

CWEPA Meeting Minutes  
May 11<sup>h</sup>, 2020  
Google Hangout

**Call to Order:** 10:07 AM

**Board Members Present:** Adrian Archuleta, Matt Yamashita, Sean Shepherd, Brandon Dye, Eric Lowery, Evan Jones, Todd Cozad, Cody Wigner

**Membership Present:** A large number of membership was present

**Reading/Corrections of Minutes from February meeting:**

No corrections to last meeting minutes/approved

No new members

There was a discussion with John Hood and the board regarding a CWEPA presentation to the trainees. It was decided that Matt Yamashita would talk to the trainees during another planned training in September in Area 8.

Retired member's approval:  
Eric Schaller  
Lyle Sidener

Based on outdated membership email list it was decided that board members (Dye/Cozad) need to do a thorough update to the membership email list to bring it up to date.

**Inservice Hospitality Night Recap**

Based on feedback from members, hospitality night and the new venue were successful and worth the extra expenditure. John Hood informed the meeting that the location for inservice 2021 is still undetermined, and when decisions are made, Hood will advise the board so planning can begin.

Hospitality night revenue (Wigner): Billing mistakes for the room was resolved. 134 glasses were sold. \$276 in other CWEPA Merchandise. Total profit for the night \$667.

**Treasurer Report: (Todd Cozad)**

Quarterly payment for LDF has been made.

UBS: \$220,272.26

US Bank main account: \$24,696.33

US Bank scholarship account: \$5994.11

Credit Union of Colorado:  
Savings: \$507.17  
Checking (scholarship account): \$5088.19  
Money Management: \$3457.03  
12 month CD: \$5075.39

Eric Schaller, retired: \$500.00  
Lyle Sidener, retired: \$500.00

### **PORAC**

Payment is now quarterly which has changed from monthly. Benefit plan will remain at \$14/month per member that opt in for that coverage. That price is set for 2020/2021.

### **Merchandise Update (Sean Sheperd)**

No major inventory changes. The board should discuss price changes on t-shirts in order to move more inventory, particularly the shirt styles that haven't been selling well.

New challenge coins are in, 200 coins were made for this order and sales have started. People who have placed orders through email will be contacted individually for billing information. In order to address shipping costs, the board voted to approve Shepard using the CWEPA credit card and starting a USPS account to simplify the shipping process.

### **New/Old Business:**

Evan Jones gave an update on the memorial paver stone for Game Warden James M. Cambell, who was struck and killed by a vehicle in the line of duty in 1945. CWEPA funded the stone (\$250) and Jones presented the proof for the stone design that will be placed at the Game Warden Museum. Mike Swaro asked Jones if he had found any next of kin to notify of the memorial, so far none have been located

125<sup>th</sup> anniversary badge voting- Membership was able to vote on a prospective commemorative badge at inservice. It is still unclear if there will be any way to move forward with a commemorative badge for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The old western style star badge was most popular (111 votes totals, 51 voted for badge #3). The board will reach out to LT and Director Prenzlów and see if there is a way for CWEPA to be involved. Kris Middendorf asked for clarification between CWEPA involvement vs. Agency involvement, and who is taking the initiative on it. Jones recapped the history of the 1997 100 year commemorative badge decision process.

NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representative Lyle Sidener is retiring and the CWEPA Board approved a nomination to be sent to the NAWEOA Board for Jeromy Huntington to take over those responsibilities.

### **Members Concerns:**

Kris Middendorf proposed the idea of other shirt designs using various skulls in the same fashion as the current mule deer dead head.

Adrian Archuleta brought up the bulk state parks pass order that was previously discussed at the February meeting. The board is still in discussion with Danielle Isenhart on how to set this up for a bulk membership order.

Eric Lowery wanted to make membership aware of the future possibility of a benefit being put together for Area 2 Wildlife Technician Craig Barr.

Kris Middledorf asked 3 questions

- 1.) Has the board had any further conversations with the legislative liaisons?
- 2.) Has the board had any discussions about joining Colorado WINS?
- 3.) Would it be worthwhile for the board to send out an inquiry to membership with the question of whether or not the organization should join Colorado WINS?

The board has not had any further contact with the legislative liaison that came that spoke to membership in Dec. 2018. The survey that was put out in July 2019 to membership to gauge interest from membership on the issue as well as other issues that the board could work on with the leadership team and HR.

The board has not discussed any involvement with Colorado WINS to date. The board is going to do some research on how Colorado WINS may affect CWEPA in reference to the current situation with the fraternal officers association in California.

Mike Swaro asked if there was any timeline information on implementation of Colorado WINS if it passes.

To the knowledge of the board, no timeline has been proposed.

The board is going to look into gathering information for membership to present at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled in Durango. If membership has any agenda items, please email them to Adrian Archuleta.

**Meeting Adjourn:** 11:09 AM