



Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association Newsletter

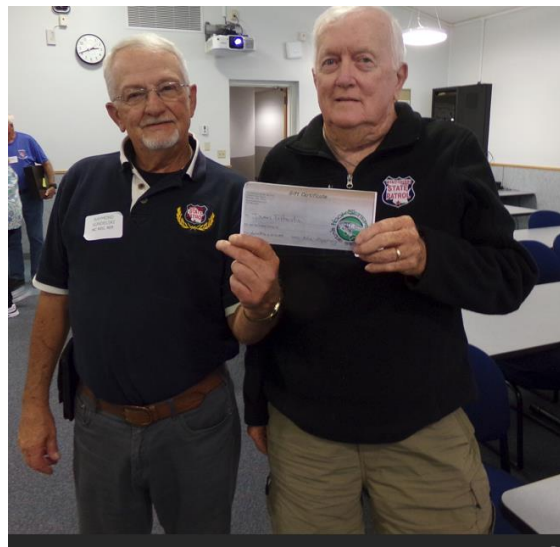
Retiree Day



Non-sworn – Janet Sabatke, Mary Albedyll, Linda Woldt, John Gifford, Karen Knox, Connie Salquist, Mel Yasick, Paul Schulz Sr.



Sworn personnel classes 1 through 25



Grand Prize Winner-James Fetherston

WSPAA Board Meeting Minutes 7-30-24

In attendance: Mary Sander, Phil Wenzel, Linda Woldt, Kim Hurley, Ruth Tiry, Anne Maxson, Dave Hanson Ray Sondelski, Paul Matl, and Dave Collins.

Excused: Keith Young, Ron John Wolfe and Joseph Jakubicz

Called to order: 10:07 am

The Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

A motion to approve the agenda made by Kim, 2nd by Phil, motion passes.

Secretary's Report – we have 8 snail mail members. I mail them some weekly memos & reviews, plus newsletters. Office Depot business account is set up for use by WSPAA board.

Financial Report - \$560 in dues collected so far. A motion by Ray, 2nd by Paul, motion passes. Motion by Ray, 2nd by Phil to cash out 2 CD's when they come due at the end of the year. Motion passes.

Merchandise report – Ruth is waiting to order more shirts & hats until this meeting in order to get the number she should order. Ruth is given the okay to order items. We only sold \$120 on Queensboro. A motion by Linda, 2nd by Dave H. to accept the report. Motion passes.

History Committee Report – Next meeting is August 20th at the Academy. Unknown if we will receive the cabinets for the museum by alumni day. A motion by Linda, 2nd by Ruth to accept the report. Motion passes.

Membership Report – We currently are at 252 members. A motion by Kim to accept the report, 2nd by Linda. Motion passes.

Mary has set up a coffee gathering for August 7th.

Retiree Day – Mary handed out board assignments for retiree day. Gate 15 will be open from 8am to 11 am for those who completed the sheet and are pre-approved. If a person is not pre-approved they will have to go to the main gate. Currently have only about 50 rsvp's. Due to number of prizes this year board members will also be eligible to win prizes. You cannot win if you are not present for the drawings.

A merchandise form must be completed for each sale of merchandise.

Regional Representative Reports

SER – breakfast group for Kenosha & Racine Counties the 3rd Thursday 8:30 am. About 5-10 people attend. Anne attended the graduation for the recent recruit classes as our WSPAA representative. She will write an article for the newsletter.

NCR – Ray spoke about the recent event of a shooter hiding in Amherst. The subject ultimately committed suicide. Mike Moore has 3 types of Alzheimer's.

NER- No report

NWR- No report

Roundtable- Mary – discussion on getting insurance is tabled until the next meeting.

Linda – We are a 501.7c group.

Pass – Kim, Ruth, Anne, Dave H., Paul, Dave C., Ray and Phil.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Phil, 2nd by Ruth. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm

Next meeting is October 29, 2024 10 AM at Wausau Post.

2024 Deaths

1. Phillip M McCoy, age 70 died on February 13th. He is survived by his wife Susan and stepdaughter Richelle. Phillip was a member of the 32 recruit class, badge numbers 986 & 1551.
2. Bonnie Burghaus, died on 3-25-24. 32nd recruit class, badge numbers 992 & 1541.
3. James Smetana, age 92 died on 4-25-24. He was a member of the 4th recruit class, badge #236. He is survived by his children James, Paul, and Randolph.
4. Roger Steiner, died on 4-30-24. He was a member of the 13th recruit class, badge #434. He is survived by his kids Allen & Natalie.
5. Wally Landree, died on 6-17-24. He was a member of the 31st recruit class, badge numbers 978 & 1524. He is survived by his wife – Donna, children – Kodie, Krista, Kelsie & Adam.

