

CWEPA Minutes
February 26, 2015

10:05 Call to order

Board Members Present:, Bob Carochi, Matt Thorpe, Dan Cacho, Tom Davies, , Justin Krall, Jason Surface, Kris Middledorf, Casey Westbrook

Membership Present: Chris Mettenbrink, Matt Martinez, Perry Will, Zach Holder, Jenny Campbell, Jim Aragon, Sean Shepherd

Call to Order: 10:05AM

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the December 2014 meeting were reviewed by the Board via email shortly before this February meeting. Westbrook moved to approve the December minutes as submitted, this was seconded by Surface. On February 26, 2015 they were sent out to the membership at that time via email.

Treasurer Report:

Due to personal issues this report was not available at the time of the meeting. A report will be reviewed and approved by the Board and submitted with the minutes when they are approved.

UBS Account: \$137,108.76

US Bank main Account: \$23,035.00

US Bank scholarship acct: \$28,392.14

Credit Union of Colorado:

Savings:\$503.72
Checking: \$5062.34
Money Mgt: \$3423.14
12 month CD: \$4929.11

New / Retiring Members:

None

New/Old Business:

- Bruno presentation from December was video recorded and will be up loaded and posted on CWEPA website for viewing

- Tom Davies Hass been offered donations if for future fundraisers for Wangnild family including a custom AR and items from MagPul, would need 1 month notice to donors for goods.
 - o Can CWEPA continue fundraiser via a raffle? Davies will look at raffle license

- CWEPA needs to replace our NAWEOA jurisdictional rep / liaison with the retirement of Vicki Vargas-Madrid. This position can be filled via appointment from CWEPA or a competitive

election. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU ARE INTERESTED** and we can discuss with you the commitment / term.

- Wangnild update- Decision on how to Invest
 - o Mettenbrink informed the Board that based upon consultation with a financial advisor and attorney there are limitations on how our 501(c) organization can hold and distribute the funds raised for the Wangnild children. This leaves the option of an individual accepting personal responsibility and financial risks to be a custodian of the money / trust. Other available options include the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit, Purchase of savings bonds, or CWEPA creating a separate bank account under the CWEPA organization with instruction to a future board that the account has been set aside for the Wangnild family with certain provisions.
 - o Davies suggested he would contact individuals in the Agency whom he felt may be interested in accepting the responsibility of being personally listed as account / trust custodian / managers. If that doesn't work out the Board agreed to default to a set aside account under the CWEPA name. This will require a thorough and agreed upon descriptions of the requirements for the family to access the money.
- Wangnild Memorial Paver at the International Game Warden Museum has been paid for, the design has been approved (see attached) and dates of installation will be provided later.
- Selection of CWEPA Student Scholarship
 - o Of the two applications received Seth Petch was awarded the scholarship by the CWEPA Board. A letter of notice has been sent to both applicants. Thank you to both families for applying. These are difficult decisions for the Board but we are grateful to have such deserving kids to choose from.
- Request for contribution to Wildlife Tech/PRT In-service
 - o CWEPA received a request for supporting the upcoming Wildlife/Parks tech meeting
 - The Board agreed to donate CWEPA swag for door prizes rather than money this year.
 - CWEPA may make a membership pitch to the Wildlife technicians if scheduling allows.
- Fallen Officer Fund Request- Submitted by RI Environmental Police Officers- a contribution of \$100 was approved via email in January
- Meeting with Director to be set
 - The Board intends to provide the Director general updates on CWEPA activity as well as current issues / concerns. The Board is also hoping to provide information regarding Fleet based upon a committee review that was started during the Merger.

Member Concerns / Reports:

- CWEPA Facebook Page, Davies will put it together, Jenny Campbell will keep it updated. Members would be encouraged to provide page info / CWEPA related pictures, "like" the page, etc... once page is up and running.
- Campbell brought forth an issue related to allowing retirees to remain CWEPA members

- o This would require a by-law change and would not include legal coverage. This would be an Associate membership. Campbell will reach to Red Owls and see their level of interest to justify a change to the By-Laws.
- o Action will be delayed until there is information related to retiree interest in this topic.
- Eliza Hunholz had requested the Board discuss the issue of designated / certified peer support for critical incidents through CWEPA.
 - o The Board feels that this is an agency responsibility, given that agency policies may impact and define how support can peer / will be utilized.
 - o The Board discussed if CWEPA should start a conversation with the agency about this topic. Westbrook will approach Bob Thompson regarding this issue and report back to the Board.

Regional Reports/ Roundtable:

NE Region- Westbrook provided those attending a heads up that the use of Taser for use on wildlife only has been approved and there is a new Administrative Directive to that affect. The coordination of training within the Agency will be occurring in the immediate future.

CWEPA Meeting Schedule:

June 12, 2015 10AM Gunnison (office ?)

September 9,2015 9AM Silverthorn (USFS ?)

December 9, 2015 9AM Denver (NERSC ?)

The Board will work to implement the use of conference calls on a more broad scale for 2015 so please watch for this notice in up coming agendas.

Motion to Adjourn:

11:35 moved by Davies seconded by Thorpe

CWEPA provides members with death benefits, retirement benefits, legal representation with optional expanded coverage for "critical incidents", employee recognition awards, , and student scholarships. Your CWEPA Membership also affords you the opportunity to have a stronger fraternal relationship with fellow employees and have an expanded voice within the Agency through employee solidarity.

In Memory Of

JON WANGNILD

Colorado Game Warden
Area 6, Meeker, CO.

