

WESTERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

MINUTES – Membership Meeting Wednesday, March 31 11:00AM EST via Zoom

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

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President - Munn

Vice President - Keefe

1 Year Trustee - Cleveland

2 Year Trustee - Roman

3 Year Trustee – Peterson

Past President – Ginebaugh

MAFC Board Member – Glotzbach

MAFC GLD Representative – Hagen (N/A)

Secretary/Treasurer - McKellar

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

TREASURER’S REPORT – McKellar reported the following

MiChiefs Account Balances as of March 28, 2021:

Checking \$41,699.24

PAC \$6,128.70

Yellow Rose \$34,973.43

A request was made from Chief Weidemann for us to provide detailed information related to the Pennies From Heaven LODD payouts. Discussion followed on the Pennies from Heaven funds, as these original funds were merged into the MiChiefs checking account back in May 2019. McKellar provided some background to the decision as to this decision, as PFH was not a 501(c)(3) charity fund. After much discussion, McKellar & Stone will work together to review the historical facts on the PFH funds and provide further info to the Board for further direction on how to handle Weidemann’s request. More info will be provided by our next meeting.

Today’s financial report was accepted and will be filed. Moved by Cleveland, support by Roman. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT/RECEIVED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Great Lakes Division: Stone reported that FRI is scheduled for July 28-31 in Charlotte, NC. Registration to open in May.
- EMS: No report
- Legislative: Glotzbach provided an update on the cancer presumption legislation, as it is moving forward and has very strong support. These bills will bring cancer presumption to all firefighters, regardless of employment status. This is largely funded by on-line gambling, so it should continue to pass through the process with very few obstacles.
- MFFTC: Cleveland reported that the FO3 curriculum is in development, as they’re looking for SME’s to record videos. Rules are still moving through the process, as they had 230+ participants during the public hearing via Zoom. Full report should be pushed on to JCAR after they answer all the questions. Next Council meeting is April 13th. Chief Flynn is working on the Q-Course application so Yellow Rose can be added to the Behavioral Health training.
- BFS/State Fire Marshal: Cleveland
- MAFC: Glotzbach provide highlights from the last meeting, which focused on the preparation of the FFFC public hearing and cancer presumption legislation.
- MABAS: Ginebaugh provided a brief update, as there are some new divisions and box cards are continually being updated. Dave McIntyre (Program Director, MI-TF1) provided some details surrounding the current validation process, as Chris Martin is the main contact. They are also working a Response Workbook, which will help track and MEMAC reimbursements. Spring Webinar is being held April 21st.
- Communication/Tech: Ginebaugh had no report, though we continue to push info out via FaceBook & Twitter.
- ByLaws: Nothing new to report from Munn or Roman
- Nominations: Munn said these should be forthcoming, and we’ll discuss further momentarily during New Business
- Yellow Rose TF: Ginebaugh reported that they are working on the Q-Course criteria.
- Pennies from Heaven: Munn had nothing to report. The only payouts were the Grant Twp LODD’s (Buitendorp in Nov 2020 & Brooks in Jan 2021).

UPCOMING WMAFC EVENTS

- September 24, 2021 – “Step Up & Lead” – Full day Training class featuring Frank Viscuso at Boulder Creek

NOTE: We are hoping to hold a membership meeting “in-person” in May at Boulder Creek, but we are waiting for confirmation due to COVID restrictions. We will keep everyone posted.

NEW BUSINESS - Chief Mike Roman has announced his retirement (eff. April 23rd). Roman will fulfill his term through the end of this year on the WMAFC Board. If anyone is interested in joining this board (as we will have two vacancies to fill), please reach out to Don Munn.

OLD BUSINESS – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 11:21AM. Motion by Cleveland, seconded by Roman. Motion carried.