



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

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## Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Tropicana Field  
1 Tropicana Drive  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

1. Call to Order at 6:15 PM by Vice President Jeff Young
  - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Jeff Young, Treasurer Brooke Harris, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Lee Bercaw, Bobby O'Neill, Bob Passwaters, Julie Weintraub, Brian Ford, Jim Previtera, Foundation Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner, Foundation Attorney Casey Harrison, and Foundation CPA Ronald Rosas.
  - b. Guests: Representative to the Foundation from the Association, Major Mike Baumaister. At the invitation of the Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Club several family members and guests also attended.
2. Approval of the minutes from the March 13, 2019 board meeting: Director Jim Previtera moved to approve, Director Bobby O'Neill, second. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance: Foundation Treasurer Brooke Harris and Foundation CPA Ron Rosas both submitted written Financial reports. Director Bobby O'Neill moved to approve the financial reports, Director Bob Passwaters seconded the motion. The Financial Reports were unanimously approved.
  - b. TBACPA Training Update: Major Baumaister advised the Association is exploring presenting the VALOR training program and its costs. Additionally, Mid-Management training is being considered. NC4S, large venue security training, underwritten by the Tampa Bay Rays is in the works with an open timeline for now.
  - c. Gala update: Executive Assistant Kuettner advised that of this date sponsorships for 10 tables had been purchased. 6 auction items have been donated so far, not including some hotel stays recently received. President Mertz advised that Bert's Barracuda Harley Davidson Motorcycle Dealership is partnering with us for the raffle of a 2019 Electra Glide motorcycle at the Gala. E.A. Kuettner advised that we need to rent chairs for the Gala in order to facilitate table seating. Chair Affair has been contacted to provide the chairs. Director Weintraub will contact the Hard Rock Hotel reference hotel room(s) availability.

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- d. Scholarships: Major Baumaister, advised that 31 applications for scholarships have been received by the Association. They are being vetted for awarding.
- 4. New business:
  - a. The venue and date for the 2020 Gala was briefly discussed. Additional location scouting and suggestions will continue.
- 5. Old Business:
  - a. Foundation Attorney Harrison had previously advised that Due Diligence was advised with regard to hiring an event coordinator for Gala planning purposes. This was accomplished by soliciting quotes for event planners. The recommendation to hire the Foundation Executive Assistant for an annual event coordinating fee of \$5,000 was made by President Mertz. Director Bobby O'Neill moved for approval, Director Lee Bercaw second. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 6. Adjourn: President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 7:15PM.

**Next Meeting**  
September 25, 2019  
Location: TBD

NOTE: Subsequently  
changed to October 2, 2019  
6 PM  
4125 4th St N,  
St. Petersburg, FL 33703