

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**June 19, 1997  
Ocean City, Maryland**

The Executive Committee meeting was held at the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company's Headquarters Station on Thursday, June 19, 1997. The meeting was called to order by President C. Daniel Davis, Jr., at 1400 hours. Assistant Chaplain Hetz read scripture, gave the opening prayer followed by the pledge to the flag. President Davis gave his welcome, made some general comments, and recognized those Past Presidents in attendance and guests. The next few minutes of the meeting were not recorded due to microphone problems. Craig Coleman gave an update on the condition of D. Mooney and thanked everyone for their support during the recent election. Mark Bilger thanked everyone for their support during the recent election. The President turned the meeting over to Executive Committee Chair Dan Carpenter who made some opening remarks.

Auditing Committee - Chairman Purdy announced that the audit will be held on July 29 at the Citizens Truck Company in Frederick starting at 0900 hours.

Convention Committee - Chairman King thanked all for their assistance in performance of their duties associated with the convention. He presented future convention dates that included June 14-17, 1998. He reported that 1,700 attended the Beach Party, 1,540 attended the Picnic, 254 attended the Prayer Breakfast, and 414 entries in the Parade. He updated everyone on the construction and renovations of the Convention Center and thanked the Prince George's County Fire Department, the Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, the Baltimore County Fire Department, and the Anne Arundel County EMS, Fire and Rescue Department for their assistance, cooperation, and support in various areas of the convention.

President's Vehicle Committee - J. Mattingly was asked if the President had the new car. Discussion pursued about the payment.

Ways & Means Committee - Chairman Means gave a preliminary report of the Annual Raffle of \$22,699.00 as profit. He requested the authority to print the raffle tickets for next year. The following motion was made by P. Sterling and seconded by H. Rhue:

**MOTION: To authorize the printing for the 1998 \$10,000.00 Raffle pending budget approval. Motion Passed.**

Special Activities Committee - Chairperson L. Woods reported on a successful year with deposits of \$13,683 from the sales at the convention. She provided some recommendations for review.

Budget & Revenue Committee - Chairman Fabiszak presented the budget again for 1997-98 for consideration. The following motion was made by S. Cox and seconded by L. Sachs:

**MOTION: To set the travel allowance as presented by the Budget & Revenue Committee. Motion Passed.**

The following motion was made by C. Jewell and seconded by S. Cox:

**MOTION: To approve the 1997-98 budget as presented by the Budget & Revenue Committee. Motion Passed.**

Several requests were made for the Budget & Revenue Committee to distribute guidance on the mileage and overnight reimbursement policy to all committee chairpersons.

Board of Review - The Board presented an application for approval from the Ewell Volunteer Fire Department for a grant of \$125,000.00 with matching funds of \$5,000.00 to purchase a new engine. The following motion was made by R. Steger and seconded by G. Blanco:

**MOTION: To concur with the recommendation of the Board of Review for a grant of \$125,000.00 for the Ewell Volunteer Fire Department for a new engine. Motion Passed.**

Trustees - Chairman Riley stated that the Trustees met and elected the following officers: C. Riley, Chairman; O. Baker, Vice Chairman; C. Carpenter, Secretary. He then read from a prepared letter by the Trustees reference line of duty death claims, discussion on new legislation needed.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee - Chairman Fleshman stated that the committee has a desperate need for some word processing equipment.

H. Rhue asked how many companies did not vote on the second ballot during the election. H. Purdy replied that 28 companies did not exercise their voting right on the second ballot. P.P. F. Cross gave the oath of office to members of the Executive Committee who were not sworn in during the convention.

Chairman Carpenter asked members who did not have badges to state same. He then opened discussion on the payment of the new car. P. P. Cox reported on problems from last year, recommends payment within ten days. Discussion on need for invoice before payment can be made. The following motion was made by C. Jewell and seconded by J. Ranson:

**MOTION: That we pay for the vehicle, that the check be sent within 7 days, with or without an invoice based on the documentation requested by the Treasurer. Motion to table by R. Brooks and seconded by L. D' Camera, hand vote taken with 6 yea and 3 nea. Motion Tabled.**

New Business - L. Sachs updated everyone on the survey reference IRS, with probably 70% of the companies involved, needs to be agenda item for next meeting.

President Davis summarized the activities of the meeting and then addressed other issues that he will be following. Assistant Chaplain Hetz offered the benediction. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary  
Leonard T. King, P.P.  
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