

Texas Chief Deputies Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 10, 2006  
Ellis County SO  
Waxahachie, TX

The meeting was called to order by Association President Chief Charles Sullins at approximately 10:10am. The benediction was given by Chief Mel Gideon. Present at the meeting were: President Charles Sullins, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Emmett Benavidez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Chief Bobby Garmon, Treasurer Cheryl Martin, Secretary David Thurman, Sgt. at Arms George Arispe, Directors, Jay Adams, Mel Gideon, Ed Krevit, Byron Lyons, Past President David Warren and TAC representatives Jan Halverson and Carmella Smith.

The minutes from the 12/02/05 board meeting was presented to the board. Chief Garmon made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Chief Martin seconded the motion and all present voted yes to accept the minutes.

Treasurer Cheryl Martin presented the treasurer's report. The report reflected the following balances: Scholarship fund \$ 31,125.31, Operating fund \$ 12,204.53, Petty Cash \$ 1,305.76 with total assets at \$ 44,635.60.

Chief Gideon moved to accept the financial report as presented and Chief Krevit seconded the motion. The report was accepted by all yes votes from those present.

The board then discussed the upcoming conference in Kerrville. Chief Sullins thanked Chief Krevit for his efforts with the website. Chief Krevit was also recognized for obtaining several financial gifts to the conference by businesses and individuals in his county. Chief Sullins advised the board he had been contacted by representatives of the "VINE" and from the "COPS" organization requesting time at the conference to present information on their perspective programs.

There was discussion about spouse events for the conference. It was discussed whether to do the spouse day on-site, as it was at last year's conference or off-site, which might be cheaper. Carmella Smith advised she would look into those options. Chief Garmon made a motion to approve expenditures of \$ 2,100 for spouse day, the same amount as for 2005. Chief Lyons seconded the motion and it passed without a negative vote.

The attendee gift was discussed and several portfolios were presented for choice. One of the samples was selected. The cost was \$ 8.49 and the decision was made to purchase 200 items. The funding for this was allocated by a vote in the previous board meeting.

An additional mailing to promote the conference was discussed and encouraged by the board.

Chief Sullins called for committee reports. Bobby Garmon, Conference Committee Chairman, stated the conference planning was going well with special thanks to Jan Halverson and Carmella Smith. He did mention it had become difficult to obtain financial help for the conference from donors as it appeared everyone was cutting back.

Jeff Garner corresponded with Chief Sullins to advise him he would be unable to continue as Chairman of the Melvin Drum Award Committee. Chief Thurman, Chief Gideon and Chief Benavidez all agreed to make up this committee and accept applications for this award.

Chief Abraham Vega, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee advised he had received one application and was expecting several more.

There were several items of new business presented to the board. The need for "New Chief's" training was discussed. It was clear that it would be advantageous for a new Chief's school to be held, taught by veteran chiefs and others in the areas of human resource matters, budget formulation, hiring and firing and other common areas of concern confronting all chiefs of every office size. Chief Thurman agreed to look into this and possibly have something ready to present at the general business meeting at the conference.

The way annual dues are assessed was the next item discussed by the board. After discussion, Chief Garmon made a motion to no longer prorate annual membership dues. The motion was seconded by Jay Adams and the motion passed.

The next and final board meeting before the conference was set for May 2 at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville at 10:00am.

Chief Emmett Benavidez made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the vote was taken before a second could be made due to the fact that lunch, provided by the Ellis County SO was ready to be served.