

**Denver Police Retirees Association Inc.  
Meeting Minutes April 16, 2025  
RMLEFCU Main Office**

*In attendance were:* President John Schnittgrund, Vice President John Pettinger, Secretary Jennifer Pettinger, Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund, Mark Belusak, Chris Hoag, Mike Martinez, Barb Miller, Glen Miller, and Janice Queen. Rose Sapegin was absent.

*Audit Committee Member in attendance were:* Tony Burkhardt, Hilda Lorandi and Harry Queen.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01am by President John Schnittgrund.

**Old Business**

There was none.

***Peer Support/Psych Services Update***

Mark Belusak passed out a Flyer for "Life Beyond the Badge" a countdown to retirement class that is being held on April 30. He shared they are looking at applying for a grant and the details of that were discussed. Paulette shared that we are a 501C7 and Blue Hat is a 501C3 which might be better to partner w/Peer Support.

Mark also shared that the City is looking to drastically cut the psych services for active officers. John Pettinger shared that Rosie also sent board members an email and wanted to have the information sent out to the membership. Discussion was held. Glen will send the information to the membership.

***Policewomen Update***

There was none.

***Denver Police Museum Update***

Chris Hoag shared about the James Shannon memorial last week. He said Channel 9 did a nice story and encouraged everyone to watch it. He said they are working on the Police Week planning. Chris also shared that he would like to do a theater presentation on the Crusade Shoot Out. Discussion was held. President John Schnittgrund shared that Mike Hesse was also planning another DNA theater presentation w/Mitch Morrissey and Greg LaBerge. Mark Belusak said he might be able to get the ACC Waring Theater for no cost but food is not allowed inside. Tony Burkhardt said he could get Temple Emmanuel and DPS School Theaters at no cost. Chris said he will reach out when the details are in process.

**Follow up Special Reports**

***Web Site***

Glen Miler shared that we are having email problems and have been blocked by AOL and Yahoo. Discussion was held. John Pettinger will help Glen with this.

**2025 Activities**

President John Schnittgrund said to note the upcoming events and the date change for the picnic. He said we were unable to reserve the pavilions for the original date.

- Wed April 23 - Lunch Pietra's
- Sun May 11 – Sat May 17 Police Week
- Wed May 21 - Dinner Jaime's

- **Sat August 9 (DATE CHANGE)** – Lunch Clement Park – Brother's BBQ
- Wed Sept 17 - Lunch Jose O'Shea's
- Mon Oct 13 – Tue Oct 14 Laughlin Reunion
- Wed Oct 22 - Lunch Helga's
- Wed Nov 12 (elections) – Dinner Great Scott's
- Sat Dec 13- Christmas Dinner Son's of Italy

President John Schnittgrund said he believes we can do Laughlin for the same price as last year. He needs to contact the hotel and make sure we can reserve at both hotels. Mike Martinez said he hasn't heard back from the golf course and will try again. John Pettinger said he hadn't yet reached out to Joe Tennant about doing a bomb presentation at Laughlin. John Pettinger said Dave Marker said he'd like Joe to be asked but can do the presentation if he is unavailable. Discussion was held. Mike Martinez will contact Joe.

### **Minutes**

#### ***Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2025 meeting***

Paulette Schnittgrund motioned, John Pettinger seconded, to approve the March 13, 2025 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

### **Financial Reports**

#### ***Approval of March 2025 Financial Report***

Tony Burkhardt noted the Audit Committee reviewed the report.

Tony Burkhardt motioned, Hilda Lorandi seconded, to approve the March 2025 Financial Report. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

### **Special Matters for Consideration**

Tony Burkhardt shared about a fraud he experienced because of someone copying his check. He said the Credit Union suggested using Bill Pay to avoid this. He asked if President Schnittgrund could mention it in his next newsletter. President Schnittgrund said he could.

### **New Business**

There was no New Business.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7th at 10:00am at the RMLEFCU Main Office.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business President John Schnittgrund adjourned the meeting at 11:13am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinger  
Secretary