



# MSFCA

## Meeting Minutes Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Board Meeting Teleconference

Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 10:30 am MST

Called to order by Chairperson Rich Cowger at 10:30 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

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Moved by Jeff Miller, seconded by Steve Larsen to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated 3-3-2010, Mid-winter meeting minutes dated 2-9-2010 – 2-10-2010 and month ended 3-31-2010 financials. Motion passed.**

### OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan – moved to next meeting

Legislative Discussion – Board interested in obtaining information about having a login system on the MSFCA website to have ongoing legislative discussions. Would cost approximately \$500-\$600. Web forum would give a historical look at all legislative conversations. However, the decision was made to use email as the discussion arena.

MSFCA Position on Interoperability – Wait for IM meeting at end of April.

MMA Common Frequencies – State Color Channels. Don't foresee a lot of changes. There are 2 more MA frequencies, they are now federally licensed as Marine Channels but would be offered to everyone and see where the need lies. Possibly more in the mix in the future.

Combining Fire Marshals groups – Steve Larson proposed merger to the Career Fire Marshals group and they said they are not ready to do that yet.

Status report on MMA License Plates – Hope is to get something in writing from Eastgate on where the funds collected will be going. The first \$4000 generated would go to pay back Eastgate Volunteer Fire Department.

Bookstore Proposal Update- Curt may be sending in his resignation soon. There should be a check coming to the Board for approximately \$3000. Rich will continue to speak with Curt and offer to merge the MSFCA bookstore with the WFCA bookstore.

### NEW BUSINESS

Language for per House Assessment for EMS – Move to next meeting

Medical Marijuana & Code Issues – Must treat the operations like any other business and do pre-incident planning.

911 Committee (Board Participation) - Paul Dextras is not on the e911 committee. Board has submitted both Jeff Miller and Rich Cowger's names to fill the MSFCA seat.

Electronic Approval of Meeting Minutes –**Moved by Jeff Miller, seconded by Steve Larsen to have the Board approve meeting minutes electronically in order to get them posted to the MSFCA website faster. Motion passed.**

Partnership with I/O Solutions – Difficult because requirements are different in each area. Will offer I/O solutions a Corporate Membership.

Historical Recognition for Type 5 Team Members – Send feedback to Bob Fry and Jim Blankenship.

NRCG – Seat on the NRCG Board is shared with Idaho and North Dakota. Brett Waters made an argument to them to allow Montana to fill the seat as long as Idaho is inactive. Board interested in Montana having a permanent seat. Brett will meet with them soon to discuss.

#### **CHEIFS SECTIONS' REPORTS**

Combination – Will get NRCG meeting minutes to Jen to be posted.

Volunteer – MSVFFA call next Tuesday.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Next Teleconference: May 5, 2010, 10:30am MST

**There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 pm MST.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Winans, Administrative Staff