

F.D.O.A. Board Meeting
Minutes 6 September 2002

Role Call: Members Present
President: Dale Crosby
Vice President: Roxanne Whiddon
1st Vice President: Ken Stevens
Treasurer: Dennis Bowers
Past President: Glenn Ansley
Secretary: Wayland Mann

President's Report:

Dale advised that he was notified that Sgt. At Arms Rob Hogan was absent due to duty with the police explorers, and that his absences would be considered excused.

Dale said that he had been talking with the Adams Mark Hotel, reference changing the dates for the 2003 F.D.O.A. conference, due to a conflict between the National D.A.R.E. Conference and our current State conference dates. He advised that the Adams Mark would not provide dates they have open, but instead requested that he provide them with some alternative dates. He advised that he wanted to consult the board before giving dates to the Adams Mark.

Possible dates recommended by Dale and accepted by the board were the week of June 7th-13th with registration beginning on the 8th and conference starting on the 9th. The second choice would be the week of July 5th-11th with registration beginning on the 6th and conference starting on the 7th. These dates would not conflict with the National D.A.R.E. Conference, June 23rd-27th, or the F.A.S.R.O. Conference, which will occur July 21st-25th.

Dale said to plan on mandatory retraining for the 2003 conference. Two areas to consider will be the new curriculum set for release in August 2003, and revisiting the Phase One Training, for those officers who may have not received it.

Dale advised that he received a letter from Diane Barnes Jackson of the Pinecrest Police Department informing him that due to budget cut backs she would be unable to fulfill her obligation as district rep of district 5. Dale stated that she had complied with the association bylaws in submitting a letter of resignation and requested that the board accept her resignation. The board approved.

Treasurers Report:

Dennis Bowers presented the board with 2 reports. The 2002 F.D.O.A. Training Conference report. The current treasurers report. See attached reports.

Dennis advised that the amount to be paid out for scholarships is \$3200.00 and asked if he should go ahead and payout the monies since school is beginning. He was advised to send the monies to the appropriate schools by President Crosby.

Dennis advised the board that the F.D.O.A. once again is state tax exempt, and with that concluded his report.

Motion made to accept the treasures report by Dale Crosby, second by Glenn Ansley. Motion carried with all approving.

Vice President's Report:

Roxanne presented a combined report of the 2002 conference evaluation forms, which also included a list of comments made. The overall conclusion based on the forms was that the conference was a success. (See attached Report)

Advised that copies of the class evaluations from the conference were sent to the departments where the instructors came from.

Time to start preparing for the 2003 conference. Priority should be to get trainers without having to pay for them. Provide Room if necessary but nothing else.

Dale said that the association could go the room and provide the meals that conference attendee's get but should not pay a fee.

Ken said that we should seek free instructors, but that we should also be open as an association to paying a fee if one is needed to bring in a quality instructor. He also said that the association should establish a budget for training conference instructors, supplies, and T-Shirts.

After discussion about the amount of the budget, and the understanding that just because a budget is set, it doesn't mean that all of it has to be spent. Along with the fact that it is important to know how much is available prior to ordering supplies, instructors etc. A motion was made by Ken Stevens that a budget of \$1500.00 for training be set aside. Roxanne seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all and carried.

Roxanne advised that the attorney contacted her that represents F.A.S.R.O. and that they had a discussion about representation for the F.D.O.A. Roxanne said that she thought it was something that the association should consider. Even though we do not currently have need for an attorney there may sometime come an occasion when we do need one. The agreement at this time was that the cost would be prohibitive.

Roxanne said that she had started work on the 2004 conference and had been in contact with 3 hotels on Marco Island. The Marriott, the Hilton, and the Radisson. Initial information received was as follows;

Marriott:

Room rates \$149.00/night +\$6.00 Service.
9% occupancy tax
6% State sales tax

Hilton:

Room rates \$89.00 + \$9.00 Resort Fee
9% tax
Rate may be applied 3 days before or after conference dates
12,000 Sq. Ft. of meeting rooms

Radisson:

Room rates \$79.00 + \$5.00
9% Sales tax
\$100.00/Day set up fee for meeting rooms

A sight visit has been arranged for the board on 26 Oct 02 at 1000

Upcoming newsletter was discussed along with the cost of printing. A motion was made to budget \$500.00 for the newsletter by Dennis Bowers. Second was made by Roxanne. Motion carried approved by all.

