

O.D.N.R. SAFETY FORCES F.O.P. LODGE 149

LODGE MEETING MINUTES – October 9, 2007 Blackwing Shooting Center Meeting Room

1. Meeting Called to Order at – Time: 1420hrs.
2. Opening Prayer – David Casasanta
3. Pledge of Allegiance – David Casasanta
4. Roll Call of Officers:

<u>X</u>	President	(Casasanta)	_____	First District Trustee	(Copeland)
<u>X</u>	Vice President	(Haines)	_____	Second District Trustee	(Johnson)
<u>X</u>	Secretary	(Goodwin)	<u>X</u>	Third District Trustee	(Stout)
<u>X</u>	Treasurer	(Licht)	_____	Fourth District Trustee	(Dobbins)
<u>X</u>	Guard	(Kuriatnyk)	_____	Fifth District Trustee	(Brown)
_____	Chaplain	(Lindsley)	<u>X</u>	Webmaster	(Davis)

5. Brothers, Sisters and Guests Present:

John Williams, 10 th District trustee

6. Reading of Minutes of Last Regular Lodge Meeting.
Motion to skip reading- Haines, 2nd Kuriatnyk, Motion Carried

7. Report on Activities of FOP Lodge 149. Time: 1435hrs.

- a. Officers' Reports:

- i. President's Report –

- ODNR Stakeholder's Meeting- Budget increase has expanded to beyond just State Parks. Now includes Forestry, DNAP, Soil & Water, etc. Search continues for dedicated funds.
 - National Conference- Per Capita Increase coming Fall 2008. Discussed Per Capita issues.
 - Push by FOP for a Political action Committee (PAC) to lobby for FOP issues.
 - Meeting with Chief West Aug. 23rd ref. Labor/management issues. Discussed types of patrol vehicles currently purchased. Dodge Charger looks promising. Discussed budget, no changes. Discussed conversion of PT positions into FT.

- Labor/Management meeting- Recruitment issues discussed.
- Sept. 12th Negotiating Team meeting- Discussed grievances & Discipline
- Sept. 17th ODNR Stakeholder's meeting
- Sept. 19th attended ODNR office of LE Path Forward meeting. More progress made with MARCS issues.
- Use of Force Reports discussed
- Ohio FOP has a travel web site. Proceeds benefit FOP when you book a trip! <http://www.ytbtravel.com/fopoh>
- Fall Board meeting is at Put-In-Bay Oct. 13th.
- Watercraft officers involved in a boating accident- Ruling that they were not at fault. Both officers were ejected from their patrol vessel and injured. Finding was that the new engine they were testing was mounted too high on the transom of the vessel. Watercraft is investigating the issue further.

ii. Vice President's Report –

- Light Bars & control panels- Need to work with Columbus on how these are being set up. Some patrol vehicles are being wired backwards.
- Portable radios & programming “Zone 0” were discussed.
- 10/24- Labor/Management meeting coming up.
- Discussed Forestry Officer being affected by office closing.
- 11/14 next Path Forward Office of LE meeting.
- Read & discussed constitution language change. Next meeting in December will be third and final reading. Vote to accept language will take place! (First reading at the August 7th Lodge meeting)

Change is as follows:

ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS (CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS)

SECTION 5. No member shall be nominated for more than one (1) office. **To be nominated for Lodge office, a member must have been an active member in Lodge meetings by attending at least six of the twelve meetings per the 2 year meeting cycle. Any member serving on active military duty will be exempt from this requirement.**

- MARCS radio ticking noise is back! Please report to the Help Desk each and every time you hear it!!!

iii. Secretary's Report –

- Watercraft is finishing up background checks on up to 64 individuals for 25 open positions. Few are making it through the process.
- New Watercraft Chief was named- Welcome back Pam Dillon. She comes from 5 years as director of the American Canoe Association. Spent 27 years with Watercraft previous to that. Was our Deputy Chief until 2002. We will meet with her in the coming months to plot our course.
- Discussed at length the issue of outside LE agencies performing Lake Erie patrols under Ohio Homeland Security grants. Takes away from our work as Watercraft officers- Unprofessional “cruising” just to gain OT money, performance of stops unprofessional and hurts our image...
- Will order more 2” motorcycle emblems-they sold out quick.
- Will be working on Per-Capita payment Due Nov. 1st.

iv. Treasurer's Report –

- Lodge has +\$3410.56 checking balance
- CC Balance -\$3799.08
- Per Capita payment is due by Nov. 1st.
- Donations to Donovan Svab's memorial fund are up to \$790.99 Haines motion to send family \$500 out of this fund, Kuriatnyk 2nd, Motion carried. Lodge sent \$250 check to family before the funeral, \$300 check after the funeral to help defray the costs of the funeral.
- Per Capita increase coming as discussed before. We need to pass on the increase to retirees, exempts, but may be able to absorb the member's costs

b. Report of Trustees:

- i. District 1 Trustee – Not Present
- ii. District 2 Trustee – Not Present
- iii. District 3 Trustee – No report
- iv. District 4 Trustee – Not Present
- v. District 5 Trustee – Not Present
- vi. Webmaster's Report- 45 people are signed up for the secure discussion site. Billing issues for our web site service- Treasurer will look into it. Memorial Page for Donovan Svab will be created.

- vii. 10th District Trustee John William's Report- Bill for Spring board meeting hospitality room is in. \$1360.00/5 lodges = \$272 per lodge. Motion by Haines to pay \$272 to Trustee Williams for the Spring Board meeting costs, Stout 2nd. Motion Carried.
- Winter Board meeting will be January 11th/12th at the Cherry Valley Resort in Newark.
 - Spring 2008 Board meeting will be April 11th/12th @ Geneva on the Lake Resort.
 - Labor council representative Guy Kaufman passed away- Duties are being distributed among other reps.
 - Fall Board meeting committee appointments- Haines & Casasanta are being submitted for possible committee positions.

Motion by Haines to accept Secretary & Treasurer reports, 2nd Stout, Motion Carried.

c. Old Business:

- None

d. New Business:

- New exempt member Virgil Goodwine wants to join the lodge. Motion to accept as a lodge member- Haines, 2nd by Kuriatnyk, Motion carried. Secretary will send cards to Mr. Goodwine.
- Reminder to keep donating to Donovan Svab memorial fund. Family still needs lots of help! Donate at any Key Bank. The account number is 352621004238, donations can be made at any key bank or contact Casasanta, Haines or Licht.

e. Good of the order-

- Emblems discussed. More 2" on their way.

Close of Meeting - Motion: Davis: Adjourn. **Second:** Stout: Vote: **Passed.**

1630hrs