

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Executive Committee Meeting Ocean City June 15, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Dennis Skinner at 0900 at the Convention Center, Ocean City, MD. Chair Skinner asked for a moment of silence for Executive Committee John Guntow who recently passed away.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Opening prayer was given by Chaplain John Long.

2nd Vice President Johnie Roth introduced the Past Presidents in attendance and introduced the guests.

President LAMSFA Carol Hayden introduced her Past Presidents in attendance and also her officers.

President Olson, 1st Vice President Keller and 2nd Vice President Roth all thank everyone for their support and asked for continued support.

Chief Chaplain Long gave short remarks.

Secretary Cox said there are 272 companies that registered on line. He also said that MSFA needs mailing addresses and well as 911 addresses.

TRUSTEES – Dan Carpenter II

- Spoke of the By-law change to remove everything regarding the Trustees out of the Constitution/By-laws and put it in their manual. That way changes can be made without doing a By-law changes each time.
- The Trustees will not accept any claims/requests older than six (6) months from the incident.

FINANCIAL TEAM Ron Siarnicki:

- Passed out the Fiscal Report – no issues.

- Thanked all for the support
- The Team is working on the yearend report; will provide copies at the next Executive Committee meeting on Thursday.

Mitch Vocke gave those companies that had not paid their dues – Clarysville paid.

Budget Steve Cox:

- Some committee chairs have not submitted their budget requests, (11).
- He had to do the budget without these requests
- The budget will be presented at the next meeting on Thursday

CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS Steve Scheinin

- Vote will tell

CONVENTION Ron Siarnicki:

- Booths are back in the hallway downstairs
- 21 Hands-on-Training classes with 4 off site
- Jim Seavey - \$99 pass to Firehouse Expo in Baltimore
- QR App is available for smart phones for the convention

VCAF (Craig Harman) Joe Antoszewski

- Application can be done on line now
- Presented the loan request from Norrisville for \$705,238 with a 30 year pay back

MOTION BY C. ABRECHT, 2ND BY B. KURTZ TO GRANT THE REQUEST FOR \$705,238 TO NORRISVILLE.....MOTION PASSED

- A discussion on granting monies and the fact that grant monies will not come back into the coffers for future requests
- Attorney Farlow talked about COMAR 8-202 and that MSFA does not have to abide by it

MOTION BY B. KURTZ, 2ND BY C. ABRECHT TO REMOVE THE TABLE FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON THE INTEREST RATE AMOUNT

- A discussion on the previous motion affecting Norrisville

B. KURTZ AMMENDED THE MOTION TO INCLUDE NORRISVILLE'S REQUEST AS OF TODAY 6/15/2014, 2ND BY M. FAUST.....MOTION PASSED

DISCUSSION on grant monies having no limit – the committee will evaluate each request and amount of monies requested. C. Harman stated to follow the law of the 70% / 30% match and to review each case.

MOTION BY J. SEAVEY, 2ND BY C. ABRECHT TO TABLE THE CHANGE IN

GRANT MONIES UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY.

Wylie Donaldson thanked the VCAF committee for all their hard work.
PP Steve Cox thank all for the 1%

EMS COMMITTEE Bill Dousa:

- Active Assailant program – to create a state wide guideline to get aid to victims faster. He passed out the guidelines. A discussion on this will be at the next meeting.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY

- Contest today at 1330 hours in this room

MOTION BY B. KURTZ, 2ND BY D. SIMPKINS TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING.....MOTION PASSED WITH 1 NO FROM J. SEAVEY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

- Dan Stevens – Bay District VFD has an ISO rating of 3
- Mark Bilger – training center under construction, there is a live cam if anyone wants to take a look
- J. Seavey – thanks to the Cancer Network
- Other committee members thanked President Olson for their appointment.

President Olson, 1st VP Keller and 2nd VP Roth presented Dennis Skinner with a plaque for chairing the Executive Committee and thanked him for a great job.

President Olson announced that Hall of Fame status was granted to Executive Committee member John Guntow and resolutions to the family. A team of members went to see John and make the presentation before he passed – well deserved.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Thursday, June 19th at the Convention Center.

Mark Bilger asked for prayers for John Means.

MOTION BY B. KURTZ, 2ND BY D. SIMPKINS TO ADJOURN.....MOTION PASSED

Respectively submitted,

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