1st Vice President's Report:

Ken said that he had a meeting with the sheriff of Hernando County, who's Department recently started teaching D.A.R.E. Sheriff expressed his commitment to send his officers to the upcoming training conference.

Ken said that he talked with Clayton Miller of the Hernando County Sheriffs office about filling the District Rep's position for district 4A. Ken said Clayton expressed an interested in filling the position if the sheriff approved. Ken requested permission from Dale to appoint Clayton to the position if the sheriff approved. Dale approved the appointment and further stated that if a vacancy occurred in the future Ken was authorized to fill it.

Ken advised that he has started visiting other agencies in the state to make them aware of the F.D.O.A. and to build a relationship of understanding. He hopes to make more officers and departments aware of the F.D.O.A.

Ken has been in contact with the Governors office reference to having the Governor as a guest speaker at the up coming conference. No commitment was made at this time due to upcoming election. Ken will follow up after the election.

Ken said that there needs to be some kind of physical benefit to belonging to F.D.O.A., and that there also should be a membership card.

It was noted that the association needs new membership applications with updated information.

The next board meeting is set for 13 Dec 02 at 1000 at F.D.L.E. Headquarters 500 W Robinson St Orlando Florida.

Motion for \$200.00 for Public Relations to be used at the approval of the president made by Glenn Ansley. Motion seconded by Roxanne Whiddon. Motion carried approved by all.

Motion to adjourn made by Roxanne Whiddon at 1208 seconded by Ken Stevens. Motion carried approved by all.

	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement	Poor
Registration	15	28	1	
Business Meeting	9	29	1	2
Opening Ceremonies	15	27	1	
President's Reception	23	20	1	
Food	19	24	1	
Lodging	3	14	22	10
Continental Breakfast	5	25	15	1
Closing Ceremony	18	19		
Conference Time Of Year	24	19	1	
Instructors	27	15	2	
Cost of Rooms/Registration	7	21	7	4
Overall Conference	16	26	1	

COMMENTS:

On the days where Phase I and Move to Contact were offered a third choice should have been offered for individuals who had already participated in their own Dept./Agency or other Move to Contact type training.

Since the training was on the Beach perhaps the required Phase I which all had to attend could have been offered from 3pm – 9pm & the daytime could have been outside beach time. On the first day everyone could be prepared to get a sandwich /snack to eat as No dinner bread would occur only the hour breaks.

The hotel smelled of mildew. The air conditioner either worked at too cold or too hot. A better effort to bring in instructors from different agencies as this was an Orange County SO show, not that some of the instructor were not excellent at what they did. A perception might be that they control FDOA.

Better communication, especially with Website. Officers showed up who expected to attend Middle School Training. Please make sure that personal information in not disseminated on too many lists. Now that FDOA is going more email based ask

for ideas/impute for instructors from the masses, not just the few who are able to meet with Board, etc.

Keep the awards, etc. at the Banquet, Thursday evening so Friday is not in uniform and people can receive certificates and leave on Friday in comfort clothing.

Very Good Location – nice setting, Good Food and entertainment. Great Classes!!!

The lodging were very poor-also the welcome upon entering the door was not very friendly. I enjoyed the training very much. I would like to see accommodation that is more up to date. I am looking forward to more training especially “Move to Contact”.

The hotel needs improvement this is a professional organization and the hotel did not reflect that. An Escambia County Deputy asked out of all the hotels in the area “Why was that dump chosen”. The training saved the conference. I felt it was excellent. Move to Contact was the Best.

