

***SAN ANTONIO FIRE AND POLICE
PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES
OF***

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

By Earnest D. Gay, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Mike Trainer

OPENING CEREMONIES

Our invocation was lead by Rev. Smoot, which was followed by our Sergeant at arms, Jose Flores, leading the members in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All board members present for the September 2011 meeting.

President	Mike Trainer - present
Vice President	James Baer – present
Recording Secretary	Earnest Gay - present
Treasurer	Jo Ann Dickinson – present
Corresponding Secretary Fire	Sabino Briseno - present
Corresponding Secretary Police	Bill Turner - present
Sergeant at arms	Joe Flores Sr – present
Parliamentarian – appointed	Mary Holub -- present

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

President Trainer introduced Stephen Soliz from AirLIFE and the Guardian Angel program available to the residents and groups. The AirLIFE system has 4 helicopters and one fixed wing aircraft to service the south Texas area. AirLIFE is owned by the Baptist Health System and the University Health System and it is a not for profit company. AirLIFE offers a membership program available to the public beginning at \$49 per year. This membership is offered to groups and the cost lowers to only \$10 per year for groups of 100 or more that sign up. Stephen gave a power point presentation on the company and program and he also left some sign up pamphlets for our members to take. Stephen also informed us that the San Antonio Guardian Angel program has reciprocal agreements with CareFlite out of DFW and Halo Flight in Corpus Christi. They are currently working on adding the Houston area when their system in completed and operational. The main benefit the Guardian Angel program offers is that membership assures the participant that charges above what insurance pays will not be billed but absorbed by AirLIFE.

Our second speaker was J. Rolando Bono (Retired City Manager) who spoke on how our retiree's were not getting the word about changes in TMRS or the cities insurance plans that affect the pre-89ers. Mr. Bono advises they are forming a non-profit organization

(RECOSA -- Retired Employees City Of San Antonio) that will act as a watchdog and information gathering unit to better inform the city retirees of council actions and any changes that affect them. Mr. Bono recently discovered that our group of pre-89ers was not being included by the city in any of the notification processes and he wanted to be sure that our group was included in the process. A meeting has been set for Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 9:30 am and will take place at the Alamo Dome and should last only an hour. RECOSA has also set up a web site to help inform members. The web site is www.recosa.org and is just in its infancy but has more information than the cities web site does at this time.

REPORTS of OFFICERS

Recording Secretary

The minutes of the August 09, 2011 meeting were read by me. There was a spelling and date correction noted to be made.

Treasurer

Jo Ann reported that our profit and loss sheet shows we had income for August of \$378.93, expenses totaling \$1,783.41 giving us a net income for the month of -\$1404.48. Our balance sheet shows our total balance in all accounts is \$60,218.91. The Fidelity account is -\$247 YTD and is at \$5,698.45. Jo Ann mentioned that our balances in all accounts was much better that projected in the budget mainly due to the payroll deducted dues we receive each month.

Corresponding Secretary – Police

Bill reported that he sent out 3 get well cards and 3 sympathy cards in the past month. Bill also sent out 2 invitations to join our association. [Bills Report is attached.](#)

Corresponding Secretary – Fire

Breezy reported that he sent out 5 sympathy cards and 2 get well cards in the past month. Breezy also sent out one invitation to join our association. [Breezy's report is attached.](#)

REPORTS of COMMITTEES

Luncheon Committee

Marvin Canon reported he is having a committee meeting after the September meeting is over and everything is on track for the luncheon.

Pension Fund Committee

Warren Schott reported that both of our trustees were out at other educational meetings. Warren reported the fund is at 2.059 billion which is up 25 million for the month. This puts us up 7.2% YTD. The fund has hired an in house attorney, Eric Daylor, to handle legal issues that have been contracted out in the past. Warren advises this was done as a cost savings measure to the fund. There was a question from the floor about the benchmark being lowered to 7.75% and Warren explained this was done to allow the fund to meet its goals more easily as the old 8% was high for the current economic

conditions. This does make it harder for the fund to reach its benchmark each year but results in a more realistically achievable goal.

Pre-Funded Health Insurance Committee

Henry reported that the fund value is at \$205,190,587.00. Henry also reported that this years insurance seminar will be held at 10am on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at the Alzafar Shrine and there will be only one meeting this year since there will be ample parking available. It is important for everyone to attend to get the insurance packet and sign the 2012 forms. There will also be important information about the insurance that everyone needs to know given out at this meeting. There is a new trustee on the board (Shawn Ury), who is also on the Pension board. Shawn was recently elected as an active Police trustee. There was a concern from a member about the Mental Health limits our fund has at 30k lifetime and that this limit could easily run out for any given member with just a couple of hospitalizations. Henry advised the limits are set as a result of the funds unfunded liability. Jo Ann commented she thought those limits were abolished with the new health reform during the Carter Administration that mandated Mental Health be treated as any other illness. Jo Ann was not sure if this extended to prefunded or self insured plans but would look into it. It is suggested that questions be brought up at the November meeting for the board to look into.

