

MARYLAND STATE FIREMENS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2002
Ocean City, Maryland

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 0830 hours by President Charles Jenks Mattingly at the Ocean City Convention Center in Ocean City Maryland. Chaplain Dixon gave the opening prayer for the success of the upcoming meeting and convention, and led the group in the Pledge to the flag. Steve Hales welcomed the group to Ocean City. President Mattingly introduced the Past Presidents in attendance as: R. Adkins (65-66), T. Reynolds (71-72), E. Preston (74-75), O. Baker (78-79), C. Riley (83-84), L. King (85-86), C. Carpenter (86-87), R. Cumberland (87-88), R. Shimer (88-89), J. Robison (89-90), T. Mattingly (90-91), B. Smith (91-92), P. Hurlock (93-94), R. Yinger (94-95), S. Cox (96-97), D. Davis (97-98), R. Knippenburg (98-99), C. Edelin (99-00), R. Steger (00-01). ~~Trustees in attendance were: R. Shimer, C. Riley, C. Carpenter, P. Hurlock, and J. Means.~~ Guests in attendance ~~included were: LA President N. Ryan and others, Sr V.P. R. Maher, Jr V.P. ClaraMae Buckmaster, Chaplain L. Hetz, Miss F.P. Heidi Johnson, 1st Runner up Miss F.P. Katie Vann, Fire Marshal W. Bernard, DNR M. Mitchell, Shock Trauma J. Spearman and Brenda Fosler, MIEMSS Dr. Bass, PG County Chief Blackwell, Fire Marshall R. Thomas, and MIEMSS A. Teohanis, Pa Assn. President (and Board member Bill Loch), and the President of the Va. Fire Association.~~

—**President** Mattingly thanked the officers and the members of the Executive Committee, Chairman D. Cox, ~~Committee Chairmen~~, and everyone that has welcomed him and his wife this past year.

First —**Vice President** Worthington discussed this past year and his work with President Mattingly and V.P. Thompson, and their decisions with the events of this past year. He thanked everyone for the hospitality and fellowship given to him and his wife wherever they went. He read the stats for the hours, miles, and events he attended this year and looks forward to the many events and the challenges that await him this coming year.

—**Second Vice President** Thompson discussed the events of the Association and the officers, and thanked everyone for the welcome to his wife and him during the many events of this past year. He congratulated President Mattingly for a good year. He discussed the recent events involving the situation with PG County regarding the career and volunteers. He said there is still a lot of work to be done and we will do it.

—**LA-MSFA President** N. Ryan thanked the officers and the Association for their help and cooperation this past year.

Secretary King thanked everyone for their cooperation with the Secretary's Office and the Assistant Secretary's for their work this past year. He discussed the upcoming convention events starting with the Memorial service this evening. They expect a large crowd and look forward to the event. The opening ceremony planned for tomorrow will be a special event with some firsts

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for us and for anyone. He also thanked several different organizations for their help and cooperation with this convention. He said that only one member from each department will do the registering for their department. Committee Chairs will register for themselves, only. Committee members must each register for themselves, only. The parade on Wednesday will start at 1300 hours. The Prayer Breakfast will be held inside this year with Mayor Mathias as the guest speaker.

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—**Treasurer** –Shuhart thanked everyone for their support and voiced his concern about the finances (income and Bills) for this and the coming year.

—**Chaplain** Dixon thanked everyone for their help and support this past year. He discussed the demands we may make on our Presidents, and we should give some thought to that. He reminded everyone of the Memorial Service scheduled for tonight with choir practice at 5:30. Everyone asked to try to attend the Prayer Breakfast and get your tickets early.

Attorney Powell discussed the FDNY/MSFA Foundation and the money intended for the widows and orphans of the Fallen Firefighters in New York. He said this has been done and a second scholarship fund setup for scholarships. This was then amended to one Foundation as the MSFA Foundation. The paperwork has now been received from the State and the MSFA Foundation Limited, is an official

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have a power of attorney from each company, along with the application for title and tags and then take them to the MVA. He discussed the problems encountered with the Eastern Garrett contract and the changes they came up with. He discussed the problems with Kent Island and Fairmount, as they are not authorized by their Charter, to enter into a loan contract. The Charter has to be redone before a loan can be given. J. McCrea said the two Companies will be notified of the problem as soon as possible. L. Sachs discussed his actions on his assignment to look into the Low Interest Loan Program and the attorney's actions. R. Jacobs said he has not received payments from Water Witch and Mer~~au~~gansville, as of today. R. Powell said they are both aware of the money amount and the due date of payment. J. Shuhart discussed the process he makes regarding the contracts and what was done on these two contracts.

President Mattingly discussed the recent need for someone at the FEMA table in LaPlata, and he thanked B. Balta for volunteering. Bobby said the MSFA Directory was a valuable tool for him in this job, but it needs to be updated, and everyone needs to make sure their phone numbers, etc. are correct.

He said the donated money will not go to New York during this convention because of legal problems previously discussed by R. Powell, but it will be presented to them at a later date.

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Fire Marshal W. Barnard presented his written report from the Fire Marshal's Office, regarding new regulations on the Ground Based Sparklers, and late fees for fireworks permits. He discussed their 03 Budget and the personnel changes made. He said they will transition from MFIRS 4.1 to MFIRS 5.0 beginning January 2003 for the Incident Reporting System.

MIEMSS written report from Dr. Bass was presented by P. Hurlock who sent greetings from Dr. Bass as he could not be here today. There were no questions on the report.

