

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Ocean City Maryland

June 14, 2003

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Gene Worthington at 0945 hours. Chaplain Hetz offered the opening prayer and led the pledge to the flag. Vice President Jacobs introduced the following Past Presidents in attendance: Ray Adkins (65-66), Roy Wood (73-74), Oscar Baker (78-79), Bob Dempsey (80-81), C. Riley (83-84), C. Carpenter (86-87), R. Cumberland (87-88), R. Shimer (88-89), J. Robison (89-90), T. Mattingly (90-91), B. Smith (91-92), W. Fleshman (92-93), P. Hurlock (93-94), R. Yinger (94-95), F. Cross (95-96), S. Cox (96-97), D. Davis (97-98), C. Mattingly (01-02). He also introduced others in attendance including LA President Rosa Maher. The meeting was turned over to Executive Committee Chair Ben Kurtz.

President Worthington gave a wrap-up of the highlights of this past year. He discussed the many hours, miles traveled and meetings attended, and the many accomplishments of the MSFA this past year. He asked everyone to enjoy the convention and looked forward to the coming year with the MSFA.

V.P. Thompson thanked President Worthington who was given a standing ovation for the great service he did this past year for the MSFA. He discussed his MSFA activities across the state this past year with Gene and Bob. He said he will be making changes for the betterment of the Association, and he asked we be patient with the new changes. They will be meeting with the Governor in the very near future regarding our priorities. He asked everyone to enjoy the convention and he is looking forward to the new year.

V.P. Jacobs discussed this past year as an excellent experience with Gene and Terry, and he is honored to be a part of this administration, and looks forward to the coming year with Terry and the new Vice President. He thanked Gene for the support given him this past year. Everyone have a great convention, and thank you.

Financial Secretary F. Cross reported that six (6) companies have not yet paid their Dues. He thanked everyone for their support for him in taking on this job in a very difficult time with the death of Paul Fabiszak.

Chaplain Hetz reported on the health of P. Sterling's father and L. King's father who are both in bad health at this time, and the family of Larry Woltz. The Memorial Service is tonight and he asked that everyone be in uniform and be here early.

Trustee Shimer said they plan to meet just before the Thursday meeting and will need to know the needs of the Trustees with a priority list for same.

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Attorney Powell reported there have been three settlements of the Low Interest Loan Program, since our last meeting, and three more are still pending. The Nextel contract has expired and nothing has been done to renew it. D. Cox is working on this to see if Nextel is still interested. NBMA is coming out with a Low Interest Loan Program of their own with a mailing in August. He discussed problems with Long & Foster and doesn't know if they have been resolved or not. He discussed their demands of the FF Advantage Program, and the problems involved.

USFA/Homeland Security discussed by Wayne Powell as not being necessarily "Fire Service Friendly". We need to be vigilant of the Homeland Security. He said the money has been restored, but taken out of our hides in another way. VP Thompson said the remodeling work has been cut. Wayne said 25% of the cut impacted the Academy. Terry said the problems are not the economy, but they forget we are part of the "Prevent Terrorist Attack" program, and they plan to take this to the Governor for his support.

President's Vehicle – Rusty Leftwich reported the new vehicle is here today and ready to go. They have received three bids on the other car, with the highest bid coming from Gary Jenkins for \$6800.00.

They recommended we accept this bid. The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by J. Ferguson:

MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the committee, and accept the high bid of \$6800.00 from Gary Jenkins for the old President's car. Motion was approved by all.

Fire Technology – J. Bender said he has to step down from the committee due to other commitments, and he expressed his appreciation for being able to serve on this committee last year.

Memorial – D. Mooney discussed the Memorial, funding, fund raisers and those proposed. They plan to meet with the Governor soon to bring him up to date on their plans for the Memorial. They have met with the architect in reference to the brick situation, and have decided to go with three size bricks (regular size 4x8 which will also give you a small paper weight brick. They will also go with laser printing which will enable them to put logos on the brick as well). The new Memorial model is at the convention center this week (downstairs). He asked everyone to continue the brick sales. He discussed the schedule of payments to the artist and the need to continue the fund raisings for the Memorial. Pins are still for sale and the brochures for the brick sales.

Convention T. Mattingly reported on the status of the convention as everything is moving on schedule. Everyone is doing their job and things are going smooth at this time.

Fire Prevention B. Collins said the floats will be judged on Wednesday at 10 A.M. outside the convention center.

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Individual Membership D. Cox said their booth is downstairs of the convention center and cards will be issued downstairs this weekend. He reported that the contract with NEXTEL has expired and he is working on this with them now.

Special Activities L. Woods said they have many items on sale downstairs

Marketing D. Alexander said the CD's are finally done and are in everyone's registration packet.

Membership J. Cooper reported for L. King that the membership application for the Dentsville Ambulance Company in Charles County has been reviewed and the only item needed to complete it, is an inspection. This will be taken care of by the Standards Committee. He said regarding the Board of Review, he has not received the recommendation letters for Worcester, Montgomery, and Kent (or Queen Anne) Counties.

Unfinished Business – S. Cox asked about the pictures and archives previously asked about for the previous Presidents administration periods from about 93 to date? Gene Worthington said they have tried unsuccessfully to bring this about this past year. They are in boxes, somewhere. J. Spiker will continue to work on this problem.

Good of the Association

L. Sachs thanked everyone for his years of service on the Executive Board. He congratulated President Worthington for his successful year, and looks forward to the coming year (no matter what happens at the election). F. Jester asked if all of the Companies were mailed a copy of the By-Laws changes? Several have said they did not receive a copy. R. Powell said the Secretary's office does send out a copy to all Companies in the Association. It was also put on the website. He said we should all be sure to talk to our companies as there are some important issues on the ballot this year. L. Sachs said many companies addresses are no longer valid and should be updated for the mailing list. S. Hales discussed the importance of the MSFA at Ocean City, and congratulations to President Worthington for this past year of service to the MSFA. C. Mattingly thanked everyone for his presence on the Executive Committee this past year, and congratulations to President Worthington for his successful year. C. Albrecht thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with everyone on the Executive Committee this past year, and congratulations to President Worthington, Terry and Bobby for this past successful year. He looks forward to working with the new Officers and Board this coming year. B. Huttenloch thanked Gene for appointing him to the Executive Committee and he has enjoyed working with the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs. D. Cox thanked President Worthington for his appointment to the Executive Committee, it has been a good year. Thanks also to Ben Kurtz for his control of the Board this past year. G. Blanco thanked Gene for his appointment to the Executive Committee this past year. W. Donaldson congratulated Gene on his successful year as President and it has been a privilege to serve on this Executive Committee this past year, and he looks forward to serving next year with the new administration. D. Alexander thanked Gene, Terry and Bob for their support and leadership this past year and he looks forward to the coming

year. He also thanked Ben for his leadership with the Executive Committee. B. Kurtz thanked Gene, the officers, the Board and committee chairs for their help and cooperation this past year, and he wished Doug good luck with the coming year.

The following motion was made by L. Sachs and seconded by C. Mattingly:

Motion: To thank Chairman Ben Kurtz for his efficient and competent management of the MSFA Executive Committee this past year. Motion was approved by all.

President Worthington thanked the Executive Committee and committee chairs and members for their help this past year, and look forward to the new administration this coming year.

Closing Prayer given by Chaplain Hetz. He said that M. Harris has been hospitalized, and to keep the mother of M. Trumpower in your prayers. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Secretary
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