

**MINUTES FROM GREATER DETROIT CPOA MEETING
ON 09 FEBRUARY 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 1015 by the president, BMC Jeff Egelston, and we opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were:

YNC Paulette Gough (Secretary), OSCS Jeremiah Roberts (Treasurer), SKC Kerry Copeland, Mr. Bill Pearson (ret), AMTCM Frank Debiase, ITC Ron Wright, MSTC James Rachwal, AETC Greg Johannessen, BMC Charles Burleigh, BMCM Chris Markison, CWO3 Tim Monck, and MSTC Marc Rechsteiner.

OSCS Roberts provided the members with a treasury report. We have \$2,491.93 in our account.

BMC Egelston asked if there was any Old Business, and when there wasn't any, we moved on to the discussion of New Business. The first topic of New Business was the annual CPOA Bowling Tournament.

The members of the Greater Detroit (GD) Chapter of the CPOA wanted to have a Spring Bowling Tournament. It was suggested that the CCTI Candidates organize the tournament with the help of existing members of the CPOA. The motion was made by ITC Wright to have the bowling tournament and to have the CCTI Candidates organize it. The motion was seconded by SKC Copeland. The motion passed by a vote of 13 to 0. The second order of New Business was to establish GD CPOA chair positions.

BMC Egelston discussed the idea of creating 2 chair positions within our Chapter. The positions would be the Public Affairs Chair and the Membership Chair. A candidate was not identified for the public affairs chair, but a membership committee consisting of BMCM Markison, ITC Wright, SKC Copeland, and OSCS Roberts was identified and created. They will be responsible for going through our membership rosters and comparing them to our listing of Chiefs in the Greater Detroit area, and recruiting all of those Chiefs to join the GD CPOA.

The next order of New Business was the CPOA National Convention. The dates of the Convention are 10 – 14 September and it will be held in Las Vegas, NV. A motion was made by SKC Copeland to use CPOA funds to send 1 representative from Greater Detroit to the Convention. The motion was seconded by ITC Wright. The motion passed unanimously. The actual amount of money was left undecided and we tabled the discussion for the next meeting.

The next order of New Business was the annual Golf Tournament. A motion was made by SKC Copeland to set the date for the Golf Tournament as Tuesday, 18 September and to have HSC Gary Davis head the planning committee for the event. The motion was seconded by ITC Wright. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

The floor was then opened for general discussion items for the good of the order. Items discussed were:

YNC Gough agreed to look into general child care for various CPOA events. She will attempt to compile a list of known care-givers in the Detroit area and see if they offer special rates for CPOA events. She will report back at a later date.

We discussed the formulation of a Greater Detroit CPOA Chapter Award for exemplary community service amongst our junior enlisted personnel. It was agreed by all that the standards for such an award and criteria need to be researched further and discussed at a later meeting.

We discussed coming up with a standard criteria for donation of funds to members of the Greater Detroit AOR. We are looking into formulating a written policy of guidelines for donation of GD CPOA funds.

BMC Egelston agreed to check with the National CPOA Office to find out how our dues are being spent. We were unsure if our Chapter actually received any money from our members' dues. Also we are looking into the establishment of Greater Detroit By-Laws.

MSTC Rachwal agreed to pursue/implement a Greater Detroit CPOA Web Site and will provide us with an update at the next meeting.

MSTC Rechsteiner agreed to look into the purchase of Greater Detroit CPOA shirts. He will research the cost and design scheme and provide a report at a future meeting.

The last order of business was establishing the next meeting date. We decided on March 22, 2007 after the CCTI look away ceremony. Location will be the Great Lakes Maritime Center in Port Huron, MI.

The meeting concluded at 1130.