



## **NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

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### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – March 4, 2020**

Granite Restaurant, Centennial Hotel, Concord, NH.

Meeting was called to order at 0832 hours by Chief Buxton.

**Present:** Chiefs Buxton, Jones, Rhodes, Beattie, Sitar, Thomas, Howard, and Toomey, Marshal Parisi and Executive Director Brent Lemire.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the February 5 meeting were deferred until the next meeting.

**Financial Reports:** 2020 budget was discussed.

**Correspondence:** n/a

**Life Membership:** n/a

#### **President's Report: (Buxton)**

- He asked about issues on the website and the steps taken to address them.
- He mentioned that Kevin LaChapelle will be retiring at the end of the month.
- Jo Scanlon is the new Medical Director at FST/EMS. She is from the Elliot.
- FF I curriculum is almost complete. Some reduction in hours based on relevance. More info will be released later. The committee will be addressing it then on to the Commission. The Wildland Firefighting section will be a stand -alone Discussion ensued.
- He mentioned that the Nominating Committee should be reporting shortly. He solicited interest.
- Discussion ensued about the budget and Treasurer position. We look to incur a deficit and we're only realizing it now. We need to identify additional fundraising sources. A MOTION (Beattie/Rhodes) – to approve sending 3 members to CFSI in April, carried unanimously.

#### **Report of the Executive Director:**

Next week's meeting will be at Alan's of Boscawen. Please sign up to attend ASAP. Commissioners Barthelmes and Quinn will attend.

- The Legislative Breakfast was a success.
- The Annual Meeting/Vendor Showcase again at the same location on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Kirk and I have been discussing professional development. He will detail.
- CFSI will be April 29-May 1, 2020. I would like to make hotel reservations at the earliest date.
- We have committed to partnering with Primex again on their Mt. Washington conference. The days are different this year and will be Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 and 20. Our meeting will be on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Red Jacket has been reserved for our 2020 Professional Enhancement Weekend on Nov. 6-8

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Chief Jones) –**

- He spoke about the successful vote to merge the organizations and how the logistics may play out.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report (Rhodes) – (n/r)**

**Sgt.- At- Arms Report – (Sitar) –**

- Applications for credentialed officer have gone out and are being submitted.

**Treasurer – (Christopoulos) – n/a**

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

Chief Thomas attended the ACEPS meeting where the HazMat grant and class was discussed.

**Good and Welfare:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1024 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent T. Lemire, Executive Director  
New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs