

Texas Chief Deputies Association
Business Meeting
September 14, 2004

President David Warren called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15am at the 3rd floor meeting room of the Nolan County Courthouse in Sweetwater, Texas.

There were nine board members present. Those present were: David Warren, Wayne Frieda, Emmett Benavidez, Bobby Garmon, Jay Adams, George Arispe, Cheryl Martin, David Thurman, and Mel Gideon.

The meeting began with a prayer led by Chaplin Mel Gideon.

OLD BUSINESS

A review of the minutes of the June 17 business meeting was followed by a motion by Bobby Garmon to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Emmett Benavidez. The motion was passed unanimously.

President David Warren handed out updated copies of the association by-laws. Special note was made about the positions of secretary and treasurer being made elected positions which included board voting privileges.

Outgoing Treasurer Mel Gideon presented the treasurer's report. He advised the net association funds was \$ 26,778.44 which included a scholarship fund balance of \$ 25,374.24. The net gain from the 2004 Conference was \$ 10,385.88.

The \$ 10,000 taken from the scholarship fund to pay off shortfalls resulting from the 2003 conference was paid back into the scholarship fund. Bobby Garmon made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Wayne Frieda seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

President Warren presented a completed evaluation of the instruction course from the 2004 Kerrville conference. There were 47 paid attendees at the 2004 conference and one comped attendee. There were 25 vendors present. President Warren pointed out there were several attendees who paid their fee for attendance but had not paid their membership dues. It was pointed out this was probably due to the fact that the registration for membership dues and for payment for conference registration were found in separate locations and therefore this may have caused some confusion.

NEW BUSINESS

President Warren supplied board members with information from the Inn of the Hills pertaining to blocks of rooms that would be available for the 2005 conference. It was noted there would be even better accommodations for vendors and attendees at the 2005 conference.

Board member Bobby Garmon voiced his concern as to how the Melvin Drum Scholarships were being awarded. He stated he would like to see more accountability on the part of scholarship recipients as far as staying in school and making acceptable grades.

It was also discussed that clearer guidelines for scholarship applicants would help obtain all the pertinent information needed by committee members in scholarship award selection. Bobby Garmon suggested the scholarships be given over two years, half the first year, half the second year. Mel Gideon concurred with Bobby Garmon's idea and advised it would allow worthy recipients to get more over the time period and those who drop out or who do not make the grades needed, would not obtain the entire amount. A motion was made by Cheryl Martin to increase the amount of scholarships to \$ 1,000 divided equally in two installments. The motion also included a one time \$ 750 scholarship to a sheriff's office employee attending college or a law enforcement training academy. There will be three \$ 1,000 scholarships given for 2005/2006 and one \$ 750 employee scholarship. The motion was seconded by Bobby Garmon and the motion passed unanimously. Wayne Frieda agreed to act as an advisor to the scholarship selection committee.

President David Warren brought up to the board the possibility of having the association pay for lunches for board members attending the meetings. David was concerned that for some Chief's, it would be a financial burden to attend the regular meetings and have to pay for their own meals. It was the concern of the group present that this was not a problem and no motion was made.

President David Warren stated past President Paul Scarborough had agreed to continue his work with the association's website. He will also see that new web links are added to those vendor sites who paid extra to have that service. It was recommended by all in attendance to include the registration form for dues and conference registration on the same form on the website in the future.

Discussion was held about the dates for the 2005 conference in Kerrville. Wayne Frieda made the motion to set the dates for the 2005 conference at June 21, 22, 23 and 24th. Bobby Garmon seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

The next board meeting was tentatively set for Tuesday, December 14 in Sweetwater.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40am.