



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

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Secretary
David Romine
Retired, Chief of Police

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Hooters
4125 4th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33703

1. Call to order at 6:15PM 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, John Wilson, Foundation Counsel Casey Harrison, Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner.
 - b. Guests: None
2. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2019 Board Meeting: Foundation Counsel Casey Harrison recommended that the minutes from June 11, 2019 reflect the position of Starla Kuettner as that of Gala Event Planner. Vice President Young moved approval of Counsel Harrison's recommendation, Director John Wilson second. The motion was unanimously approved. Vice President Young moved the Minutes of June 11, 2019 as amended, be approved. Director John Wilson second. The Minutes of June 11, 2019, as amended were unanimously approved.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance: Foundation Treasurer Brooke Harris submitted a Foundation Executive Summary written report. Treasurer Harris also submitted a Gala Summary report. The approximate net proceeds from the 2019 Gala was \$175,673.67. Director Bobby O'Neill moved to approve the Financial Reports. Director John Wilson second. The Financial Reports were unanimously approved.
4. New Business:
 - a. 2020 Gala will be at the Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach, on September 12. President Mertz brought up the following discussion items:
 - i. Program: Should we shorten the awards? Should we limit the Guest Speaker?
 - ii. Should we raise the price of a sponsorship?
 - iii. Should we charge members? Establish a cutoff date to RSVP? Require membership prior to July 1st, 2020 for a member to attend the Gala as an Association member?
 - iv. How to bring more money to the table?
 - v. Begin preparation of the 2020 Gala budget for presentation in the January Meeting.

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- b. Expanding the Board of Directors was discussed.
 - c. Rotating (switching) the venue for the Gala between Pepin and the Wyndham every other year was discussed.
 - d. The 2021 Gala date was discussed as the weekend after Labor Day in 2021 falls on September 11th (9/11).
 - e. The annual Gold Shield Luncheon was discussed.
 - f. Vice President Jeff Young discussed the status, planning and arrangements for the 14th annual Phil Lebid Memorial Golf Tournament set for December 2, 2019.
 - g. President Greg Mertz announced his intention to step down as President of the Foundation effective January 1st, 2021, due to family issues / needs. He requested to remain on the Board of Directors. A possible progression of Executive Board members was discussed: Vice President Jeff Young to President, Treasurer Brooke Harris to Vice President, Chief Dan Slaughter to Treasurer, David Romine to remain as Foundation Secretary.
4. Old Business: None
5. Adjourn: 7:30PM

Next Meeting
December 11, 2019
One Buccaneer Place, Tampa, Fl, 33607
6:00 PM