Please work on lodging, overall it was OK (food, continental breakfast, etc.), however, in my 15 years of Law enforcement m the quality was on the low end of scale (odors in hallways, much older hotel...sorry)

Overall the conference was good, however I was very disappointed with the hotel as well as the location of the hotel without transportation. It was impossible to get around. The state allowed moneys for food could not pay for the food on the beach and traveling over the bridges was not enough time to travel back and forth for lunch. I would not recommend this hotel to anyone. Roaches in room, Bathrooms not clean, carpet not vacuum, walls cracked. Totally needs to be remodeled.

Rooms smelled of mildew (bothered allergies). Good selection of classes, but names need to be more like what the class is about. Try scheduling classes late afternoon so things can be done early in day (around town).

We overpaid for meals. Lets be more persistent in finding better hotels.

More selections need to be offered for each day of training.

The location wasn't the greatest. It was very costly to go into town everyday and pay toll. The hotel was lousy. There had to have been a better location. Everyone is not “beach bunnies”. Overall, the conference was OK. I am looking forward to next year.

Move to Contact training made the conference even better. Phase I training & instructor was great. Drug update needs improvement. Instructor gave False information. All in all it was a great conference.

Need more information throughout the year.

The rooms were fair but very mildew. Some of the classes were very disorganized. There was no time for family when in fact the FDOA says that make this a family event and then if family participates they are charged a lot of money. Some of the instructors seemed as though they were not interested. The car show was poorly judged. If DARE stand for our children then all the DARE cars should represent what our children stand for.

Rooms were not Good!

Training was excellent. Hotel was not up to standard, training save the conference.

Good price of rooms considering on beach. The rooms were not the cleanest but could have been worse. We were told that the conference was geared towards famil7,

however we had to pay outrageous prices just to have family member(s) join us. I think this could change somehow. Great classes, and can not wait for next conference.

Lets do it again in Jacksonville.

Look forward to next year.

Housekeeper had to be told to clean the bathtub after they cleaned the room. I was not advised of the conference until 3 weeks before the conference and there was a problem with the price of the room. The problem was taken care of but could have been prevented.

The conference was very impressive – a lot of information to take back and use. It was definitely a beneficial experience.

I realized the prices are for Tourist and they get it very easy.

Well done. Wish I would have won a raffle prize though. Oh Well!!! Great Job!

The hotel was overpriced for what we got. The hallways were rarely cleaned. My room was left open by the cleaning crew.

Need to use better titles for classes- for the media class it sounded like a presentation about the radio, music, TV etc., not power point presentation. The class was good, but not what the title suggested. Rooms not clean – rudeness of 1 desk clerk.

Need to get someone else to teach the mandatory retraining, need to be someone from Florida and someone that know how to talk to adults.

Rooms were terrible. Instruction needs to be relevant to DARE with applications to what we do i.e. Gang update was not an update, Power Point was just a presentation of that CO's capabilities – no instruction what to do. Suicide class was horrible- instructor although an expert in her field just stood there and read statistics.

**Florida D.A.R.E. Officer's Association
Treasure's Report
September 6, 2002**

March 15 – September 6, 2002

Checking

Beginning Balance

\$ 5,662.22

Expenses:

CK#1243 Glenn Ansley (Hotel/Airfare Pres. Meeting Las Vegas)

460.00

CK#1244 Glenn Ansley (Reimbursement/Newsletter-Postage)

19.90

CK#1245 Copy King Printing (FDOA Presentation Packages)

47.80

CK#1246 Chris Huffman (Reimbursement Newsletter/Postage)

401.92

CK#1247 Lee Wayne Corp. (Conf. T-Shirts)

767.00

CK#1248 Signs In One Day (FDOA Banner)

296.80

CK#1249 Bayside Grill (Deposit/2002 Conf. Food)

500.00

CK#1250 Roxane Whiddon (Reimburse Conf. Expenses)

169.98

Transfer to Savings from Checking

5,000.00

CK#1251 Eddie Robinson (Karaoke)

300.00

CK#1252 Tom Gilliam – Conf. Presenter (Per Diem/Mileage)

378.00

CK#1253 Donation (Central Florida Police Stress Unit)

1000.00

CK#1254 Tom Cocknel – Conf Presenter (Per Diem)

