

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

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Executive Committee Minutes

Ocean City Convention Center

June 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Chairman Doug Simpkins

OFFICERS PRESENT: Chair Doug Simpkins, Vice Chair Charles Simpson, Tim Dayton, Chuck Walker, John Fisher, Dan Stevens, Wayne Tome, Mike Faust, Jim Seavey, Rick Hemphill, PP Johnie Roth, President Mike Davis, 1st VP Mark Bilger, 2nd VP Rick Blair, Secretary Doyle Cox PP, Treasurer Ron Siarnicki, Chief Chaplain John Long, Financial Secretary Mitch Vocke, Miss Fire Prevention Sierra Smallwood, 1st Runner Up Emily Reaver.

CHIEF CHAPLAIN JOHN LONG led the opening prayer and pledge

The following officers were installed by PP Johnie Roth: Assistant Secretaries Shirley Copado and Diana Gunther; Executive Committee members John Fisher, Chuck Walker and Rick Hemphill; Assistant Treasurer Robert Jacobs.

PRESIDENT MIKE DAVIS – team work, going forward. Thank you to PP Roth for all he did last year; more on the Strategic Planning later. Thank you all for the support.

1ST VP MARK BILGER

2ND VP RICK BLAIR – introduced the PP, Trustees and guests present. Present LAMSFA Barbara Sue Nelson introduced her officers present.

SECRETARY DOYLE COX PP

- Received application from Middle River VF & Rescue Co.; President Paul Sullivan states the combining of two companies (Middle River Fire & Rescue and Middle River Ambulance) (letter of explanation from each company received). **MOTION BY JIM SEAVEY, 2ND BY TIM DAYTON TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FROM MIDDLE RIVER VOL. FIRE & RESCUE – PENDING THE FINAL CONSOLIDATION.....PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TREASURER RON SIARNICKI

- Bessie Marshall disbursements are taxable; a miscellaneous 10-99 will be issued
- Finances are solid

BUDGET STEVE COX PP – three documents handed out

MOTION BY CHARLIE SIMPSON, 2ND BY MIKE FAUST TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AND GRANT THE COMMITTEE TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO WORK WITHIN THE BOTTOM LINE.....PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.

TRAVEL EXPENSE BUDGET: recommend the allowance remain the same – **MOTION BY TIM DAYTON, 2ND BY RICK HEMPHILL TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL EXPENSE BUDGET AS PRINTED.....PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**

Recommend the Data Committee put the form on the website.

Committee recommends that no reimbursement be done unless previously budgeted. A policy for travel will be developed for committees that deal with grants. **MOTION BY CHARLIE SIMPSON, 2ND BY JUSTIN TOWLES TO APPROVE THE LINES 3,4,5 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE RE TRAVEL/MEALS FOR GRANTS COMMITTEE.....PASSED UNAMIOUSLY**

TRUSTEES CHAIRMAN DAN CARPENTER III

- **\$50,000** increase in the Trustee budget
- All paperwork must be filled out correctly before any payments can be made
- Widows up to \$750, Dependants up to \$650 as of July 2016
- Loss of sight, limb up to \$750
- LODI up to \$750
- Death benefit up to \$11,000 as of July 1, 2016
- \$1000 will be moved to savings

VCAF JOSEPH ANTOSZEWSKI CHAIRMAN

- Recommend that the interest remain at 1%
- Next meeting will be Sunday, July 24th, location TBA

MOTION BY TIM DAYTON, 2ND BY JOHN FISHER TO KEEP THE VCAF INTEREST RATE AT 1% FOR LOANS.....PASSED UNAMIOUSLY

WAYS & MEANS LOU JONSKI, MITCH VOCKE

- 362 companies in MSFA; only 171 companies turned their tickets in, 53% no return. Three counties did nothing: Somerset, Worcester and Caroline.
- Total profit \$27,548.70
- Mitch named all the winners

INCENTIVES STU CARTER CHAIRMAN

- Chip Jewell, Frederick Co., new national standard #73 for 2015 OPEB. LOSAP monies have to be budgeted and placed in Trust for 5 – 10 years by the counties. This could have a tremendous effect on counties' budgets. LOSAP is an award program not a retirement.

