



**CPDRA Founder and Honorary President Rico Maccarone**



Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association  
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May 26, 2017

The following are minutes of the Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association (CPDRA) Meeting that was held on April 26, 2017 at Cranston Police Headquarters, Cranston, RI:

1. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those CPD Officers who are no longer with us.
2. A motion was made to accept minutes of the last meeting which were previously distributed.
3. President Sepe provided members with the following financial report:
  - A. Current balance in Savings Account: \$1,795.75
  - B. Current balance in Checking Account: 4,757.30
  - D. **Total financial assets to date: \$6,553.05**
4. Old Business Reviewed:
  - a. President Sepe clarified that our present agreement with the city regarding our COLA allows a spouse to receive a retiree's 3% COLA immediately upon his/her death. This was incorrectly stated at the last meeting.
  - b. Little has been accomplished regarding the sale of bricks for our CPD Memorial. Currently we are awaiting updates from Sciolto Monuments before continuing. **Open Item.**
  - c. Based on the voting of the active members present and those emails received from our out-of-state members, the following reflects changes in our CPDRA By-Laws:
    1. **By-Law Article IV, Dues, Section 2A will now state: A member, who has not paid their dues by November 30, will be sent a letter informing them that payment is due. If no payment is made by January, the member will be dropped from the membership roster and thereupon forfeit all voting rights and privileges of membership. In turn, any person who has been dropped from membership or declared a non-member, in this Association for non-payment of dues or special assessments shall pay the Secretary dues for the year in which such member wishes to be reinstated.**
    2. **By-Law Article V, Meetings will now state: Voting on Association matters, to include by-law changes, shall be determined by two-thirds vote of the current**

**paid members at the general meeting; to include emailed or mailed absentee votes from current paid members.**

d. It has been determined by the officers and board members of the CPDRA to host and sponsor another Retired Cops Luncheon during the August 2017 time frame. This event will be held on Saturday and tentatively scheduled for 12:30 pm. Exact time, date, and location to be determined. Cost for this event will be \$15.00 for CPDRA dues paying members. \$25.00 for all others.

e. President Sepe advised all members in attendance of the new CPDRA golf shirts and hats that are now available for purchase at Elmwood Sports located on Elmwood Avenue in Cranston. The golf shirts are dark blue in color, light weight, and includes the CPD patch with a retiree's code and lettering "Retired" embroidered on the front. Cost of the shirt is \$28.00. The cost of the hat is \$17.00 and is also dark blue with an embroidered CPD patch on the front with the lettering "Retired" on the back.

f. The status of the Chief's Gallery on our web site is almost complete. President Sepe is waiting to receive a photo of Colonel Walter Craddock so he can place it on the CPDRA web site – **Open item.**

5. **New Business:**

a. After explaining the importance of the CPDRA to recognize the loyalty and appreciation of out-of state paying members (who do not have the opportunity to attend our Retired Cops Luncheon), it was unanimously approved by attendees to purchase a CPDRA golf shirt and send it to each retiree at no cost; which includes postage and handling. As of the above date, President Sepe has received 10 orders for CPDRA golf shirts and an order has been placed with Elmwood Sports. **Open Item.**

b. While discussing an issue concerning the Association's Federal Identification Number which now prohibits us from applying for grants, Phil Caliri offered to contact his daughter who is a certified CPA for assistance. President Sepe is currently working this issue. **Open item.**

c. Due to the below average of retirees sending in their dues for 2016, it was suggested that a concerted effort be made to either email or notify by mail all retirees who are delinquent with their 2017 dues. **Open item.**

d. Also discussed was the need to expand our Police Memorial through grants and fund raisers. **Open item.**

6. Since there were no nominations or requests to run for the officer and board positions within the CPDRA, a motion was made, second, and passed to retain all current officers.

7. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and second at approximately 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Fitta, Secretary  
CPDRA