



# MSFCA

## Meeting Minutes Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Board Meeting Teleconference Wednesday, January 6, 2009, 10:30 am MST

Called to order by Chairperson Rich Cowger at 10:38 am MST.

### ROLL CALL

#### Career Chiefs' Section

- Steve Larson
- Jeff Miller
- Jason Shrauger, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.C

#### Combination Chiefs' Section

- Rich Cowger, Chairperson
- Tom Kuntz
- Brett Waters

#### Volunteer Chiefs' Section

- Leonard Lundby, Vice Chairperson
- Kraig Hansen
- Bruce Charles

Ex-Officio's: Butch Weedon

Staff: Jessica Heintz, Jen Winans, Crosby Grindle

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Moved by Jason Shrauger, seconded by Leonard Lundby to approve the Board Meeting Minutes, with the change of a name misspelling, dated December 16, 2009 and the year end financials. Motion passed.** Update from Jessica on funds being moved to Valley bank from US Bank.

### OLD BUSINESS

Task List –Working on grant. Leonard and Rich spoke about Alliance Conference. Rich has not spoken with Chief Dextrus yet. Brett did contact Brett Christopherson and Curt Belts but was unable to get commitments, so will continue to look for other people for the positions. Tom has an idea for the prevention position.

Alliance Update – Met on Saturday for five hours working on the conference. Association heads were asked to submit specific training requests for breakout times. The next meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup> in Butte at the War Bonnet hotel at 11:00. After that meeting they want to get brochures and notices sent out. Have reworked the schedule, the breakouts will not be at the same time as the main speakers. Have a rough spreadsheet with financials. Fire Alliance currently has \$11,000.00 in its account, dues statements are going out shortly. Leonard will get a copy of financial spreadsheet to Rich and Brett. Expenses for speakers will be low. Rich also requests that Leonard sends him a copy of the By Laws. Leonard's health is better and has agreed to stay on with the Alliance until the convention is over to give the Alliance continuity.

Jeff Miller joins the call.

Steve Larsen joins the call.

ESCI Partnership/Training – Rich is following up on getting a training set up.

SAFER Grant – a call is scheduled for today at 4:00 MST to get things finalized. At that time Jen will send out a copy for the Board's consent.

MSFCA Committees – Reach out and get reports from Committees representatives; will help with MSFCA's communication. Jen will work on adding email and phone numbers for the representative listed.

### NEW BUSINESS

Crosby Grindle – Tells the Board that he was given the opportunity to work with NFPA. NFPA re-worked their regions and created a Northwest Regional Office. They offered Crosby this position and he felt he couldn't pass it up. Montana will still be his territory so the MSFCA will still interact with him. He regrets that he will not be able to come to the Mid-Winter Meeting.

IM White Paper – Has been posted to the website. Board agrees to remain a conduit and not take a stance. Steve mentions that the MSFCA may need to be educated to take a stand for the fire service. At one point there was an IM oversight committee that the Chiefs had a seat at, but has not been convened for some time, maybe the Board's push should be to get that committee back in action. Request to put IM White Paper on the Mid-Winter Meeting agenda. Need to spend more time discussing MSFCA's stance and what issues need to be addressed.

## **CHEIFS SECTIONS' REPORTS**

Career Chief's Section - Steve reports on the Building Division informational meeting for the Fire Service on Residential Sprinklers. Steve believes there is an educational component the MSFCA could help with and would like to discuss the option of financially supporting a press release. Added to the Mid-Winter Meeting agenda. Discussion of the Marvel Mountain video and its effectiveness. State Fire Marshall has the sprinkler trailer; maybe combine that with some presentations.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Jen updated the Board on membership mailing – to go out mid-January. Cards for members will go out mid-February or beginning of March. New draft of SAFER grant will be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Kraig would like to see a possible time change for the teleconferences. Jen will send out a doodle poll.

Next meeting is January 20th at 10:30 PST.

**There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 pm MST.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Winans, Administrative Staff