



NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – May 1, 2019

Granite Restaurant, Concord, NH

Meeting was called to order at 0842 hours by Chief Buxton.

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

Minutes of previous meeting: A MOTION (Rhodes/Beattie) to approve the minutes of March 6, 2019 carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: (n/a)

Correspondence: (n/a)

President's Report: (Buxton)

- He welcomed the new members to the board and thanked them for their service. He believes that we now have the most diverse board yet.
- He asked for feedback from the Annual Meeting. Mostly positive on the speaker and the vendors were quite pleased.
- He shared structural information with the new members of the board. Chief Rhodes will be coordinating the legislative process. He stated that we all need to share in the process during the year. Chief Sitar will handle the raffles, etc. He mentioned the Strategic Plan and the Credentialing Plan.
- The NHPFAB (EMS) project was discussed. The process seems disjointed. Chief Rhodes is looking for a replacement on the committee (June board meeting). Chief Beattie will cover him June 6.
- SB 59 discussion ensued (PTSD). Amendments/trailers added to bill of late. PFFNH now wants presumption added to bill. Not a clear path at this point.
- Budget meeting planned for May 13 at 1100 hours before symposium meeting at Primex.
- He spoke of the items in the strategic plan that need to be accomplished.
- He would like to work to streamline the meetings and asked for agenda items a week in advance.

Marshal Parisi shared that the Building Code Review Board and the Board of Fire Control met and agreed that the Fire Code bill with the floor protection will take effect in 18 months. Quest is to have all stakeholders on the same page.

He also reported that the House ED and A committee approved the bill unanimously. Senate ED and A will work on concurrence today.

Report of the Executive Director:

- May meeting at the Mt. Washington Hotel is on track. We have 4 major sponsors.
- The June 13 meeting is all set at the LRCC. There will be a presentation and discussion on the FF program.
- July 11 will be at the Atlantic Grill in Rye.
- The August 15 meeting will be hosted by Berlin and held at the Town and Country Resort in Shelburne. Golf opportunities available for both July and August.
- September 12 will be back at the Academy for a breakfast meeting.
- Work is done on 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, November 9-11, 2019. Plan ahead because we need a minimum of 50 participants.
- On May 7 Shawn and I will be reviewing a proposal for a new website.

1st Vice President's Report (Chief Jones) –

- He thanked Chief Buxton for his support in the legislative activities last year.
- NEAFC board is meeting next week. Conference in June.

2nd Vice President's Report (Rhodes) –

- He spoke of the "Hub and Spoke" program issues that affect all of us. The issues that are surfacing now are with alcohol abuse and treatment.

Sgt.- At- Arms Report – (Sitar) –

- He asked for input on Professional Development for meetings.
- He also has left over apparel for sale.

Treasurer – (Christopoulos) – (no report)

New Business:

- Chief Buxton spoke of the new commissioners at Safety and how we will be interacting with them. Members shared some frustration over issues emanating from the Academy.

Old Business:

Good and Welfare:

The meeting was adjourned at 1029 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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