



# MSFCA

## Meeting Minutes Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Board Meeting Teleconference Wednesday, June 7, 2010, 10:30 am MST

Called to order by Chairperson Rich Cowger at 10:39 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 and Ted Mead  
Staff: Jen Winans and Jessica Heintz

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Moved by Steve Larsen, seconded by Leonard Lundby to approve the month ended 5-31-2010 financials and the 6-2-2010 meeting minutes. Motion passed.**

### OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan – Moved to task list

Alliance Review – Final numbers were 162 participants and 25 vendors. Accounts receivable totaled \$43,609, accounts payable totaled \$18,166, equaling a net of \$25,442. Feedback was that Tim Sendelbach was a great speaker and they would like him to come back. Kraig Hansen is now the president and Mike Doto will be the Vice President or the secretary. There were representatives from the union for the first time at the conference, which stayed the entire conference. They extended an invitation to their conference that is in Billings next Thursday and Friday.

Book Store Sales – \$2,000 sales at the conference, sales of \$3,800 to the WFCA bookstore, equaling a net profit of approximately \$5,400 from book sales (after shipping). Next month's financials will show a full reporting of the activities.

2011 Conference – **Moved by Tom Kuntz, seconded by Leonard Lundby to approve the October 6-9<sup>th</sup> 2011 conference dates. Motion passed.** Dates will conflict with the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial ceremony (8<sup>th</sup>- and 9<sup>th</sup>), but hope the impact will be limited to speakers availability.

911 Chin-Strap – Has been added to Chiefs website. MSFCA will receive \$5 from each Chin-Strap sold, thus far have received \$85, from the sale of 17 Chin-Straps.

### NEW BUSINESS

Pay for Volunteers/Effects on Retirement – Should follow the federal laws. VFCA rewrite this year, trying to get things taken care of behind the scenes. There will need to be a dollar limit (could add qualifier to denote if money is temporary/short term or for a short term contract). May need to know how many fire departments are affected. Using the Fair Labor Standards Act should make this clear.

## **SECTION REPORTS**

Career Chiefs' Section – Will have a conference call regarding the Sprinkler Coalition with Crosby Grindle from NFPA.

Combination Chiefs' Section – No report.

Volunteer Chiefs' Section – No report.

Ex-Officio Reports – Ted Mead reports that fire activity is beginning to pick up. This is not the latest start we have had, but close.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chief Charles reports that he is doing well, feels a bit like a continual flu.

Next Board Teleconference: August 4th, 10:30 AM MST

**There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am MST.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Winans, Administrative Staff