

Minutes for the October 27, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. General BPSA Meeting

Presided Over: Joe E. Gutierrez

Taken By: Lizette Solares [Signed]

Attendees: Gabriel Gonzalez, Yesenia Navarro, Kevin Mason, Alan Mills, James Robertson, Lizette Solares

Location: La Bella Restaurant – Chula Vista, CA

Approval of August Minutes: Approved

Vice President's Report:

- 730 members 10/25/21

Treasurer's Report:

- Current Balance \$124,250
- Expenditures – Scholarships, meeting, holiday event \$ 14,390

Secretary Report: NTR

Old Business:

2021 Border Patrol Supervisors' Association Scholarship: there are several checks that haven't been cashed. Touch base with the recipients to ensure receipt of checks via mail.

Christmas Party

- Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Marina Village (Seaside room), 1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109. Cocktail attire. Buffet dinner, music, prizes. \$80 per couple.
- Flyer to follow on a separate email. POC: Yesenia Navarro; Lizette Solares.

Hazardous Duty Lawsuit – Alan Mills

- The law office of Mason Lietz & Klinger has agreed to take our hazardous duty class action lawsuit for BPSA members on a contingency basis pending a federal appeals court resolution (*Adams v. U.S.* No. 20-783C). Re: failure to pay hazard pay during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- There are some legal roadblocks for the case as the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) was already denied their case which is currently in appeal (*Adams v. U.S.* No. 20-783C).
- If the appeal is won for BOP, it would open the door for BPSA, as well as other federal agencies, to seek hazardous hazard duty pay based on detainee contact with active COVID. If it is lost, then the case would most likely be dismissed at no cost to BPSA. Updates to follow.

New Business:

Change of Command:

- Tony Pozos retired on October 23, 2021
- Joe Gutierrez assumed President duties beginning October 23, 2021
- Three out of four executive board members are eligible and will be retiring.
 - Vacancies: Vice-President and Treasurer
- Joe Gutierrez nominated Lizette Solares as Vice-President. Motion was second by Yesenia Navarro.
- Lizette Solares nominated James Robertson for Secretary. The motion was second by Kevin Mason.

- Solares nominated Gabriel Gonzalez as Treasurer. Motion was second by Yesenia Navarro. All members present concurred.

BPSA Membership and Dues:

- Explaining the process of signing new members – instructions found on website at the Border Patrol Supervisors' Association at <https://bpsups.org/>.
- Honorary members (Retired members) pay \$5 a month allotment, possess no voting power, allowed to participate in all BPSA activities.
- Membership dues are currently \$10 a pay period.

Motion by Kevin Mason requesting donation from BPSA for the USBP Fallen Officers Scholarship Fund, second by Yesenia Navarro. Motion passed. (A \$250 flat donation cap exists from prior e-board decisions. \$250 dollars is the cap to donate for organizations that benefits members).

Kevin Mason gave presentation on the USBP Fallen Officers Scholarship fund/benefit ride. All funds go towards helping children of Fallen Agents for higher education. This is a great cause, please reach out to Kevin or Kyle Krall for additional information and ticket purchase.

USBP Fallen Officers Scholarship Fund/Benefit Ride, 18th Annual – November 6, 2021

- November 4th last day to purchase tickets to benefit children of fallen officers
- Cost for ride: \$25 per person
- Cost for raffle: \$20 per person (2021 Harley Davidson Electra glide):
 - 1st drawing: Electric Bicycle
 - 2nd drawing: 2021 Harley Davidson Electraglide
- Do not need to be present to win (Kevin or Kyle will send a text/picture of the ticket)
 - Name / phone number / email.
- POCs:
 - Retired SBPA Kyle Krall (619) 726-3777
 - Kevin Mason (858)472-1684
- Payment:
 - Venmo: KevinJMason or Kyle-Krall
 - Cabrillo Credit Union: 179538; Comment: USBP Fallen Officer Scholarship Fund
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Close of business:

Meeting ended: 7:10 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting: December 16, 2021