



Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Education & Research Foundation, Inc.

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Minutes

Date: Wednesday March 13, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: One Buc Place
1 Buccaneer Place
Tampa, FL 33607

1. Call to order at 6:20PM by President Greg Mertz
 - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Jeff Young, Treasurer Brooke Harris, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Bobby O'Neill, Bob Passwaters, Julie Weintraub, John Wilson, Brian Ford, Jim Previtera, and Foundation Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner.
 - b. Guests: Representative to the Foundation from the Association, Major Mike Baumaister, Tampa Bay Buccaneer's Director of Security, Tom Rowan
2. Approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2018 board meeting: Vice President Young motioned to approve, Director O'Neill second. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance: Foundation Treasurer Brooke Harris submitted an Executive Summary Report. A motion to approve the Finance Report was made by Director O'Neill, Director Brian Ford second. The Finance Report was unanimously approved.
 - b. TBACP Association update: Major Baumaister advised that with the Foundation's financial assistance the Association will be contracting for training from Dr. Gillmartin's group for "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement Officers". Major Baumaister reiterated that the FPCA Summer Conference will be held at the Saddlebrook Resort in Wesley Chapel, June 22 thru 26. TBACPA member Chief Ken Albano of the Temple Terrace Police Department will be the FPCA President at this conference. Major Baumaister thanked the Foundation for its \$40,000 contribution for the conference.
 - c. Vice President Jeff Young gave an update report on the 14th Annual Phil Lebid Memorial Golf Tournament to be held at the Avila Country Club on December 2, 2019.
4. New Business:
 - a. Paid Event Planner:

President Greg Mertz made a proposal that the Foundation fund an event planner. He additionally recommended that Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner be appointed to that position. Due to professional positional adjustments EA Kuettner's responsibilities for the

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Foundation have required a significant amount of personal time commitment on her part. President Mertz recommended a first-time compensation of \$5,000. It was recommended Foundation Counsel Casey Harrison, and Foundation C.P.A. Ronald Rosas be consulted regarding this position. Pending no legal or accounting issues the proposal to move forward was made. Motion to approve was made by Director O'Neill, second by Director Ford. Motion was passed unanimously.

- b. Gala: Issues discussed;
 - i. Sponsorship levels
 - ii. Advertisement
 - iii. Auction items
 - c. Increasing the number of the Board of Directors was discussed.
 - d. The benefits of Public Service Announcements, finding and securing business partners, and the Unsung Hero Award were all discussed.
5. A brief report on the participation from the Foundation at the Hot Shots for Charity Skeet Shoot was made by Secretary Romine and Director Previtiera.
6. Adjourn:
President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Next Meeting
June 11, 2019
Tropicana Field
Rays V. Athletics
6:00 PM