Pre-89 Health insurance committee

Mike reported for Bertha that the city is trying to help with the medication problems some of the pre 89er's are having. The city reps will also be at the October meeting to discuss any issues members may have.

Legislative Committee

Curtis reported on several state attacks on public pensions and that some are losing their bargaining rights while others have defeated attempts to reduce employee rights. Curtis also reported on the several state wide and local attacks on pensions and health funds. There was also attacks coming from Rick Casey on his show. Ultimately the legislative committee recommends that our association set up a political action committee so that we also can have a fund available to counteract these attacks.

Mike reported he was monitoring the situation and was trying to get involved with the organizations forming to protect our interests. Mike repeated the [motion by Curtis Franz to form a Retiree PAC and Fund](#) as recommended by our legislative committee. [The motion was seconded by Sabino Briseno](#). There was some discussion and Mike assured everyone that the PAC would be separate from the Association and the funds would not and could not intermingle. The PAC would have its own board and treasurer separate from the Association board but the Association board would still be in control. The motion passed unanimously. The name of the fund will be "The San Antonio Fire and Police Pensioners Association PAC Fund".

OLD BUSINESS

The bylaw change that was presented by me (Earnest Gay} at the August meeting was presented by Mike. The proposed change is as follows:

**ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS**

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by ballot by a majority of those present at the November meeting. If there is but one nominee for any office, the vote may be by voice. The officers serve for two years, or until their successors are elected. The offices of President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary Police will begin their two year terms in non legislative years (even # years). The offices of Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary Fire and Sergeant @ Arms will begin their 2 year terms in legislative years (odd # years). Their term shall begin at the opening of the January meeting

This change would result in the elections in November 2011 for the terms beginning in January 2012 would be as follows:

President	2 year term
Vice President	1 year term
Treasurer	2 year term
Recording Secretary	1 year term
Corresponding Secretary Police	2 year term
Corresponding Secretary Fire	1 year term
Sergeant @ Arms	1 year term

A motion was made by Curtis Franz to accept the bylaw change and the motion was seconded by James Peterson. The motion Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike announce that we need to form a nominating committee to recommend a slate of officers for the November election as mandated in our bylaws. This committee cannot be appointed by the president. The nominating committee will appoint a chairman and report back their recommendations at the October meeting. Members nominated and accepting position on the committee were John Scott, Carlos Madero, Christina Madero, Curtis Franz and Louis Delgado. Curtis will serve as chairman.

GOOD and WELFARE / OPEN FORUM

Mike requested we give an Honorary Membership to Justin Rodriguez and present him with a plaque at a cost of approximately \$200.00. I (Earnest Gay) made a motion to bestow Honorary Membership to Justin Rodriguez. Motion was seconded by Jose Flores Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike made a motion to have our Association join the national organization NCEPERS to help keep us informed on the issues nationally. The cost is \$150.00 annually. The motion to join was made by [Sabino Briseno](#) and seconded by [Marita Baer](#). The motion Passed by majority voice vote.

Mike advised us that QCD has contacted him and announced that they will not be raising our premiums for any of the Dental or vision plans.

Randy Puzon gave information that the Fire Museum benefit at the Fish City Grill will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 11am to 10pm. Location is at 281 north and 1604. The Fish City Grill will give a 15% portion of their total receipts, including drinks, to the museum.

DOOR PRIZES

There were 58 in attendance for the February meeting and we awarded 6 door prizes of \$10 each to six of the members present. September winners are [Marvin Cannon](#), [Diana Gay](#), [V. J. Holub](#), [Marsha Scott](#), [Ralph Medina](#) and [Bill Lambrides](#).

Sidney Mitchell reported that he attended the 100th birthday party for Anna Burket and reports she looks good and is ready to go another 100 but she was unable to make the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

After the door prizes were given, the 2 hour 9 minute meeting was adjourned by President Trainer without opposition and with his apologies for going so long.

ABREVIATED WELLNESS REPORTS

POLICE from Bill Turners report

illnesses: Calvin Klaerner @ home recovering from cancer surgery
Billy Hohensee @ home recovering from heart problems

Deaths: Ronald Bonham Sr., 02-21-2011 @ age of 64
William Floyd Overstreet, 09-02-2011 @ age of 72
Shawn McGibbons, (active officer), 09-08-2011 @ age of 42

FIRE from Sabino Bresino's report

illnesses: Frank Rincon @ home recovering from chest pains
Jo Ann Dickinson @ home after donating a kidney

Deaths: Charles "Chuck" Robinson, 08-11-2011 @ age of 64
Maurice Andrade Sr., 09-07-2011 @ age of 88