

CWEPA Meeting Minutes
 May 17, 2021
 Google Hangout

Call to Order: 12:04 PM

Board Members Present: Eric Lowery, Cody Wigner, Kevin Mahan, Tony Bonaquista, Darren Chacon, Casey Westbrook, Brandon Dye

Membership Present: Archuleta, Campbell, Diamond, Huntington, T. Jacox, M. Lamb, M. Martinez, N. Martinez, Middledorf, Padia, Petersburg, Peterson, Rylands, Slezak, G. Watson

Reading/Corrections of Minutes from December meeting:
 No corrections to last meeting minutes/approved

New members:
 Bullen
 V. Gallegos

Retired member's approval:
 Aragon
 Hood
 Tucker

Treasurer Report: (Westbrook)

Account	Feb-21	May-21	Change	Notes
UBS	\$261,077.58	\$283,588.04	\$22,510.46	Over \$77k In cash
US BANK (main)	\$30,916.83	\$32,673.55	\$1,756.72	
US BANK (scholarship)	\$3,494.11	\$8,087.38	\$4,593.27	\$4593.27 transferred from CU of CO scholarship acct
CREDIT UNION OF COLORADO (savings)	\$507.56	\$507.69	\$0.13	
CCU (checking)	\$5,092.45	\$500.21	(\$4,592.24)	Formerly used as an additional scholarship account. See Transfer \$4593.27 transferred from CU of CO scholarship acct
CCU (money mgmt)	\$3,462.55	\$3,463.25	\$0.70	
CCU (12 month CD)	\$5,108.32	\$5,115.25	\$6.93	
REPORTED EXPENSES TOTALS	\$1,106.09	\$15,090.14		Not all expenses for the quarter have been included in the report.

Expenses:
 Jim Aragon \$500
 Dean Riggs \$500 retirement
 Fallen Officer \$100
 Fallen Officer \$100
 John Robson, web \$1400

Hunter Barr Memorial fund \$1000
Creative Casting Pins/awards: \$1666.70
Coghill Award Expenses \$115.07 (Lowery)
Benchmade \$391.02 (Jones)
PORAC \$8274 quarterly dependent upon total membership
Standard Ins \$717.80 monthly dependent upon total membership
New checks \$159.55
PO Box \$166 (yearly)

NAWEOA Update (Jeromy Huntington)

International Game Warden Magazine subscriptions could be made available to CWEPA members for \$17 per subscriber. Jeromy will follow up with an email to membership to gauge interest. CWEPA will continue to pay for retiree's membership to NAWEOA. Spring NAWEOA newsletter should be coming out soon. Summer 2021 NAWEOA conference is cancelled. 2022 Conference will be in Nashville (info available on NAWEOA website). 2023 Conference will be held in Utah (location TBD).

Law Enforcement Updates (Heather Dugan)

Legislative update:

SB 21-183 –Nothing new since March -additional LE support and accountability, attempt to clean up some issues with SB 20-217, as of now SB 21-183 will not apply CPW officers due to bill referring to Title 24 definition. There are complications involving Title 18 definition as it pertains to CPW officers.

SB 21-245 – Backcountry Search and Rescue- (Study Bill)- if passed would require CPW to provide funding to study Search and Rescue needs throughout the state. 50K of funding is earmarked for spending on pilot program for support/mental health for Search and Rescue staff.

SB 21-271- Misdemeanor Reform Bill- LEU provided comments to CCJJ committee for reclassifications. CCJJ agreed to 38 of 40 requested changes to recommendations by the LEU. Still ongoing. Next for CCJJ committee is felony reform, the committee has already stated that they are not interested in reducing current Title 33 felonies.

PORAC (Lowery)

'21-'22 rates will not increase. PORAC has stated that all members have complete coverage regardless of being commissioned vs. non-commissioned. Awaiting written confirmation of that fact. Mike Lowe will possibly be able to do a legal review for membership at the July meeting. Reminder to membership that PORAC coverage includes reviewing use of force reports, even for Taser deployment, OC, ASP, hands on, etc.

CWEPA Website (Lowery)

New website is up and running. <https://www.coloradowepa.org/>
All content, applications, scholarships etc. are available on the website as well as a link to CWEPA store. Thanks to Jason Duetsch for allowing CWEPA to use some of his photography for the website.

Bylaw draft amendments of Board Structure options (Lowery)

(Bylaw draft amendments were sent to membership prior to meeting for review)

The board developed these proposed alternative board member structures based on the number of CWEPA members from multiple job classes. Membership will vote on alternatives prior to July meeting.

125th/75th Anniversary Update (Lowery)

Jones has been working on compiling historical CWEPA information to add a history page to the CWEPA website. Ironton Distillery has agreed in principal to offer CWEPA a barrel of whiskey for 75th anniversary limited edition, label design will likely come from membership submitted designs. Available for purchase at in-service 2022.

Merchandise (Mahan)

New merch designs will focus on CWEPA 75th anniversary. Link to store on new CWEPA website. CWEPA still has some inventory items that are not selling well, the board is looking at options for how discount/donate some items. At this time, CWEPA is not going to move forward with trying to sell CWEPA merch at Area offices.

Misc. (Lowery)

Windi Padia gave HR update email to Board: Approved 3% raise for all employees, online wildfire training, equal pay for equal work act, encouraging members to stay up to date on Colorado WINS collective bargaining regardless of membership status.

Mike Lowe will be making a legal analysis at July meeting of how Colorado WINS could potentially affect CWEPA operations.

Members Concerns:

Middledorf- Thanks to Lowery and the Board for the work and clean up on issues. Housing cost concerns for employees now and in the future.

Meeting Adjourn: 12:58 PM