



MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Saginaw Township Fire Dept. Station #1
Saginaw, MI
1:00 PM February 7, 2011**

Roll call of Officers:

Present: President Bigger, Exec. V.P. Blomstrom, Secretary VanHorn, Treasurer DuVall, V.P. Weber, V.P. Scrutchen, V.P. Wilson, Trustee Beeler, Trustee Evans, Trustee Nahgahgwon, and Trustee Sehlmeier.

Excused absences: V.P. Butler, and Past President Cousins.

Guests: Deward Beeler

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the 12/2/2010 minutes as written with the one correction. Approved and seconded and passed. (Blomstrom/Wilson)

Communications:

President Bigger stated the MFSA and the MEVEDA were holding a joint conference in Traverse City June 24th & 25th, 2011. Bill introduced on Sunday to the legislation on the check off box on your taxes. Fire service caucus luncheon, February 17th at the capitol building. Numerous bills being worked on by the legislation.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer DuVall reported that we currently have \$26,835.89 in our account with all bills paid up to that date as submitted. Discussion held and a motion to accept the treasures report. Approved and seconded and passed. (Nahgahgwon/Sehlmeier)

Standing Committee Reports:

Education/Scholarships:

VP Blomstrom reported on the scholarship recipient and was unsure if the check had been cut for her. VP Blomstrom got a hold of Mr. Armstrong and she did not receive a check. So Brian had Jim cut a check to Armstrong and get a hold of Melissa to see if the cut was sent. Melissa stated that the check had been sent, but she will look into it. We need to find out how we are to be reimbursed. (Blomstrom/Butler)

Application/Membership:

Secretary VanHorn reported that we currently have 132 members in good standing for 2011 member applications. Not all board members have paid.

Instructor of the Year:

VP Weber has not received any nominations yet. No other report. Discussion held. We need to get the information out.

Conference/Program:

VP Weber reported that there will be an all day Medical/Practical CEU's. Total cost will be \$800.00 for the instructors and \$100.00 for the room. This will be held the Thursday before the conference. Limited to 20 participants. These will be medical credits. The cost is \$75.00, includes lunch for just Thursday and if you go to the EMS and the conference the cost will be \$45.00 plus the conference costs. Not to go over \$200.00. This is intended for the conference participants. This is not setting the conference costs. Discussion held.

Web Report:

No web report.

Insurance:

The bill has been paid. Trustee Evans would like to have the full benefits on the web report. Discussion held.

Recruitment/Programs:

No Report.

Special Committees:**Joint Council:**

VP Blomstrom reported that the coalition members need to come to their meetings to explain what is going on. VP Blomstrom explained why that won't happen. They have not made any appointments yet.

OFFT & Training Council:

V.P. Blomstrom stated that they went over the instructor policy and to tweak it. They maintained that you are from a Michigan fire department. Some discussion on what the RTC's can and cannot teach. Long discussion held.

Coalition:

President Bigger gave a report on the coalition decide to not to go to each organization and brief any memberships. Discussion held.

Part 74 Committee:

VP Blomstrom reported that the committee did meet however they were discussing the possibility of not meeting because the State does not have any money. They did work on some parts of the part they worked on. Discussion held.

501 C4, Non Profit Corporation:

President Bigger needs signatures for the 501C4 paperwork.

Scholarship Committee:

Nothing to Report. VP Blomstrom was going to write a scholarship application for the person that a training budget could not handle but the person wanted to go to the conference. Discussion held.

Old Business:**Golf Outing / Fund raiser:**

Melissa is working on hosting a golf outing that will be a fund raiser for us. She is working hard on this and plans on an outing August 13 maybe the 27th, 2011. Unsure of the golf course, will be in the west Michigan area. Brian is working with Melissa on this.

New Business:**Appointments to the training council.**

Kevin Sehlmeier brought up the fact that not all the board was contacted to get comments about the three that were running. Kevin was very upset that there was no dialogue with everyone. He also felt that whether they will be able to work with Brian. Kevin thought the process was not good on how it was handled. The President stated that they were all running for the same office. He felt that it is appropriate for the information obtained. Discussion held.

Location for next meeting:

I sent around a list for signing up for meetings. Fill the schedule at the meeting.

The next meeting will be:

Monday, April 4, 2011

Meeting 1:00 PM

Bishop International Airport

G-3425 W. Bristol Rd.

Flint, MI 48507

Good of the Order / Idea Exchange:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was entertained and second. (Beeler/Sehlmeier)
The meeting was adjourned at 1530

Respectfully submitted
Rick VanHorn
MFSIA Secretary