

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 1999

Ocean City Convention Hall

The Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Ocean City Convention Center on Wednesday, June 16, 1999. The meeting was called to order at 1315 hours by President Carl B. Edelin, Jr. Chaplain Dixon gave the opening prayer followed by the pledge to the flag.

President Edelin gave his welcome, recognized the Past Presidents in attendance consisting of Tom Tharp, Joe Robison, Gerald Glaubitz, Roy Wood, Leonard King, Oscar Baker, Bob Shimer, Bob Cumberland, Clarence Carpenter, Charlie Riley, Richard Yinger, Bob Dempsey, Danny Davis, Ed Preston Phil Hurlock, Bernie Smith, Fred Cross, Charlie Burton, Steve Cox, and Robert Knippenburg.

The President provided copy of the dates for this years executive committee meetings. August 7 at Damascus, Oct 8-9 Second District, Dec 4-5 Betterton, Feb 5-6 North East, April 8-9 Mount Savage, June 18 Ocean City. The President then recognized the Sgt of Arms committee for their work during the convention, requested the Secretary to write a letter to chair thanking him. He then presented the organizational structure chart for the coming year. He then showed the call down sheet depicting responsibilities for notification when required. He then thanked Leonard King and the Convention Committee for the success of the convention, Leonard provided comments. The President requested the Executive Committee members go back to their associations, find out their interests and needs for legislation and to report at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

First Vice President Steger thanked all for their support, here to work with all.

Second Vice President Mattingly also thanked all for their support, stressed working together.

Treasurer Saville spoke on the raffle prize winners.

Chaplain Dixon reminded all to pick up the deceased pictures.

Financial Secretary Jacobs requested receipts be turned in by end of month.

President Edelin introduced those guests in attendance which included, Betty Grabenstein, President of the LA.

Chairman Paul Sterling opened the business meeting, made opening comments.

President Edelin introduced the Trustees, Clarence Carpenter, Charlie Riley, Donald Knauer, Bob Shimer.

CONVENTION: Chairman Leonard King highlighted the activities, somewhat disappointed down 7 vendors, attendance down in the hall at all sessions, down about 25 departments on registration.

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He then spoke on some highlights, thanks to the Westminster band, June 18-21, 2000 next convention. Please update your pictures for the convention and proceedings books. Concern was raised about program books in the packets, some this year only had two, will provide five next year. Reminder to all that packet info must be on stage by 8AM Sunday morning. Concern was raised reference the vendor signs, will investigate. Concern was addressed about the quality of food by convention hall contract.

WAYS AND MEANS: Chairman John Means stated that he still has a deposit to make, numbers are close to last year.

PRESIDENT'S CAR: Chairman Bill Clark spoke on the insurance policy for the autos. Six agencies were contacted, four submitted proposals, committee recommends to consider the VFIS at \$1,968, the trailer for additional \$75. Bill Clark further spoke on recommendations made by the agents. Discussion around agreed value vs. replacement value, no committee recommendation. The following motion was made by Steve Hales and seconded by Lee Sachs:

MOTION that we accept the recommendation of the committee including the addendum to the agreed value and to pay the premium for the trailer. discussion.

MOTION to amend to register the vehicles as emergency vehicles, by Steve Hales, discussion, no second, amendment dies. Further discussion to the original motion, voice vote taken, unanimous, motion carried.

President Edelin requested dates for policy, July 1 effective date.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Chairman Laura Woods presented a written report, stated another successful year, will continue to sell throughout year. The committee has adopted the following policy: the special activities committee will not accept for sale, storage, display, or disposal, in any manner, any property that has not been acquired thru the normal committee channels.

MEMORIAL: Chairman Don Mooney spoke on the model on display.

Jack Gosnell requested the Secretary write to Gosnell Insurance and tell exactly when to cancel the policy.

Bob Shimer asked if the MSFA has made any commitment to contribute to the foundation, Mooney response, MSFA owes nothing at this time, given enough financial support.

OUT OF STATE COORDINATOR: Chairman Steve Cox announced he will be identifying the dates of the various meetings and conferences.

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BUDGET & REVENUE: Chairman Paul Fabiszak reported on the goodwill account definition. The following motion was made by Lee Sachs and seconded by Steve Hales:

MOTION to adopt budget as presented. no discussion, voice vote taken, unanimous, motion carried.

Richard Brooks spoke on the motion presented on convention floor by Skip Massey. Skip spoke on the vendors being open during the memorial service. Others voiced concerns and suggestions reference same. The following motion was made by Lee Sachs:

MOTION that we establish a new policy which is that the exhibits be open if the memorial service is full. no second, motion dies.

The following motion was made by Lee Sachs and seconded by George Blanco:

MOTION that the exhibits be left open during the memorial service. discussion, Chairman Sterling ruled motion out of order.

Discussion continued about the exhibitors being open during the memorial service.

PP Knippenburg requested Oscar Baker be recognized for his many years as Trustee. Questions were asked to the parliamentarian about motions made on the convention floor. Chairman Sterling ruled that all the discussion is to be referred back to the Convention Committee.

President Edelin made closing remarks, asked trustees to report.

TRUSTEES: Chairman Riley stated the officers as follows: Charles Riley, chair, Bob Shimer, vice chair, Clarence Carpenter, secretary.

Reverend Dixon asked all to pick up resolutions, provided prayer for benediction. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
Leonard T. King, P.P.
J. Edward Cross
Gene Worthington
Charles B. Burton, P.P.