

**Denver Police Retirees Association Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024**  
**RMLEFCU Main Office**

*In attendance were:* President John Schnittgrund, Secretary Jennifer Pettinger, Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund, Mark Belusak, Chris Hoag, Mike Martinez, Dave Metzler and Rose Sapegin. Glen and Barb Miller arrived late. Vice President John Pettinger and Janice Queen were absent. *Audit Committee Members in attendance were:* Hilda Lorandi, Tony Burkhardt and Harry Queen.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President John Schnittgrund.

**Old Business** - There was none.

**Follow up/Special Reports**

**Peer Support/Psych Services Update - Peer Support Web Page**

Mark Belusak said there will be a May 9<sup>th</sup> training that will include Steve Carter/CopLine and Liz Pol/Resilient Heros regarding officer suicide. Discussion was held regarding helping officers. No update was given on the web page.

**Policewomen Update** - There was none.

**Denver Police Museum Update**

Chris Hoag said the Sadie Lykens events went well.

**Police Week-May 12-18**

Chris Hoag said the May 16<sup>th</sup> ceremony will be at headquarters at 10:00am w/the luncheon after. He said there will be free parking 1 block over.

**Other News**

Chris Hoag said there will be a sign ceremony on May 15<sup>th</sup> for two Officers killed in 1899 at 20<sup>th</sup> & Blake. He shared the Museum received the Gold Award from Denver Public Schools for the Best Field Trip. He noted the Steinmark event is in process and the date has not yet been set as the family is interested in attending. He hoped it would be the end of June. Chris also shared the Museum was hoping to break ground on the new facility, but they need the bond issue to be reintroduced again before that can happen. He said they are also hoping to have a sign ceremony at Stapleton Tower to honor the victims of the 1955 United Airlines bombing. Chris also shared there is a new challenge coin w/Sam Howe on one side and Joe Moomaw on the other. He noted they are sent to donors.

**Follow up Special Reports**

**Web Site**

Glen Miller shared he has some challenges with emails being bounced back but was able to correct it.

**2024 Activities**

President John Schnittgrund shared the remaining luncheons/dinners and noted there was good feedback for Café Jordano.

**Luncheons/Dinners (all Wednesdays)**

- May 22, 2024 @5:30pm, Jaime's, 1910 S. Depew St., Denver
- September 11, 2023 @5:30pm, Hacienda Colorado, 10500 Brierstadt Way, Lone Tree
- Oct. 23, 2024 @11:30am, Oktoberfest Luncheon/Helga's, 14197 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora
- November 5, 2024 @ 5:30pm, Cinzetti's – 281 W 104th Ave

Glen Miller shared there are 32 reservations for Jaime's and wondered if we should have a cut-off. Jennifer Pettinger said she'd check w/John. Glen also shared how the new nametag/registration procedure has helped stop duplication of reservations.

### ***Summer Picnic - August 17, 2024 @ Clement Park***

President John Schnittgrund asked for food suggestions for the picnic. Jennifer Pettinger suggested Schlotsky's. Mike Martinez suggested BBQ. Discussion was held. Tony Burkhardt offered to get prices for BBQ from his contacts ASAP. He will email the board w/quotes.

### ***Laughlin Reunion - October 14-15***

President John Schnittgrund said the hotel rooms for the Edgewater will be \$33 and the Aquarius \$39 but doesn't include the fees and taxes. He said we will have the cold cut deli lunch at a cost of \$32 pp and the dinner will be chicken, salmon, and prime rib. The most expensive will be prime rib at \$65. He said prices include tip and fees. Mike Martinez will give a presentation after lunch. Discussion was held and it was decided that the topic won't be advertised beforehand, and Mike will decide. Discussion on AV equipment needed was also discussed. Jennifer Pettinger said they have a travel projector and could bring it, if needed. President John Schnittgrund will contact the hotel for the cost of AV equipment. It was decided that we will charge \$110 per person for lunch and dinner. Mike Martinez said golf will remain the same cost as last year but asked for an increase to \$10 to be able to include prize money. Everyone agreed to change golf to \$110.00. Jennifer Pettinger said Laughlin does not have entertainment advertised yet for October, but she will keep monitoring. Mike Martinez will investigate bowling for the group on Monday night. Jennifer Pettinger shared the activity list she created w/Mike and will send to everyone.

***Christmas Dinner & Party*** – December 14, 2024 @ 5:30pm Sons of Italy - Nothing to report.

### **Minutes**

#### ***Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2024 meeting***

Jennifer Pettinger noted there was a typo w/Chris Hoag's name that has been corrected. Dave Metzler motioned, Hilda Lorandi seconded, to approve the corrected April 10, 2024 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

### **Financial Reports**

#### ***Approval of April 2024 Financial Reports***

Paulette Schnittgrund explained why there was a negative amount for the roster books. Barb Miller motioned, Dave Metzler seconded, to approve the April 2024 Financial Reports. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

**Special Matters for Consideration** - There was none.

### **New Business**

President John Schnittgrund said Janice Queen asked if we could change the date of the meeting. Discussion was held and it was decided that Wednesday works best for most everyone.

President John Schnittgrund shared the Denver Police Officer Foundation has changed its name and is rebranding to the Blue Hat Foundation.

Chris Hoag shared a history story on the B17 bombers and how the concentration camp workers would not load gunpowder but instead a note and saved many lives.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in July for the President's picnic at John & Paulette's. They will let everyone know when and what time.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business President Schnittgrund adjourned the meeting at 11:21am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Pettinger, Secretary