

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 1996
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND

A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee was held on February 25, 1996, at the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company. The meeting was called to order by President George A. "Fred" Cross, Jr., followed by the invocation from Father Newman and the pledge to the flag.

President Cross reported that Past President Les Thompson was back in the hospital with chest pains. He then introduced President Bannister from Cockeysville for the welcome. Past Presidents in attendance included: D. E. Kirk, 63-64; R. L. Wood, 73-74; E. F. Preston, 74-75; C. B. Burton, 79-80; L. T. King, 85-86; C. D. Carpenter, 86-87; C. W. Riley, 83-84; J. R. Robison, 89-90; B. J. Smith, 91-92; and W. J. Fleshman, 92-93. The President also introduced other guests who were in attendance.

President Cross spoke in reference to dinner theater outing. Toby's is sold out, Timonium available on Tuesday nights, will reserve the night for MSFA with minimum of 200 people, ticket costs approximately \$25. He then asked for any interest from the group. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by G. Blanco:

MOTION: TO PURSUE THE TIMONIUM DINNER THEATRE FOR A TUESDAY NIGHT IN APRIL OR MAY WITH TICKETS COSTING \$25.00. Passed.

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Mooney who asked the Transportation Committee for a report on the FD Tags. Vice Chairman Danny Carpenter reported that the cutoff date for current tags is March 15, new packages will be put together on April 6 for mailing to individual companies who will have until May 18 to validate listing and return to county coordinators. These will then be turned over to MVA in blocks of 500 for processing. New tags will then be mailed directly to the individual tag holder. The process will involve tag holders to fill out MSFA tag form and VR124 for MVA for each vehicle registered. The Transportation Committee will be doing the sorting and assign tag numbers. Past Presidents will be receiving their year tags, low number tags will be distributed to the elected and appointed officers of MSFA. Various questions asked with discussion for clarification.

Announcement made reference sale of centennial book from Cockeysville VFC. Roy Wood reported on proposed funeral arrangements of Bruce Zembower.

Chairman Mooney stated the purpose of meeting, that being the MIEMSS proposed legislation, and asked for a report from the EMS committee. Chairman Mooney personally thanked Charlie Wills and Lee Sachs for their participation in the statewide meetings. Chairman Wills proceeded to report giving statistics from the geographical meetings, format at each was same, outlined the report, stated recommendations presented and opposition from Prince George's County and Southern Maryland.

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Lee Sachs presented suggestions that were provided during the meetings. Charlie then read from petition provided to him that stated support of the bill. He also read from a letter of support received from B-CC Rescue Squad.

Dr. Bass and John Murphy from MIEMSS were asked to make comments. He thanked the EMS committee for their efforts over the past month. He then spoke reference comments from the various meetings. He would ask for AG opinion in respect to licensure/certification if requested.

Gene Curfman asked question reference CPR that was a comment. Lee presented concern on fee schedule for future providers. Charlie Riley read from the bill reference same. Joan Robison presented view reference fees, further discussion from PG County rep requesting the bill be withdrawn. Lee responded with better clarification of the pier group which was asked for by MSFA. Question arose about the instructor certification ruling from the AG office in reference to change in law. Richard Brooks provided some insight in comparisons to nurse training and teacher instruction. Bill Cooke posed question from page 12 to Dr. Bass who responded by stating programs standards and protocols are in place. Joe Robison questioned what's wrong, read from the bill starting line 1052, intense discussion ensued. Ed Woods gave numbers on voting at regional meetings, would like to look at bill longer. Gene Curfman stated that Carroll County reps favored the legislation and did not attend the meeting.

Dr. Bass again gave an overview of Physicians Quality Care Board with purpose of making existing situations better, sorry it put personnel at such odds. Bill Cooke suggested that mailing go out to individual providers for input. Danny Carpenter expressed that the bill should be tabled, withdrawn and take a closer look. He feels there will be problems in Annapolis due to the lack of statewide support. Roy Wood asked Dr. Bass about the time frame and the involvement of MSFA during the drafting of legislation, gave opinion of process. Chairman Mooney gave overview of meetings and motions that brought the Executive Committee to today's meeting, gave opinion on procedure to reconsider motion made on licensure/certification. The following motion was made by D. Carpenter and seconded by R. Wood:

MOTION: TO WITHDRAW BILL FOR THIS YEAR, CLEAN IT UP, AND IF MIEMSS WOULD LIKE TO CLEAN IT UP AND RE-SUBMIT NEXT YEAR WITH SOME OF THE CHANGES AND ISSUES THAT THE EMS COMMITTEE HAS HEARD ACROSS THE STATE. Hand vote taken, 6 yea, and 4 nea. Motion passed.

Charlie Riley spoke on chances of legislation passing in Annapolis, will probably fail, praised Dr. Bass for working with MSFA, will endorse if MSFA approves motion. Richard Brooks stated that the numbers presented by the EMS committee are bad due to lack of inclusion by those who are in favor of the proposed legislation and did not attend the regional meetings. More discussion from many.

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Roger Steger asked if something could be done at the convention to poll individual providers. John Murphy spoke on hearing schedule, will take motion passed by the Executive Committee back to the EMS Board, not sure what will happen due to so much misinformation and lack of understanding.

Danny Carpenter clarified his position. Lee Sachs gave opinion that there will be opposition whenever there is change. President Cross reported that five counties were not notified, shows the lack of communication, asked for guidance on testimony of bill. Richard Brooks asked Charlie Riley question reference the support signature papers, what is going to happen in Annapolis your projection if you start to see a binder of these petitions show up with sufficient numbers of ALS and BLS providers that says we don't have a representative group but here I have 10,000 signatures across the state that says this is good legislation. Mr. Riley stated he feels this association represents everybody. Charlie Wills made a statement that he had traveled all over the state and had been welcomed, personally feels that one county needs an adjustment. During attendance at the meeting at Berwyn Heights, every other word from several speakers made reference to "road doctors," there needs to be mutual respect by all.

Question was asked about flyers for Days Inn at Ocean City at convention, Leonard responded. Leonard further stated that the Director of Ocean City Convention Center resigned.

VP Steve Cox addressed the group about the upcoming budget meeting at Hollywood on March 10 at 9 AM. Also articles have presented wrong interpretation of income tax incentive in effect. The State Income Tax Incentive is for tax year 1996 which means filing after January 1, 1997. He also reported on an article in Fire Engineering Magazine, on NFPA 1500 minimum staffing requirements of two in and two out and enforcement by OSHA.

Charlie Riley gave update on funding and legislation in Annapolis, hearing on budget went well, 65 bills effecting the emergency services, concern about bills being introduced by local legislators without knowledge of the Legislative Committee.

Chairman Mooney thanked those in attendance, Father Newman gave the dismissal. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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