

WESTERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 11:00AM EST via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER - President Munn called today's meeting to order at 11:01AM. Requested any revisions to today's agenda. None mentioned.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President - Munn

Vice President - Keefe

1 Year Trustee - Cleveland

2 Year Trustee - Roman (Absent)

3 Year Trustee – Peterson

Past President – Ginebaugh (Absent)

MAFC Board Member - Glotzbach (Absent)

MAFC GLD Representative – Hagen (Absent)

Secretary/Treasurer - McKellar

PUBLIC COMMENT

- National Fire Safety Council – Liz Petrie provided a brief presentation on fire prevention and fire safety services. Website NationalFireSafetyCouncil.org for further details.

TREASURER'S REPORT - McKellar reported on the following:

MiChiefs Account Balances as of May 20, 2021:

Checking \$32,081.74

PAC \$6,856.35

Yellow Rose \$34,973.43

Munn requested a motion to approve today's financial report. Motion by Peterson, second by Keefe. Motion carried.

McKellar followed up to questions from last meeting regarding Pennies From Heaven funding. He reminded everyone of the Board's decision to move these funds to MiChiefs checking account. The MAFC agreed to continue disbursement of the LODD \$500 funding at the WMAFC's discretion. Munn confirmed that this decision was based on auditing purposes, as well. This money will be there for WMAFC to draw from.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT/RECEIVED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Great Lakes Division: Hagen was not on today's call, but he did let us know that he's attending the GLD's strategic planning meeting next week in Champaign, IL. FRI 2021 is going to be held in Charlotte, NC.
- EMS: no Committee seats / no report.
- Legislative: Cleveland provided an update on the following: Government Ops committee is hearing more this week re: the COVID presumption bill (MAFC position is currently supportive). HB4648 (advisory committee for certain building codes - MAFC neutral position. SB363 (concurrent to previous HB, MAFC is taking same neutral position). HB4171 (extending cancer presumption to ARFF & Forest FF) & HB4172 (PT/Paid On-call, & Vol as well as add certain female related cancers. MAFC position is of support). HB4077 (unmanned gas stations). HB 4382 (smoke alarm devices requiring sealed lithium ion batts. Many discussions.) This is probably not getting to the Boards prior to summer recess. HB4070 & 4247 (expanding family funding for LODDs). Medicaid reimbursement for transporting agencies (asking for this to be raised. MAFC continues to work on this.) Expanding crime or assault of a public service employee (looking to expand to ER personnel / MAFC supports). Eliminate helmet requirements (MAFC is not supporting).
- MFFTC: Cleveland summarized their last meeting, and provided status update on the Rules and results from the recent public hearing. More to come. Next meeting is June 8th.
- BFS/State Fire Marshal: Cleveland reported that they had a special meeting back on April 28th, focusing on addressing all comments on the Draft Rules. He provided details. Moving forward, the State plans to act as the Pro Board agency for the State. Next meeting is June 8th.
- MAFC: Cleveland had nothing more to report as it's already been discussed early.
- MABAS: Ginebaugh/Roman - No report
- Communication/Tech: Styles/Ginebaugh - No report
- ByLaws: Munn had nothing to report at this time.
- Nominations: Munn reminded everyone that we will have two vacancies coming up this fall. Please let us know if you're interested in joining this Board.
- Yellow Rose TF: Glotzbach/Ginebaugh - Nothing to report
- Pennies from Heaven: Munn had nothing to report.

UPCOMING WMAFC EVENTS

- Legislative Luncheon – To be held on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Lake Michigan Credit Union Ballpark (formerly Fifth Third Ballpark). We'll work on inviting legislators soon.
- September 24, 2021 – “Step Up & Lead” – Full day Training class featuring Frank Viscuso. To be held at Boulder Creek. More to come. This training class will be open to anyone.

NEW BUSINESS - N/A

OLD BUSINESS - N/A

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Midwest Fire Rescue Expo scheduled for April 11-13, 2022 in Novi at the Suburban Collection Showplace.
- Denny Hughes with Belfor (MAFC Platinum Sponsor) said a few words. He appreciated everyone's commitment to the Yellow Rose campaign. Belfor looks forward to strengthening their relationship with the WMAFC.

MOTION TO ADJOURN - 11:34AM. Motion by Cleveland, seconded by Peterson. Motion carried.