise. CWEPA has sold approximately \$600 through the Square sales app. Sean Shepherd will also go through the merchandise and, if necessary, develop an order for t-shirts, buckles, challenge coins and mugs.

#### Membership Input/ Concerns:

None.

Adjourn Meeting at approximately 11:05 AM.

Next CWEPA Meeting

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the Hunter Education Building at 6060 Broadway, Denver.