

# Texas Capital Area Law Enforcement Association

## Minutes of called Board meeting – 02/22/06

- Meeting began at 7:15pm
- Present were: Dan Law, Al Johnson, Ceil Hart, Gil Moody, Bill Hart, Jimmy Brown and Bill Pruitt
- Secretary passed around a list for each officer/board member present to update contact information.
- Discussion began on what to do to increase membership and re-vitalize the organization
- Al Johnson presented proposal to approve free membership to a person who is skilled in developing eye-catching tri-fold flyers to distribute.
  - Gil Moody made a motion; second by Bill Hart. Upon further discussion it was determined that we could not authorize such free membership and the motion was withdrawn.
- Dan Law suggested that we try to find interesting persons to come and give short presentations to the membership on topics of interest. Some suggestions were TCLEOSE, Mack Brown, Troy Kimmel, etc.
- Bill Hart then opened discussion that the Association needs a stronger purpose to interest new members. Need to have some type of service to the community; need to get the Association incorporated, which could help with sales tax we pay. Need to get a non-profit designation for tax exemptions. Articles of Incorporation need to be drafted and given to the membership for approval.
  - Bill Pruitt made motion that the Association move forward with incorporation. Jimmy Brown seconded. Motion passed.
  - Upon further discussion as to a purpose for the Association, it was suggested that providing some financial assistance to the immediate survivor(s) of an officer killed in the line-of-duty would be an appropriate addition. This would require a change to the current by-laws.
  - Potential wording, to be added to Article II as subsection D. would be as follows: "D. To provide prompt financial assistance to the immediate family of a law enforcement officer from a member county who has been killed in the line-of-duty. The amount to potentially be provided would be approved annually by the membership; and any disbursements would be contingent on the funds availability at the time. "
- Bill Hart then reminded everyone of our new website, and that he could place an application form on-line; also that we need some printed forms to have available for current members to take and distribute.
- Dan Law then brought up an idea submitted in writing by Bob Carroll who was out-of-town at the time of this meeting. The idea was to have a year-long membership drive with some large prize for the person who referred/sponsored the most new members during the designated period. Discussion was that there should probably be smaller prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. The board agreed with the idea, and

Dan said he would appoint Bob Carroll in charge of a committee to move forward with this idea. Suggestion was that the drive would kick off at the March 2006 meeting and go through the November 2006 meeting; with the prizes to be awarded at the January 2007 meeting.

- Jimmy Brown asked about duties for the Board members to include assisting the secretary at the check-in table at meetings, and Dan said he would see that someone is assigned each month. Each Board member would only have to work one meeting during the year. Jimmy volunteered to help with the March meeting.
- With business being done, motion was made, seconded and passed to end the meeting.