Miss Fire Prevention Heidi Johnson presented and discussed her written report of her activities (parades, banquets, MSFA Executive meetings, Fire Prevention meetings, LAMSFA Conferences, and the MSFA Convention) this past year while representing MSFA. She thanked everyone for their support this past year, and the opportunity to serve the MSFA. She thanked President Mattingly and President N. Ryan for their support and attention at the many events she attended. D. Cox presented her a plaque for her attendance at the SMVFA parade in May.

1st Runner Up Miss Fire Prevention Katie Vann presented and discussed her written report of her activities (50 events) this past year. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent the

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MSFA and thanked President Mattingly and President N. Ryan for their support and attention at the many events she attended.

LAMSFA President N. Ryan introduced her guest, Pa. LA President Vivian Myers.

Car Chair R. Leftwich reported they received 6 bids on the 1999 Crown Victoria. The highest bid was \$7,005 from Savage VFC, and the committee recommends they accept this bid and sell the car to Savage VFC. The following motion was made by S. Hales, and seconded by B. Kurtz:

Motion: To accept the recommendation of the committee to sell the 1999 Ford Crown

—**Sprinkler Tech** Chair J. Bender reported on tech issues previously discussed and said that 5 of the 7 have been resolved as they liked. The other two issues (Increase density of residential sprinkler systems to the point of adding an additional cost to the home owner. The other involved a requirement to list the pressure reducing valve at an additional cost). He said these two issues are not technically justified at this point and they are supporting the appeal to the NFK Standards Council.—A letter will be drafted on behalf of the MSFA.

—**NVFC** Chair R. Cumberland presented and discussed his written report regarding their response to Terrorism, Higher Education, the Hero stamp, and the Public Safety Medal of Valor. He said the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 has an eleven member review board with only two people representing the fire, rescue, and EMS services, and they are both firefighters. He also discussed a letter sent to the Attorney General Ashcroft regarding the Medal of Valor. He recommended MSFA do the same.

Memorial Chair D. Moonie reported on the status of the Memorial. A booth will be set up this week for the Memorial, and they have pins for sale as a fund raiser. He said the motorcycle run was successful despite the rain, and a Boot drive will be held this week during the parade. There will also be a state wide Fill the Boot drive to be held later this year (about 12 October). He said they are down to 4 artist sculptors for the Memorial. They will meet again in September to review these artists work. He said they have received good support from MSP, MIEMSS, LAMSFA, etc. and he appreciates the help and support. They do need at least one representative from each county at their meeting.

—**Basket Bingo** M. Bilger discussed the Basket Bingo planned for Monday night. They do still need more donations.

—**FD Tags** Transportation Chair T. Flint said that 100 motorcycle FD tags are now on order, with 50 already committed.

Ways and Means Chair J. Means reported they have a booth downstairs and you are asked to turn in your ticket money there. Ticket sales are going good at this time.

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—**Fire Prevention** Chair R. Collins said the Fire Prevention floats will be judged at 0800 Wednesday morning in front of the Convention Hall.

Membership L. Sachs discussed the previous interest that the Ladies Auxiliary members could not become members of the Advantage Program, because they can not become Individual members, in accordance with our By-Laws. As a solution, he presented a temporary fix with three different motions to cover the Ladies. After discussion, the following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by C. Stack as:

Motion: To extend through August 31, 2003, the Benefits Package approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on December 1-2, 2001, to members in good standing of any Auxiliary that is a member in good standing of the Ladies Auxiliary of the MSFA, and to members in good standing of any Associate Member that is a coffee, canteen, or similar service, provided that each such member who applies for these Benefits pays, to the MSFA, \$20.00.

R. Steger made the following motion to amend the motion as: **Change the motion to include “all Associate Members”, not just those listed.**

Brunch Cruise report received from Chair N. Cox. The report discussed the cruise of 2 June. One hundred thirteen tickets were sold and everyone attend the cruise. She reported a loss of \$91.75 on the event, and turned in \$4027.00 to the financial Secretary. She thanked everyone that attended the event.

Scholarship report received from Chair W. Olsen. The report said they have 7 continuing students, and 5 new applicants for support. They had assistance from three donors, and were able to continue all current students and made awards to 3 new recipients. Support was denied for 2 of the new applicants for cause, and they have both been notified by letter of this action. The report discussed many of the graduates not remaining in Maryland and he blames this on salaries in Maryland not being comparable with the corporate world outside Maryland.

Board of Review L. King said he still does not have letters appointing the Board of Review member for the following County Associations: Worcester, Prince Georges, and Baltimore. The letters must be received before the gavel falls on Monday morning.

Membership Application: L. King presented an application for Associate Membership for the Central Alarmers Inc. of Baltimore County. He has received the proper paperwork and dues. The following motion -was made by L. Sachs and seconded by P. Sterling as:

Motion: To approve the application of the Central Alarmers, Inc. of Baltimore County for Associate Membership in the MSFA. Motion was approved by all.

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M. Harris thanked Asst. Secretary J. Cooper for the Minutes he records each meeting. V.P. Worthington and V.P. Thompson wished everyone a good convention.

Benediction: Chaplain H. Hetz gave the closing prayer, ~~and wished Roy Wood successful recovery in his recent surgery.~~

Adjournment at 1151 hours.

_____ Respectfully submitted, _____

_____ ed;
_____ Leonard T. King, Sr., P.P.
_____ J. Edward Cross
_____ Joseph A. Cooper
_____ Ronald E. Watkins

_____ Louise Dell