SAFER GRANT TIM GANLEY CHAIRMAN, ELAINE

- 1. Physicals – on website
- 2. Reimbursement program – 2015 up to \$2,000 per semester for FF or immediate family member
- 3. Marketing program – Mike Faust- 2 companies RFP for update of website, (to attorney for review) and 5 videos.

MOTION BY JUSTIN TOWLES, 2ND BY JOHN FISHER TO AWARD CONTRACT BENCHWORTH FOR \$90K, \$75K, \$75 FOR 3 YEARS FOR MARKETING.....PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1ST VP Bilger suggested an article be put in the Trumpet for all members info.

STRATEGIC SUMMIT PLANNING JIM SEAVEY

- Steering Committee: 3 presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair Mahan, 3 Executive Committee members and a contractor. The direction of the Executive Committee on April 17th at Level, the Strategic Plan Steering Committee moved forward with the initiatives and following an intense review of his background and qualification opted to sole source a contractor for an initial trial period. This process and contract which was reviewed by the MSFA attorney and it specifically instructs the contractor, Daniel W. “Skip” Mahan to focus on the 13 action items which were identified during the Strategic Planning Summit. Mr. Mahan who was required to refuse reappointment to the Executive Committee, must report out and update the Executive Committee and Presidents when requested and at each Executive Committee meeting. He was unable to join us today, due to a family commitment.

CANCER SUPPORT NETWORK BILL VAUGHN / JIM SEAVEY

- Swab test is a good tool to detect cancer early

MOTION BY JIM SEAVEY, 2ND MIKE FAUST TO PARTNER WITH DELETE BLOOD CANCER FOUNDATION TO HOST A SWAB DRIVE FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND – NO COST TO MSFA.....PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLIES WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE COMPANY, KEPT ANAMIOUS, SOME PAPERWORK IS NEEDED, SWABS SENT BACK.

CONVENTION/CONFERENCE RON SIARNICKI

- Event attendees: Memorial – 1800; Opening Ceremony – 1400; Jolly Roger – 1957; Bingo – 133; Prayer Breakfast – 200; Frontier Town – 200; Corn Hole – 4 teams; Mach truck – 6 units; Hot Training – 300 students; Food Issue with Center Plate – working on it. Construction issues: AB Hall, parking, not enough handicap parking, MSFA pushing for a parking garage.

- **125TH ANNIVERSARY TOM MATTINGLY PP**
 - 1st meeting is August 27/28 in Arbutus – several activities scheduled. Special rate on hotel rooms, get early
 - Challenge coins did very well at convention, will have more
 - 5 books available at each meeting

SAFETY MIKE LeCOMPTE

- NFPA 1582 must be followed, SAFER Grant for physicals monies is there for new members within 11 months with a CAP of \$900 for Tier 3 Physical
- **PRNC** is offering any female a physical on Tuesday or Thursday for free, age over 21
- **CD** will be made for the Falling Through class
- Meeting immediately following this meeting

PP JOHNIE ROTH: if you did not get a gift at the banquet let me know. PP Terry Thompson thanks for working together with MSFA. Welcome Mike, Mark and Rick. Presented Charlie Abrecht and Skip Mahan and Barry Johnson a token of appreciation. Cancer Walk netted over \$17,000. Thank you to Darby Byrd and the LAMSFA. Welcome to Barbara Sue and all the new officers.

PRESIDENT MIKE DAVIS

- New committee structure and list outline was passed out
- Reporting procedures for committees passed out to members

CHAIR SIMPKINS – moving forward with technology. Two new Executive Committee members: Rick Hemphill and Wayne Tome.

CHAIR SIMPKINS thanked Jim Seavey for his service and all he has done for the association. Presented him with a token of appreciation...applause.

PRAYER BY CHAPLAIN HETZ

MOTION BY CHARLIE SIMPSON, 2ND BY PP JOHNIE ROTH TO AJOURN AT 1100.....PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectively submitted,

Shirley L. Copado
Assistant Secretary

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