6. Mike Moe, age 76, died on 6-4-24. He worked in the radio shop in Madison. He is survived by his wife – Deborah and children – Bryan & Mathew.
7. Don Dionne, age 78, died on 7-14-24. He was a member of the 18th recruit class. He is survived by sister – Mary, brothers – John & Mike.
8. John Hendrickson, age 87, died on 7-22-24. He was a member of the 12th recruit class, badge #395. He is survived by his wife – Gale, sons- Bob & Jim and daughter – Kathy.
9. Walter Dunford, died on 8-2-24. He was a member of the 21st recruit class, badge #682. He is survived by his sisters; Bessie & Ginny and his son; Bruce, Gregory, and Randal.
10. Orv Froh, age 91, died on 8-19-24. He was a member of the 2nd recruit class, badge #124. He is survived by his children; Tim, Monica, Mary and Tess.
11. Keith Nollenberg, age 86, died on 9-8-24. He was a member of the 18th recruit class, badge #582. He is survived by his wife Betty, daughters: Holly, Carrie and Wenda.

Annual Meeting Minutes 9-6-24



The Honor Guard presented the colors and the National Anthem was played/sang.

Colonel Fish provided us all with a Division update.

-The years of service bars have been brought back to be displayed on the uniforms.

- The Patrol is looking at updating Taser's to a new multi prong model.
- New Glock handguns with fiber optics (red dot) will be purchased.
- The Patrol is working on getting Axon3 cameras in all the cruisers. The videos are stored in the cloud.
- In the 2023-2025 budget cycle was a request for more Troopers & Inspectors. Unfortunately they did not get those positions. There are 118 Inspectors at this time. Currently there are 45 officer vacancies in the WSP. They are required to a 5% personnel reduction which equals 24 officer positions.
- The 71st & 72nd recruit class classes will start July 2025 and graduate November 2025. One of the classes will be a traditional class and the other class will be a lateral class. The traditional class will be 19 weeks long as the 26 week program is holding back people from applying to the WSP. Those in the traditional class will then be brought back the following year for more training.
- 180 Troopers were assigned to the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. No major incidents occurred.
- The Patrol will provide officers for the 2025 NFL draft in Green Bay next spring and will provide staff for the ladies US golf open at Erin Hills.
- New cruisers are Dodge Durango's in a medium blue. Multiple vehicle makes are being used as cruisers.
- Vascar's were removed from the cars due to space issues inside the cruisers.
- Pilots now use stop watches to clock vehicles. WSP is looking at replacing the planes with some former FBI planes that have more features.

Break for lunch followed by the official opening of the WSP museum. Dave Collins, Glen Jones and Colonel Fish all spoke prior to the ribbon cutting.





Annual meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm.

Secretary report by Kim Hurley – nothing to report.

Scholarship report by Kim Hurley. There were 5 good applicants and the winners will be announced shortly.

Motion by Lucy Harvey, 2nd by Donna Rockwell to accept the reports. Motion passed.

Treasurer report by Linda Woldt. Savings account = \$4,161.76, checking account=\$1,080.05, CD totals=\$10,310.02. Motion by Gary Bauer, a 2nd by George Riedel to accept the report. Motion passed.

Elections were run by Keith Young. There were no candidates to oppose President Sander & Secretary Kim Hurley. Both Mary and Kim were re-elected. NWR no new nominations so Ruth Tiry & Keith Young were re-elected.

President Sander's remarks – she went through the list of items we are looking for in the museum. We are looking for the following;

Photographs from Spearfishing, Gresham, Waupun prison riot, Vietnam protest, National Governor's conference, National Mayor's conference PGA events, President/VP visits, Weyauwega train derailment, DPU, TRU, salvage vehicle inspections, & ambulance & school bus inspections (pictures & forms), Green Inspector uniform items, and Reefer jacket

The summer trip to Lambeau was a success and there may be a trip for 2025 in the works.

Certain anniversaries of members were acknowledged. The oldest recruit class attendee was Francis Vickerman from the 4th recruit class. Mary then had a Q&A for the membership. Someone asked that the photos on the TV in the museum have longer timing to look at them.

Potential date for 2025 retiree day is 9-5-25.

Meeting adjourned.

More Museum Photos





Please use the donation form and contact Kim Hurley (kimwspaa@gmail.com) if you have anything for our new WSPAA museum that you would like to donate. Thank you for thinking of us and our mission.