

WESTERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Membership Meeting / Legislative Luncheon - MINUTES

Friday, August 23, 2019 11:00AM EST Fifth Third Ballpark

CALL TO ORDER – Vice President Ginebaugh called today’s meeting to order at 11:15AM.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President – Styles (Excused)

Vice President - Ginebaugh

1 Year Trustee - Munn

2 Year Trustee – Keefe (Excused)

3 Year Trustee – Cleveland

Past President – Vacant

MAFC Board Member - Glotzbach

MAFC Representative - Vacant

Secretary/Treasurer - McKellar

TREASURER’S REPORT McKellar provided the following report:

MiChiefs Account Balances as of July 31, 2019:

Checking - \$31,789.22

PAC Fund - \$4650.20

Yellow Rose - \$27,700.00

COMMUNICATIONS SENT/RECEIVED:

- Keefe’s mother passed away. Style’s mother-in-law had emergency surgery – Linda will send condolences.
- Jay Kersman, retired Chief of North Muskegon passed away, funeral is Tuesday. Munn arranged for bunting to be given to Glotzbach.
- McKelly of Fruitport was involved in a car accident. Has dislocated shoulder but released from hospital.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Great Lakes Division – (Glotzbach) No appointment yet of the new representative. Parker taking VP position.
- EMS (Cleveland) – Reviewed medical waste requirements and licensing of replacement vehicles.
- Joint Fire Service Council (Szakacs) – N/A
- Legislative (Szakacs, Cleveland) – Glotzbach reported. Discussed need to continue to push for funding of MI Taskforce 1, AFFF foam regulations, and cancer presumption funds which may be affected by new marijuana laws.
- FFTC – (Cleveland) – Provided update on the Rules Process
- BFS / State Fire Marshal – (Cleveland) – Nothing new to report, as SFM will be here later today. Fire Marshal reported on new PSA campaign about “Push the button to check alarms and Close the Door.” Campaign will also be promoted on Twitter. Sehlmeier provided his cell number 517-388-1761 so that all chiefs can contact him directly.
- Fire Marshal provided large positions for all chiefs to display regarding foam reporting process.
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- MAFC – (Glotzbach) – Efforts to streamline services between all Associations, voted on and approved at summer conference. This has eliminated Joint Chiefs.
- MABAS – Program Director, Dave McIntyre, was in attendance during today’s meeting. He’s going to Wisconsin in Sept. to meet with state reps to discuss changes in legislation, FY 20 funding and Box carts for out-of-division responsiveness.
- Pennies From Heaven (McKellar) – Addressed questions and clarified changes made to meet audit requirements.
- Communication /Technology – Nothing to report.

- ByLaws – (McKellar/Munn) No new information to report, work is continuing towards the effort of streamlining bylaws to reflect MiChiefs.
- Nominations Committee – Reviewed protocol necessary to fill vacant 3 Year Trustee position. Nominations can be made from the floor or submitted in writing, receive a letter of rec from the community and must be present at the Oct. meeting to accept the nomination.

UPCOMING 2019 WMAFC EVENTS (held at Boulder Creek unless noted)

- Fri, Sept 20 – Full day Company Officer Training (Reading Buildings) with Dave Dodson Boulder Creek
- Sat, Sept 21 – Full day Officer Training (Reading Smoke) with Dave Dodson Sparta High School
- Wed, Oct 23 – General Membership Meeting
- Wed, Dec 4 – Installation Holiday Luncheon

NEW BUSINESS

- Bylaws/Articles will be reviewed to determine if McKellar is up for re-election next year.
- Linda will contact Cary Thompson to speak at the October meeting about Cancer Awareness program.
- Legislators attending today's meeting emphasized the need for increased communication from the chiefs to aid them in their budget decisions. Suggestions included an invite to stations on Monday and Fridays when reps are in their home districts to eliminate need for chiefs to travel to Lansing. In attendance were:
 - Sen. Roger Victory (30th district)
 - Rep. Bradley Slagh, (90th district)
 - Rep. Lynn Afendoulis, (73rd district)
 - Rep. Mark Huizenga (74th district)
 - Rep. Luke Meerman (88th district)

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing new to report.

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- Chief Svoboda created a stat sheet with key findings to give to today's visiting legislators taken from large amounts of data so additional stats can be made available to departments based on needs.