57.00

CK#1255 Steve Gavora – Conf Presenter (Per Diem)

57.00

CK#1256 Andy Lazeration – Conf Presenter (Per Diem)

57.00

CK#1257 Dan Soto – Conf Presenter (Per Diem)

57.00

CK#1258 Bob Padilla – Conf Presenter (Per Diem)

57.00

CK#1259 Kevin Meyer – Conf Presenter (Per Diem)

57.00

CK#1260 Todd Gardner – Conf Presenter (Per Diem)	
57.00	
CK#1261 Ocala Police Department (Refund for Ella Hart –2002 Conf.)	
175.00	
CK#1262 Bayside Grill (Balance – 2002 Conf. Food)	
10,635.91	
CK#1263 Beachside Resort (2002 Conf. Rooms)	
2,967.84	
CK#1264 Wayland Mann (Reimbursement 2002 Conf. Expense)	
82.57	
Overdraft and Maintenance Fee's	
289.06	
CK#1265 Lee Wayne Corp. (2002 Conf. – Neck straps/Badge Holders)	
326.99	
CK#1266 A-1 Trophy (2002 Conf. Awards)	
368.45	
CK#1267 Dennis Bowers (2002 Conf. Expense Reimbursement)	
87.76	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 24,674.68

Checking Continued 09/06/02

Deposits:

Reimbursement from D.A.R.E. America for 2001 Conference	\$	1,344.59
Conference Registrations		550.00
Conference Registrations / Auto Show		710.00
Conference Registrations		3,500.00
Conference Registrations/Dues		1,110.00
Conference Registrations/Auto Show		3,505.00
Conference Registrations		1,200.00
Conference Registration		200.00
Conference Registrations		725.00
Conference Registrations/Dues/Auto Show		1,347.00
Overdraft Refund		
180.00		
Transfer to Checking from Savings		
10,000.00		

Overdraft Refund
60.00
Overdraft Refund
30.00

Total Deposits \$ 24,451.59

Ending Balance \$ 5,439.13

Savings

Beginning Balance \$ 7,718.18

Deposits:

March Interest 6.56
April Interest 6.35
May Interest 6.57
06/25 Transfer from Checking to Savings 5,000.00
June Interest 7.68
July Interest 4.84
August Interest 2.33

Withdrawals:

07/08 Transfer to Checking from Savings 10,000.00
Monthly Maintenance Fee 07/31/02 8.00
Monthly Maintenance Fee 08/30/02 8.00

Ending Balance 2,736.51

**Submitted By: Dennis K. Bowers /FDOA Treasure
09/06/02**

FLORIDA D.A.R.E. OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION
2002 TRAINING CONFERENCE
FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

Members Registered @ \$175.00 x 47	\$ 8,225.00
Members Registered @ \$200.00 x23	4,600.00
Members Registered @ \$20.00 Membership Fee x 9	180.00
Drawings/T-Shirts/Extra Meals	512.00
Auto Show	140.00
Total Income	\$13,657.00

Expenses:

Hotel – 27 Room Nights @ \$109.92 each	\$ 2,967.84
Banquet (Food)	11,135.91

Additional Conference Expenses:

Neck strap/Badge Holders	326.99
Conference Newsletter/Postage	401.92
Board/Maps (District Reps Regions)	78.99
Supplies	193.32
Misc. (Decorations)	68.00
Conference T-Shirts	767.00
Awards	368.45
Donation/Central Florida Stress Unit (Tom Gilliam)	1000.00
Per Diem/Mileage (Tom Gilliam)	378.00
Per Diem / Orange County Swat (\$57.00 x 7)	399.00
Entertainment (Karaoke)	300.00

Total Expenses **\$18,385.42**

Total Income	\$13,657.00
Minus Total Expenses	\$18,385.42
Minus Refund (Ocala Police Department)	\$ 175.00
Minus 78 Membership Fee's @ \$20.00 each	\$ 1,560.00

Total Conference Income Minus Expenses **- \$ 6,463.42**

Prepared by Dennis K. Bowers
FDOA Treasure