

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 1995
Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company

The Special Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company. The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Vice President Davis. He introduced the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of: L. B. Thompson, 1962-63; D. E. Kirk, 1963-64; G. A. Glaubitz 1970-71; R. L. Wood 1973-74; E. E. Dunn, 1976-77; C. B. Burton, 1979-80; L. T. King, 1985-86; C. D. Carpenter, 1986-87; J. R. Robison, 1989-90; W. J. Fleshman, 1992-93; and R. L. Yinger, 1994-95. The Vice President then recognized Sharon Worthington, President LAMSFA.

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Mooney, who addressed the group by stating the purpose of the meeting, that being to make changes with the budgetary process and other proposed constitution and by-laws changes. He then introduced Joan Robison who made a proposal for the LOSAP Committee.

She spoke on the duties of the committee, suggested to change name to Incentive Programs Committee. She gave a proposed outline for responsibilities, set up similar to Legislative Committee with each county to select representative. Attorney Powell gave opinion on subject. The following motion was made by Richard Yinger and seconded by George Blanco:

MOTION: To turnover proposal to the Constitution and By-laws Committee, to change name of LOSAP Information Committee to the Incentive Programs Committee and make it a standing committee. Verbal vote taken, motion passed.

A proposal was made to create a position of Financial Secretary. Discussion, may require change to charter. The following motion was made by Roy Wood and seconded by Paul Sterling:

MOTION: To create the office of a Financial Secretary.

Secretary King drafted a letter of concern reference the position in which he gave background information, he further stated the reasoning for writing the letter. The Secretary stated he and Assistant Secretary Robert Jacobs have been in contact with Nations Bank who has regional offices in Deale, Frederick, and Cumberland, for the purposes of them setting up an account without service charges. Discussion by many on the pros and cons of position, question on designating a Financial Secretary in lieu of electing one. Chairman Mooney restated the motion to establish the position of Financial Secretary, asked for amendment either by election or appointment, motion withdrawn. The following motion was made by Roy Wood and seconded by Richard Brooks:

MOTION: To establish an elected office of Financial Secretary. Hand vote taken with 8 for and 2 against, motion passed.

The Chairman turned over the proposal to the Constitution and By-laws Committee for wording. The next topic for discussion was the budget process. The Chairman requested a motion. The following motion was made by Richard Yinger and seconded by Mike Robinson:

MOTION: To revise the entire budget of the MSFA. Hand vote taken with 10 for and 1 against, motion passed.

The Chairman turned this proposal over to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Chairman Mooney read paper from 5 Year Planning Committee, which made some recommendations. Vice President Cox spoke on make up of proposal, proposal will have annual continuity. The following motion was made by Herman Rhue and seconded by George Blanco:

MOTION: To raise the number sitting on the Budget Committee from 7 to 10, with three appointments each year. Hand vote taken with 1 for and 9 against, motion failed.

The following motion was made by Paul Sterling and seconded by Richard Yinger:

MOTION: To accept proposed makeup of 6 members, 2 to be named each year for terms of three years, and the Treasurer to serve as a voting Ex-Officio member. Hand vote taken with 10 for and 0 against, motion passed.

Procedures were discussed, reviewed the recommendation from 5 Year Planning Committee of the Budget Committee duties. The following motion was made by Richard Yinger and seconded by Francis Jester:

MOTION: To accept proposed Article G - Committee Duties as written, however, delete wording "concurrence", and add "Executive Committee" for final approval. Hand vote taken with 10 for and 0 against, motion passed.

Chairman asked for discussion on setting timetable for the budget and change of fiscal year. The following motion was made by Roy Wood and seconded by Mike Robinson:

MOTION: To change the MSFA Fiscal Year to start at July 1 and end on June 30, beginning July 1, 1996.

Discussion consisted of an opinion from Treasurer, may need to change audit dates in book, Auditing Committee sees no problem with time frame, question arose reference size of the by-law change package, call for the question.

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Hand vote taken with 10 for and 1 against, motion passed.

More discussion on implementation of process. Need to establish time frame for transition, be worked together by Constitution and By-laws and Budget Committees now. Additional discussion on two budgets being submitted.

Chairman Mooney thanked all for their input into the meeting reference the budgetary changes which was one of his goals for the year. He asked for any thing further to be addressed.

President's Car Committee Chairman Jenks Mattingly brought discussion on new car. The committee has an opportunity to purchase a 1995 model from a dealer, at \$6,000 less than anticipated cost of waiting for new model. The following motion was made by Paul Sterling and seconded by Richard Yinger:

MOTION: To authorize the committee to proceed with purchase of new car, and if need be, to purchase it now. Hand vote taken with 9 for and 0 against, motion passed.

Chairman Mooney thanked the Earleigh Heights VFC for their hospitality. The meeting was adjourned 1130 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
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J. Edward Cross
Robert Jacobs
Gene Worthington