

WESTERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

**General Membership Meeting
MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 11:00AM EST

CALL TO ORDER – President Cleveland called today’s meeting to order at 11:02AM.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President – Cleveland

Vice President – Peterson – N/A

1 Year Trustee - Erskine

2 Year Trustee – Witherell – N/A

3 Year Trustee – Pelton

Past President – Keefe

Secretary/Treasurer - McKellar

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

TREASURER’S REPORT – McKellar reported the following:

MiChiefs Account Balances as of October 25, 2023:

Checking \$69,641.22

PAC \$8,416.10

Yellow Rose \$19,747.25

Report accepted unanimously and will be filed.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT/RECEIVED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Legislative: Keefe deferred to Cleveland for today’s update:
 - o Cardiac Presumption Hearing - Asked if anyone was available to testify tomorrow in Lansing. Anticipate pushback from workers comp & MTA
 - o Minimum staffing – MAFC is opposing
 - o Public Assemblies – subcommittee meets on Nov 27th
 - o Radio Coverage for Schools
- MFFTC: Cleveland reported that Fire Instructor 3 should be released shortly.
- BFS/State Fire Marshal: Cleveland had nothing to report.
- MAFC: Cleveland reminded everyone of the Expo Dates – May 21-22, 2024 at DeVos Place. Golf Outing & Awards banquet will be held on that Monday, May 20th at Boulder Creek.
- MABAS: N/A
- Communication/Tech: N/A
- ByLaws: Cleveland reminded the membership that proposed changes to the ByLaws were sent out via email.
- Yellow Rose TF: N/A
- Pennies from Heaven: McKellar had no report.

UPCOMING WMAFC MEETINGS

- WED, Dec 6, 2023 – Installation of Board & Holiday Luncheon. 11AM-2PM
- WED, Mar 27, 2024 – Guest Speaker Mike Gagliano (to be confirmed)
- MON, May 20, 2024 – Golf Outing & MiChiefs Awards Banquet in conjunction w/Expo
- FRI, Aug 2 – Legislative Luncheon at LMCU Ballpark
- FRI, Sept 20 – Full day training session - Curt Isakkson (to be confirmed)
- WED, Oct 23 – Guest speaker Greg Flynn
- WED, Dec 4 – Installation of Board & Holiday Luncheon

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections
- Nominations Received:

- o 3rd Year Trustee Position – Kyle Svoboda was the only candidate.
Motion by Keefe to cast a unanimous ballot.
Second by Erskine.
Motion carried.
- o Secretary/Treasurer Position – Thea Dornbush was the only candidate.
Motion by Keefe to cast a unanimous ballot.
Second by Janik.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE ORDER – McKellar reminded members to review the proposed changes to the WMAFC's ByLaws. Vote to occur in December.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 11:15AM