



MICHIGAN FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**June 12, 2020
1:00 PM Phone Meeting**

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 1:15 pm by President Bigger

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call of Officers:

President Bigger, VP Blomstrom, Treasurer Dean, Secretary VanHorn, UP VP Vaught, (on Phone), East VP Wilson, South VP Wlosinski (on Phone), West VP Cleveland, Members at Large Parker, Dornbush, Carroll, Past President Cousins.

Excused Absences: North VP Silva and Members at Large Hubbard.

Guests:

Mantels, Pelton, C. Paige, C. Miller, Ginther, Eileen V., and Hammerberg.

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

None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda as noted (Blomstrom/Vaught) Passed

Minutes of last meeting:

Motion to approve the Feb 2, 2020

Cancelled meeting April 10/2020 minutes as written. (Blomstrom/Parker)

Audience Forum/Comments (3minute time limit): None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dean stated that we have \$45427.04 in the bank our Savings account has \$1797.24. Couple outstanding balances on the cards which comes from checking.

Card #1 has \$ 40.00, card #2 has \$0.00, Card #3 \$187.89. There are 2 bills waiting for payment as soon as we get the invoices, Provident and McNeil. Discussion held. Motion to accept report. (Parker/Cleveland) Passed

Standing Committees

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

VP Blomstrom stated that we do not have any applications as of this time. Discussion held.

Conference/Programs (Bigger/VanHorn/Cleveland):

Pres. Bigger It been hard working with the offices as they have a minimal staff. The hotel is open. Everything is filled up for the conference at this point. Have been getting class and bios in and forwarding to Rick and Mark. Rick has not received any from Don. Looking into this issue. Don has an email thing or something else. People last week where still getting rooms in our block. The biggest change is expected is we will have the Instructors meeting Friday Morning. We will have meeting and elections in the morning of Friday. Blomstrom is still planning on having a Train – the- Trainer for McNeil in Traverse and they are updating the material for the Train–the-Trainer. Discussion held.

Articles and By-Laws (Hubbard/Wilson/Blomstrom):

VP Blomstrom stated that Guy had them done and was going to send Brian an email, however he did not receive anything at this time. Discussion held.

Membership/Web Report: (VanHorn/Cleveland//Vaught):

VanHorn reported that we have 424 current members that includes Lifetime members. There are members that fall off due to expiration and some that renew membership, this is continually changing. Membership is holding good. Discussion Held.

Public Relations and Conference Advertising (Silva/ Carroll/Parker/Dornbush)

Member at Large Parker reported that they have nothing just trying to get the UP thing going. Discussion Held.

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

No Report

Special Committees

Deward Beeler Scholarship (Parker/Dornbush/Dean/Vaught)

Member at Large Parker had reported they have 1 scholarship application so far. Discussion held.

Joint Council (Wlosinski/Carroll)

Wlosinski reported they meet last week. There was a little discussion on the SE conference being cancelled for 2020. They are going to work with them to revise the Fire Expo, March 29, 30, &31, 2021. The other thing they are looking at are some off site classes. Ray cautioned the chair that the Instructors have a conference in December that their classes do not conflict with the Instructors Conference classes. Shaun Abbey is still working on a mental health summit and more information will be coming soon for that. Discussion held.

Fire Fighter Training Council (Blomstrom)

Blomstrom reported that the Council are meeting Tuesday. State Fire Marshall advised there are still positions open at the Bureau, however they are still on freeze due to COVID 19. Nothing is going to happen until August or October. Any issues from Region 1 or 2 at the present time go to Dan Hammerberg, TJ is still working there but only behind the scenes.

Council did approve \$80,000.00 the way that will work is that the Fireworks funding will come out in October 2020-2021 funding and the \$80,000.00 will be taken out of the account first and given to Joint Council for the Fire Expo Conference for speakers & logistics, cost of hall, etc. Much discussion on the Instructors side. Talked about the money that comes back in after January 1st. and its distribution. Very much discussion. Motion by Chris Dean Seconded by Don Bigger that the motion to the FFTC to fund the only Fire Service conference (MFSIA) for \$80,000.00, going on in the State of Michigan this year. It is paramount that we need this to make sure the **only** Fire Service Conference (MFSIA) is a success and we need extra money to make it happen. Suggestion from the other viewers of the meeting that you submit a letter of intent to the FFTC so you get put on the agenda or else you will be put into open public comments section which is at the end. FFTC adopted the outdated version of the Fire Investigations of the First Responder class. That class is now C01D because the new curriculum came out from the NFA. Email went out to the instructors for an update. 1 Q course was adopted. Before the meeting we had a rule meeting and they are in the last the piece which is reciprocity. Kevin's in a meeting with Pro-Board for language around for Pro-Board and State fire classes and will bring that back to council. There was a hybrid test request for Firefighter I & II. They are going to try a hybrid online class in the western part of the UP, lecture portions will be done online and do your Jones and Bartlett and then you get together to do your practical's. There is also going to be a RTC hybrid along the same lines that is offered to the RTC's to try that as well. This is not for any counties to try out. These are 2 pilot programs moving forward. Next training council meeting is August 11, 2020. Discussion held.

Curriculum Committee (Wlosinski/Blomstrom)

VP South VP stated they the Fire Officers examine to make sure all the questions appeared in the book and certified that examine. We have been put on hold until we get direction with the rules and stuff like that. Discussion Held.

Coalition (Bigger/Blomstrom/)

Pres. Bigger reported that they are meeting the same way we are meeting right now. Biggest thing that happened is the current chairman Coffman resigned from the position, Andy Fowle is going to be temporary chairman. Not sure how long he will be chair as he is retiring. Some changes going on with that. That was the last virtual meeting. We didn't have a Kelley Cawthorne meeting prior we just had the Coalition. Discussion held.

Public Assemblage Ad Hoc (Cleveland /Cousins)

West VP Cleveland stated it has not resurfaced or move forward in the legislature.

Reports/Communications

Upper Peninsula Vice President

Vaught

We are rescheduling classes that were put on hold. Trying to get an actual Fire academy rescheduled as well as some of the other specialty classes like the basement fire class thru ISFI. Digging thru the paperwork trying to get things rescheduled.

West Vice President

Cleveland

No Report

East Vice President

Wilson

No report

South Vice President

Wlosinski

No report

North Vice President

No report

Silva**Treasurer**

No report

Dean**Secretary**

No report

VanHorn**Executive Vice-President****Blomstrom**

The McNeil thing they have been taking in ideas and are updating their program. Hoping that the State remains on Zoom meetings for the Rules meeting, however when things get back together, they will want us to meet in Lansing again.

President**Bigger**

Decker and Provident worked on and came out with a liability plan that covers other Fire associations or organized fire or County groups. 1 Million dollars per occurrence, 3 Million dollars per year. This does not include membership to MFSIA because each instructor need more coverage and you still need to be a member of the MFSIA Association. The policy was about \$1200.00. Talk to Brian as he currently has one tabled with his county. If you would like this get ahold of Kevin or talk to Brian. Trying to get ahold of Guy so we can get them on the web site.+

Old Business**New Business****Next Meeting Location.**

August 14, 2020
Saginaw Twp. Fire Dept #3
Saginaw, MI

Good of the Order

Wishing that all the Board members all have Gmail emails. Chris will be taking care of that.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Wlosinski/Vaught). Motion Passed
Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary Rick VanHorn