



MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Kellogg Center, Room 104B
Lansing, MI
Called to order @1310**

Roll call of Officers:

Present: President Bigger, V.P. Blomstrom, Secretary VanHorn, V.P. Wilson, V.P. Scrutchen, Trustee Sehlmeier, Trustee Beeler, Trustee Evans, Trustee Nahgahgwon, and Past President Cousins.

Excused absences: Treasurer DuVall, V.P. Ruff, V.P. Weber, V.P. Butler.

Guest Members: Michigan Fire Marshall Ron Farr.

Time was given time to Ron to present issues of the state. Questions and Answers.

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the 12/14/09 minutes as written. Approved and seconded and passed. (Nahgahgwon/Evans)

Communications:

Vice-President Blomstrom stated we are now on Facebook. No other communications.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer DuVall is sick and sent his report via President Bigger. He reported as of 12/28/2010 which was the last bank statement there is \$18918.62 in our account, currently to that date all bills are paid. There has been more money put into the account since then that will be reported at the next meeting. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Passed (Cousins/Evans)

Standing Committee Reports:

Constitution and By Laws:

Executive VP Blomstrom made report there was language changes that need to change. VP went through the changes. Discussion followed. Motion made to send the language back to committee for rewrite changes. (Evans/ Nahgahgwon, Blomstrom abstention)

Public Relations:

Exec. VP Blomstrom reported that everybody needs to hop on Facebook and become a member of our organization. Also the scholarship is on line.

Application/Membership:

Secretary VanHorn reported that we currently have 16 members in good standing for 2010 including 9 Life Time member and 47 new member applications. Discussion held.

Education and Research:

No report at this time

Instructor of the Year:

V.P Weber reported that Jesse Silva was submitted to the FDIC and Firehouse for the International instructors.

Conference/Program:

President Bigger reported that we in the process of working on the programs. We have had contacts by Jesse, Training Operations for small departments by Mata, a two day class, and 2 TtT courses from NFA. Gary and Dan will do the IMS. VFIS TtT class is available. These are the current classes that we have. Discussion held.

Web Report:

The web site is working and is full of information as long as I get it the information will get on the site. If you have trainings or anything you want on the site please contact the Secretary and he will get it on. We offered posting trainings from the MFIS. Discussion held.

Special Committees:**Joint Council:**

No report.

OFFT & Training Council:

Meeting is Wednesday.

Past President Cousins reported that he sent out the fee's schedule to everyone that he knew, to keep them apprised of what is going on. Mike requested direction on the recertification and fees. The other area that was worked on is the recertification and its obtainability. This is still being worked out. Mike will get clarification on the fees. Discussion held.

Coalition:

Bigger gave a report from the coalition fireworks bill again and nothing is happening because of the posturing for elections. Paul Hufnagel has retired from the MPFFU. Discussion held.

Part 74 Committee:

No Report. No movement.

501 C3, Non Profit Corporation:

No movement. Discussion held.

Scholarship Committee:

Send out an email for the scholarship and the IOY applications. Put on Facebook also.

MFSIA/MAFC Joint Committee:

There was a meeting only the chiefs want to run everything. The chiefs said no way to fees. However there was different thinking on fees. There will be no more meetings until something happens at the state level. Discussion held.

Old Business:

Contract with Park Place Proposal for Three Years:

Don got them to change the date on one of the contracts. The first two years look good the third year is somewhat close to Halloween, however it should work out. President Bigger is going to sign and send back to Park Place.

Card printer System

Drop from the agenda, going with Salamander card system.

Trailer Work:

Shelves and tables are in the trailer. Project ongoing to setup for different projects.

New Business:

Roscommon/ Other Events with Trailer:

Pres. Bigger would like to take the trailer to Roscommon for the weekend. (September 17th, 18th, & 19th, 2010). Have board members to man it. This would be a recruitment time period.

D. Klomprens submitted a bill. Part of the payment of bill will be a couple years of membership, and a conference. Discussion held, some question about having an emblem to put on their trailers.

Insurance Committee:

President Bigger sent emails out to Melissa and Decker, however have not received any contact. Danny Evans will contact them.

Location for next meeting:

Monday April 12, 2010
Lunch 11:30 AM
Meeting 1:00 PM
The Italian Oven Restaurant
2336 S. Mission Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Good of the Order:

It was suggested that we go to the Southeastern Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs. The cost for a sustaining membership is \$125.00 for nonvoting member with a booth at the Annual Vender show. Discussion held.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was entertained and second. (Cousins / Nahgahwon)
The meeting was adjourned at 1525

Respectfully submitted
Rick VanHorn
MFSIA Secretary