



MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2018

Munday Township Fire Department

4011 W Hill Rd

Swartz Creek, MI 48473

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by President Bigger

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call of Officers:

President Bigger, VP Blomstrom, Secretary VanHorn, Treasurer Dean, East VP Wilson, South VP Wlosinski, West VP Cleveland, Members at Large, Dornbush,

Excused Absences:

UP VP Tracy, North VP Silva. Member at Large Parker, Pashkowsky, Johnson and Past President Cousins

Guests:

Rodney Scrutchen, Rob Ginther, Greg Ball, Marco Isome, Roger Davis, Eileen VanHorn

Guest Presentations (Preapproved, 5-minute time limit):

None

Minutes of last meeting:

Motion to approve the June minutes as written. (Cleveland / Blomstrom) Passed

Audience Forum/Comments (3minute time limit):

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dean Sent out the treasurer's report. Front cover page shows historical balances Chris formatted the report with Statements and then detailed expenditures. Most notable is that we are about \$7000.00 more than we were last year, almost \$10000.00 more than 2 years ago. There are a couple of bills outstanding. Everything is in line from previous standings. Motion on floor (Cleveland/Wlosinski) Passed

Standing Committees

Instructor of the Year (Wilson/Wlosinski/Blomstrom):

VP Wilson We have 2 nominations as of date. Blomstrom made motion to cutoff at the 2 applications we have, and for the regional awards to be accepted by September 15th. Seconded by Cleveland. UP, SW, & SE region submit names for awards. Discussion held. Motion passed.

Conference/Programs (Bigger/Blomstrom/Silva/Parker):

Pres. Bigger We are full on rooms. We are going to have a Keynote speaker. Some changes re the 2-hour calls which will be having same time as the MFFTC and MFSIA meetings. The NMFCA will be having a class for FSO. Discussion held. We have IC, EMS and Inspector credits available for this conference Golf outing will be on Wednesday last one for right know. Start at 1:30 pm.

Articles and By-Laws (Johnson/Wilson/Pashkowsky):

Jack and Don are still working on the wording for the Insurance. The Insurance company want different wording.. Discussion held.

Membership/Web Report: (VanHorn/ Johnson/Cleveland/Tracy):

VanHorn reported that we have 357 current members that includes Lifetime members with 34 brand new. I sent out 24 reminders of expiration from June. We have twelve groups of 10 or more now in the association. Last count we have 40 registrants for the conference. All board needs to registrar for the conference. Discussion Held.

Public Relations and Conference Advertising (Silva/ Tracy/Parker/Johnson)

Jack and myself have been pushed on Facebook. If anyone goes to the training council meeting to get a picture and send to Ray to post on the tabletop.

Education/Research/Development : (Pashkowsky/Dornbush/Cleveland):

No report.

Special Committees/Reports/Communications

Scholarship & IOY (Parker/Dornbush/Dean)

Dean stated that we have 1 application for scholarship Which closed July 31 of this year. This makes it very easy.

Joint Council (Wlosinski/Pashkowski)

Wlosinski reported they had one meeting. We are working on Bylaws for Joint Council. We are getting more response from the other organizations to get involved. Joint Council is scheduled to meet again in September. Discussion held.

OFFT & Fire Fighter Training Council (Blomstrom)

Blomstrom reported that the Council is meeting June 12th and the new chair is Chad Tackett. Training council is trying to spend the money that comes back to redistribute to counties that use it or the possibility purchasing a mannequin for each county and to provide training material for those counties need that type of thing for their academies. Recue Randy's have come up and the Fire Marshal is big on spending all the money this year so something like that is possible. Motion to increase the reimbursable rate to \$55.00 and that did pass. \$55.00 is not the payment rate for instructors, it is the reimbursable rate that the county is given to use or pay the instructor. It is up to the department or county to set their contractual fee to the instructors. The bare minimum each county will receive is \$17,500.00 which equals out to 1.45 million dollars. As of June, there was 6.1 million dollars in the fund. Fire Marshall reported that he has been doing townhall meetings encouraging people to spend their money. Next Training Council meeting is Tuesday and the agenda has not come out yet. If there are people that want to go to the conference and need the funds they can approach their county CTC and have them submit a request to reimbursement to FFTC. This has already been approved. Need to contact your CTC and State. Discussion held

Curriculum Committee (Wlosinski/Blomstrom)

VP Wlosinski reported that they have met a couple of weeks ago. Working on the computer testing for Fire I & II and looking at Fire Instructor I computer testing. Talked about the 25% off the questions being pulled and new ones put in the Fire I & II program. Has been brought up from the Fire Bureau that Electronic testing is coming. It will be up to the Course Manager to find the testing facility, start thing about. Implementation will be started 19-20 year. Brian reported on a round table on the implementation of which curriculum we would be using, it a 50/50 mix currently. The final will come from the Council. Recommendation from council to start looking at the rules and see what everybody's thinking and to submit their recommendations back to council. Look at PA Act 291 and all the other rules affect and are good for the fire service. Next meeting is August or September. Discussion Held.

Coalition (**Bigger/Blomstrom**)

President Bigger stated same outside of bills, they are trying to set up a 911 day at the capital again. Came out about 12 agencies, then they will split the cost between agencies. Since that meeting all the police associations wanted the fire coalition associations to pay for that. That did not get approved. Not sure it is going to happen. Met with DTE on response times on their response time in their organizations. Talk about the PFOS bills being attached to PA 291. Discussion held.

FSCC (**Dean**)

Treasurer Dean report there has been no meeting. Motion to take off agenda by VP Blomstrom/Treasurer Dean. Passed
Put on the agenda Prevention Task Force. All approved

Upper Peninsula Vice President (Tracy)

No Report

West Vice President (Cleveland)

No Report

East Vice President (Wilson)

No Report.

South Vice President (Wlosinski)

No Report Look at the meetings from next year to look at the Firemen's Memorial. 3rd weekend in September Couldn't get the support. Discussion Held.

North Vice President (Silva)

No Report

Treasurer (Dean)

No Report

Secretary (VanHorn)

This year we will do different color tags to make voting easier for at the conference. Salamander is up loading or data base into Salamander.

Executive Vice President (Blomstrom)

Last few month's as the organization have put on 2 McNeil Drive Training courses in the South and East and had approximately 30 – 32 people go through those. Handed out a bunch of handouts. Spent time on phone about EMS IC vs Instructor I, II, & III. I get calls, not that I'm on FFTC but I'm also on the MFSIA Board and have discussions because of that.

President (Bigger)

Don talked about the contracts for the instructors at the conference.

Talked about the up coming conferences in the new contract. Discussion Held

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting

October 26, 2018

1:00 PM

Park Place Hotel

300 E. State St.

Traverse City, MI 49684

Good of the Order

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Dean/Blomstrom).

Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary Rick VanHorn