



MSFCA

Meeting Minutes Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Board Meeting Teleconference

Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 10:30 am MST

Called to order by Chairperson Rich Cowger at 10:32 am MST.

ROLL CALL

Career Chiefs' Section

- Steve Larson
- Jeff Miller
- Jason Shrauger, 2nd 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: Butch Weedon

Staff: Jen Winans and Jessica Heintz

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Jeff Miller, seconded by Brett Waters to approve the Month Ended 5-31-2010 Financials. Motion passed. Moved by Kraig Hansen, seconded by Brett Waters to approve the meeting minutes dated 5-5-2010. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

MSFCA Position on Interoperability – Moved to next meeting

Strategic Plan – Moved to next meeting

Bookstore Update – Rich will pick up the books from Curt and bring them to the Alliance. At the conference Jessica and Jen will find out what books can be bought by the WFCFA book store and sell the rest. Appreciation for Curt. Will send invitation to Curt for Alliance. Steve Larson will get a plaque. Jessica will get a gift card for VISA \$200 for he and his wife.

NEW BUSINESS

Alliance Update – Butch Weedon has spoken with Dr. Onieal, Onieal will be at the Alliance. We will schedule a time during MSFCA Board meeting for him to speak to the group. Please send Board meeting agenda items to Jen. Meeting scheuled for June 17th from 2-3. The President of WFCFA will also be in attendance.

L.A.S.T – Battalion Chief Kevin Strickler and Chaplin Les Anderson are the two people representing the state of Montana on the LAST team. They have helped with PSOB benefits and with the National Fallen Firefighters foundation. Due to the length of time these individuals have been involved, we need to reaffirm that they desire to continue as our LAST representatives. Last month they went to a training for the Fallen Firefighters and LAST. So far the NFF and Central Valley/Belgrade fire have paid all expenses, so there are no costs incurred by MSFCA. **Moved by Jeff Miller, seconded by Steven Larson to approve Kevin Strickler and Les Anderson as the Montana representatives for the National Firefighters Foundation. Motion passed.** Information will be posted on our website. Can coordinate the MSFA honor guard as well as Belgrade's honor guard if there is a need.

Lighthouse Uniform – Proposal from Steven Kohn for the MSFCA to support the commemorative chin strap for 9-11 remembrance. For each chin-strap sold, the MSFCA will receive \$5 back. **Moved by Brett Waters, seconded by Kraig Hansen for the MSFCA to sign up with Lighthouse uniform to support the Commemorative 9-11 chin strap. Motion Passed.**

2011 Conference – Board agrees that we should look for dates at the end of September. Jessica and Jen will look at other locations and dates and send out comparables. Need to keep speaker costs down. Butch Weedon suggests the Deputy Chief of Worcester Fire Department, John Sullivan, as a potential speaker.

Corporate Membership- Board needs to discuss and decide on what level of access vendors will be allowed to have with the MSFCA membership. Jen will research what other states have done and write up a proposal for the Board.

CHEIFS SECTIONS' REPORTS

Career Chiefs – The Career Chiefs were invited by State Council of Professional Firefighters to their Spring Seminar in Fairmont. This will be a good venue to meet with labor and to have an open dialogue. Feeling was cautiously optimistic.

Fire Wardens Association is concerned with the Alliance Conference.

Meeting in Helena to discuss the potential of working together on presumptive disease legislation. Tom will follow up to see if another meeting has been scheduled.

The Fire Services Training School is up for reaccreditation in June. Follow-up calls may be made to the Chiefs from accreditors.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Good showing at Leonard's daughter's funeral. **Moved by Jeff Miller, seconded by Brett Waters for the MSFCA to send a \$100 giftcard to Leonard Lundby's family. Motion Passed.**

MSFCA Board Meeting @ Alliance: June 17th, 2-3pm in GSA

Fire Alliance Conference: June 17th-20th in Butte

Next Board Teleconference: July 7nd, 10:30 AM MST

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am MST.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Winans, Administrative Staff