



MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Park Place Hotel
300 East State Street
Traverse City, MI 49684
3:30 PM October 21, 2011**

Roll call of Officers:

Present: Pres. Bigger, Exec. Pres. Blomstrom, Secretary VanHorn, Treasurer DuVall, South VP Scrutchen, East VP Wilson, West VP. Butler, Member at Large Beeler, Trustee Evans and Trustee Sehlmeier.

Excused absences: North VP Weber and Trustee Nahgahgwon.

Guests: 50 Members

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the August 8, 2011 minutes as written. Approved and seconded and passed. (Blomstrom/Butler)

Communications: Round table
No communications

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer DuVall reported that as of the end of September 30, 2011 we have \$20902.87 and that is with the bills already paid. The books were audited. Discussion held and a motion to accept the bills paid as reported. Approved and seconded and passed as revised. (Evans/Butler)

Standing Committee Reports:

Education/Scholarships:

Member at Large Beeler reported that the student scholarship award will be presented tonight at the banquet. The winner was Mr. Cousins.

Application/Membership:

Secretary reported that we currently have 172 members in good standing. We are making their applications expire 1 year from date of pay. Discussion held.

Instructor of the Year:

Member at Large Evans reported that the Instructor of the Year awards will be presented tonight at the banquet. Discussion held.

Conference/Program:

President Bigger reported that the management of the hotel has requested the he meet with them before we close the conference. He suspects that they want to firm up our commitment to The Park Place for another 3 years. Keeping that in mind they stay pretty full throughout the year and have turned organizations away. VP Butlers motion for President Bigger to pursue a three (3) year contract with the hotel. Motion passed. (Butler/Evans) 2012 conference dates will be October 26th – 28th, 2012. Discussion held.

Web Report:

There are no current changes; it is just updated with classes as needed. Anyone that would like information to be put on the site contact the secretary and it will be put on. Discussion held.

Recruitment/Programs:

No Report.

Special Committees:**Joint Council:**

Meeting Cancelled. They will be meeting in December. Nothing else is happening.

OFFT & Training Council:

Member at Large Sehlmeier made comment on the training council and there has been more public comment and open up and share at public comment time.

Exec. VP Blomstrom reported what went on at the meeting this afternoon. We need people to assist on the adhoc committees. Discussion held.

Part 74 Committee:

Exec. VP Blomstrom made comments on process of new rules. OFFT would like to add training requirements to part 74. Discussion held.

Coalition Meeting:

We had a day for the House members and then the Senate members. There was a good turnout at this reception. We are trying to keep the caucus going; however by the time they get everything on board they term limit out. Discussion held.

501 C4, Non Profit Corporation:

This is totally done. We have tax ID and incorporation number. It gives us guidelines as an organization. Discussion held.

Old Business:**50/50 license:**

We wanted to do a drawing. We filed with the state and they stated we could not because we are not affiliated with a national organization and we do not give money to non-profit organization. Discussion held.

Golf outing:

Was cancelled had only three teams signed up. Melissa will be trying to set up another one next spring or summer and have it at Deer Run. Melissa is not here at the meeting, so unsure what is going on.

New Business:

The elections for: Exec-VP, East-VP, North-VP, Member at large, VP-UP due to it is currently not filled. Mike Cousins is appointed by President Bigger to run the elections.

Elections held and the following have been appointed to the positions which are for Three (3) years Expires 2014.

Executive Vice President: Brian Blomstrom

Upper Peninsula Vice President: None nominated

Northern Vice President: Jesse Silva

East Vice President: Ray Wilson

Member at Large 3: Rick Beeler

Elections closed and all ballots will be destroyed.

Good of the Order / Idea Exchange:

Emergency Vehicle Driving- advisement from the training council. Member at large Evans requests the Board to direct this board to voice concern to it.

Location for next meeting:

The next meeting will be:

Monday December 12, 2012

1:00 PM

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department

6954 E. Broadway

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was entertained and second. (DuVall/Sehlmeyer)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm

Respectfully submitted

Rick VanHorn

MFSIA Secretary