

**Denver Police Retirees Association Inc.
Meeting Minutes March 13, 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 Rose Sapegin. Janice Queen was absent. Cathy Davis was a guest.

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

Call to Order

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

Old Business

There was none.

Peer Support/Psych Services Update

Mark Belusak shared they had their team meeting yesterday and talked extensively about suicide. A service dog organization also presented. Discussion was held regarding resilience.

Police Women Update

Rose Sapegin said there was nothing to report. John Pettinger asked when they were meeting and Rose shared they meet on the first week and rotate Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's. Rose also shared they went to Lansdowne in Highlands Ranch and suggested it for DPRA.

Denver Police Museum Update

Chris Hoag shared they are hosting 160 Czechoslovakia students today. Tony Burkhardt asked when the new Museum building would be built. Chris said plans are on hold waiting for a bond issue to be passed. He said they are doing a driving program at Traffic Operations. Chris shared they are planning a sign for Dale Coski and said she was also added to the State Memorial. He said they have no theater projects planned. Discussion was held about holding a United plane crash theater event prior to the memorial on November 25, 2025, which will be the 70th anniversary.

Follow up Special Reports

Web Site

Glen Miller said there was nothing to report.

2025 Activities

John Pettinger said there are 23 reservations for the next luncheon and reminded everyone of this year's events.

- Wed March 19 - Lunch Brothers Bar & Grill
- Wed April 23 - Lunch **Pietra's**
- Sun May 11 – Sat May 17 Police Week
- Wed May 21 - Dinner **Jaime's**
- Sat August 16 (tentative) – 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 the contracts for Laughlin have been signed and there is not a price increase this year. He said the hotels are the same price as he believes one was remodeled.

The picnic was discussed and Mike Martinez volunteered to pull the permit for Clement Park and to see if August 16th is available. Tony Burkhardt offered to organize the food again this year.

Blue Hat Foundation

Cathy Davis shared on the Blue Hat Foundation. She said the rebranding has been successful. She shared they helped 9 officers in 2022, 7 in 2023, and 23 in 2024, and 7 officers with 3 of them being retirees so far in 2025. She said they are putting funds toward external marketing which includes social media. Cathy shared the Foundation is primarily funded by payroll deductions which have been dropping. She also shared they are administering the Bensard Medical Scholarship which has been dormant for two years. Cathy asked if we could encourage our membership to donate to the Foundation. Discussion was held as to who they assist, how, how much and who is on the board.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2025 meeting

John Pettinger motioned, Chris Hoag seconded, to approve the February 12, 2025 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Financial Reports

Approval of February 2025 Financial Report

Hilda Lorandi noted the Audit Committee had reviewed.

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

Special Matters for Consideration

There were none.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 2025 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