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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – March 6, 2019

Granite Restaurant, Concord, NH

Meeting was called to order at 0841 hours by Chief Buxton.

Present: Chiefs Buxton, Jones, Sitar, LaChappelle, Carrier, Beattie, Fraitzl, Achilles, Marshal Parisi and Executive Director Brent Lemire.

Minutes of previous meeting: A MOTION (Sitar/Jones) to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019 carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: (n/a)

Correspondence: (none)

Interim President's Report: (Buxton)

- Discussion ensued on committee vacancies: MCI Committee – MOTION (LaChappelle/Beattie) to appoint Deputy Chief Scott Tice of Hudson as voting member and Chief Mark Howard of Keene as alternate, carried unanimously. EMS Trauma Coordination Board – MOTION (LaChappelle/Jones) to appoint Deputy Chief Brian Allard of Goffstown, carried unanimously. E-911 Commission: MOTION (LaChappelle/Jones) to appoint Chief Henry Thomas of Newbury, carried unanimously.
- The Audit and Budget Committees will be up and running shortly.
- HazMat grants were awarded yesterday. He described the awards and the locations.
- He described HB 2 (Governor's budget). He described a \$750K funding for FF physicals but at the end of the biennium from contingency. Also included was money for North Country fire department extractors.
- Hearings on the Fire Code begin next Wednesday, March 13.
- The 541 Sub Committee meetings with Primex are working and will be releasing the report shortly.
- Discussion ensued on the IRS letter received closing our case. Danais and Danais are supposed to be handling it. Chief Fraitzl described the work done so far.

Derek from the company called Frank to tell him that he will make contact with the IRS for clarification. Frank will set up a meeting with them.

- Legislative Breakfast is April 3. We need to start working on talking points.
- He asked Chief LaChapelle to explain the proposal from First Responder Grants to sponsor a class on grant writing. Tabled for now.
- He spoke on the TEMSIS program update and that they may not bridge the information. Director Pendergast is working on it.
- Received draft plan from Rick Alpers from PRIMEX. Will forward to BOD.
- He mentioned conversations with Commissioners on filling Comm. Barthelmes vacancy.
- Marshal Parisi reported that the bill on Sober Housing was retained in Committee yesterday. Opportunity for amending exists.

Report of the Executive Director:

- The March meeting will include corned beef and cabbage dinner at Alan's of Boscawen (our breakfast caterer). The cost will be \$27 (all inclusive). Commissioner Barthelmes will be recognized and Congresswoman Kuster will attend and share information from DC. Commissioners Quinn and Bailey will attend also.
- Work is continuing on our annual meeting/vendor display for April, 11, 2019. We will again be at the Falls Event Center in Manchester.
- The Legislative Breakfast is being scheduled and may be on the 3rd of April, but it turns out to be the last day of the NEDIAFC conference in Providence.
- May meeting will again be at the Mt. Washington Hotel on May 16 (note change) in conjunction with Primex. We are working on sponsors and speakers.
- Work is also being done to bring back the Professional Enhancement Weekend for members, spouses and guests. It will be at the Red Jacket Mountainview in North Conway on Veteran's Day weekend in November. Plan ahead because we need a minimum of 50 participants.
- Work is being done on the state map of NHAFC members.
- I am working on completing and RFP for lobbying services for the organization.
- Association patches are available for sale at \$3.00 each.

Marshal Parisi left the meeting at 1000.

Interim 1st Vice President's Report (Chief Carrier) –

- He spoke of a new committee (FFI working group). Needs volunteer to work with him on it. There is a big push from the North Country to reduce hours. The goal is to develop a plan and recommendation from the NHAFC. Chiefs Andrus and Clark are interested. Chief Sitar suggested that his Deputy (Joubert) would also be interested in serving on the committee.

2nd Vice President's Report (Jones) –

- He spoke of the status of legislation. Chief Buxton added informational items.

Sgt. At Arms Report – (LaChapelle) – He will be meeting with Rich Eller and Chief Buxton on the presentation at the Annual Meeting. He requested that our roll out of the Strategic Plan happen first so that he can work off that.

Treasurer – (Christopoulos) – (no report)

New Business:

Old Business: Chief Achilles reported that he has a draft design of the pin for Credentialed Fire Chiefs once they complete the process. Exec. Director Lemire will be the contact point for the process which will require filing a form and remitting a fee. A MOTION (Sitar/Jones) to appropriate \$1,000 to purchase the first batch of pins carried unanimously. Chief Achilles will meet with Chief Sitar and ED Lemire on the process.

Good and Welfare: He spoke of issues with the Sec/Treas. of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs.

Deputy Marshal Toomey arrived at 1027 and reported on two bills that he had attended hearings for.

The meeting was adjourned at 1042 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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