

Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Meeting

February 24, 2011

President Jimmy Sebree called the meeting to order at 1555 hours

The following members were present: President Jimmy Sebree, Vice President Ernie Rhodes, Treasurer John Van Gorkom, Secretary Mike Ballmann, Past President Dave Williams, Region A - Chuck Thacker, Region B - Randy Behrens, Region C, Rick Friedman, Region D - Duane Compton, Region E - Brad Golden, Region H - Darrell Wright, Region I – Sam Schneider, Executive Director Rich Lehmann

Motion made by Director Behrens, Second by Van Gorkom to approve January 18, 2011 MAFC Board of Directors teleconference meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Balance as of February 2, 2011 is \$93,131.00. Treasurer Van Gorkom reported that we received a \$1,500.00 grant from the Missouri Valley Fire Chief Association to defer the cost of our conference. Our presenter, Recent Past IAFC President, Jeff Johnson offered to do his presentation at no charge. Discussion was held. It was the Boards belief that Chief Johnson was to be compensated for his time. Treasure Van Gorkom stated that he would see that Chief Johnson was reimbursed for his time.

Discussion was also held regarding an audit of our financials. Treasurer Van Gorkom stated that he had Association's financials audited each year by a third party auditing firm. It was determined that the audit information would be posted on the MAFC website. Van Gorkom will see that the 2010 audit is posted on the MAFC website.

A motion was made by Friedmann and Seconded by Williams to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion: Passed Unanimously.

State Director's Report: It was mentioned that there is some concern regarding the 2012 Missouri Valley Fire Chief Conference that is scheduled for Independence, MO. Due to scheduling conflict, the IAFC conference and the Missouri Valley conference are with two weeks of each other. Chief Schiess of Independence is concerned about attendance. Chief Schiess will be asking for a show of hands regarding attendance at the general membership meeting. It was also mentioned that we received \$3,500 back from the conference in Colorado.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director Lehmann introduced Chief Russ Mason's (Central County Fire Rescue, St. Peters, MO) petition to the State Legislators regarding funding for the Division of Fire Safety particularly targeting the need for training funds. Rich asked to complete his report under legislative report.

Vice President: Nothing to Report

Region A Director, Chuck Thacker: Missouri Municipal League has not replied to Chief Thacker request to attend their meeting. Thacker asked permission to re-contact and Municipal League about attending. All members present agreed that it was important that we attend. Chief Thacker is to re-contact the Municipal League.

Chief Thacker also stated that the Kansas City area Metro Chiefs had begun planning for the 2012 All Star Game to be held in Kansas City.

Region B Director, Randy Behrens: Chief Behrens stated that his area was attempting to put together a Chiefs organization. It is his hope to have more to report at the March meeting.

Region C Director, Rick Friedmann: The so called historic blizzard of 2011 was a good opportunity to practice EOC operations and drill for possible storm situations. Not much to report.

Region D Director, Duane Compton: Chief Compton reported that the City of Branson was looking for a new fire chief.

Region H Director, Darrell Wright: Chief Wright reported that some of the areas in his region qualified for disaster assistance due to heavy snow fall accumulations. Chief Wright's region is getting ready for upcoming earthquake drill.

Region I Director, Sam Schneider: Nothing much to report. Chief Schneider reported that a few areas in his region also met the snowfall accumulations.

Executive Director Lehmann: Executive Director Lehmann gave his legislative report. Director Lehmann discussed House Resolution 1. This resolution calls for only funding 29 UASI regions. Missouri Chiefs to making request to fund and keep UASI at its present level.

Director Lehmann went on to discuss several Senate and House Bills that directly affects Missouri's Fire Service. Director Lehmann stated due to extensive lobbying by Chief Larry Boyle and Greg Brown, the Fire Service and the Home Builders Association (HBA) were able to strike a deal. Although not everyone including Chiefs Boyle and Brown are tremendously pleased with the arrangement everyone felt that this was the best deal possible and that both Chief Boyle and Brown deserved congratulations for a job well done.

Director Lehmann also discussed two bills aimed at helping funding of the Fire Marshal's Office. Jorgen Schlemeier is working on language to improve these bills chances of passage the outcome seems doubtful.

There are several for that are potential harmful to the fire service. Support and involvement are critical. For further information see attached legislative report.

Director Lehmann also stated that the Chiefs need to look at raising money to be given to the Fire Service Alliance to help bolster a fire pack fund. There are many issues affecting the Fire Service throughout the Nation. Several States have take control of residential sprinklers out of the fire service hands. The State of Kansas is eliminating their Fire Marshal's Office. With the recent merging of the Water Patrol into the Highway Patrol in Missouri, the loss of our Fire Marshal's office is not farfetched.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

President Sebree stated that the General Membership Business Meeting was scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2011. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 0845 hrs and is scheduled to adjourn at 1000 hrs. President Sebree stated that Mr. Kent Cantrell, Center for Public Safety would like to have five minutes at the business meeting. Mr Cantrell is asking for support to make Peer Review of patient records not discoverable for lawsuits. It was agreed that this is an important issue and Mr. Cantrell should be given time to speak. Time has been scheduled for Fire Marshal Randy Cole and Missouri University of Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MUFRTI) Director Dave Hedrick to give their reports on the health of their respective organizations.

Chief Schneider reported that Region I had secured an agreement with the MFRTI and the Truman School for the Officer Development and Company Officer course.

Firefighter Day at the Capital is April 19, 2011. Directors are encouraged to have their area departments/districts attend. Lunch on the lawn will be supplied by the St Charles County Emergency Services Association. There will also be a live fire demonstration. This will be a side by side burn demonstrating the effectiveness of residential sprinklers.

Both the EMS and Fire Summits were discussed. Executive Lehmann stated he felt both summits were a great success. The Directors agreed. Discussion followed if there was interest in have other summits later this year. The Board encouraged the Director Lehmann to schedule both an EMS and Fire Summit. There was discussion whether we wanted to open sponsorship of the summits to other organization to help defray cost. A motion was made by Chief Schneider and Seconded by Chief Wright that the Missouri Chiefs Association continues to be the sole sponsor of the summits. This motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held to donate \$500.00 to Chief Bill Metcalf for his campaign for 2nd Vice President of the IAFC. Chief Rhodes made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Metcalf campaign. Motion seconded by Schneider. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Williams stated that Chief Scott Frandsen expressed interest in the position of Region F. Director. Chief Hoover is now the President of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri and is looking to step down. Chief Frandsen is to replace Chief Hoover on the ballot for the general membership meeting.

By-Laws: It was agreed that the Secretary post the following change to the by-laws for the 2012 General Business meeting. The first addition is to read: ***The President of this organization will only cast a vote when an issue is deadlocked in a tie vote. It will be the responsibility of the President to cast the deciding vote and break the tie.***

The second addition will read: ***All retired members of the Missouri Chiefs Association are encouraged to attend the annual conference. Their registration fee will be \$100.00.***

The next regular MoD meeting is scheduled to be a teleconference meeting held March 15, 2011 at 0900 hrs.

There being no further business the President Sebree adjourned the meeting at 1800 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Ballmann
Secretary