

MINUTES OF THE  
*WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION*  
AFTON, WYOMING  
June 16, 1999

- ▶ The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Brad Sarff at 2:15 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ▶ A Roll Call registry was sent around for signatures. Officers present were Gene Diedtrich - Secretary-Treasurer, Don Huber - Second Vice-President, Bob Taylor - State Vice President Missouri Valley. Russ Wenke - President was absent. Minutes recorded and transcribed by Nancy Eagle.
- ▶ A motion was made by Jim Noel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on April 24, 1999 as mailed. Bob Taylor seconded. Motion carried.  
**(Motion #1)**
- ▶ The Treasurers' report was given by Secretary-Treasurer Diedtrich. A balance of \$11,056.47 is carried forward. The Recruiting and Retention Grant is \$3062.10. A copy of the Treasurers' report is attached. A motion was made by Bob Taylor and seconded by Ray Weidenhaft to accept the Treasurers' report. Motion carried.  
**(Motion #2)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- ▶ Council on Fire Prevention, Electrical Safety & Energy Efficiency in Buildings (Jim Noel for Russ Wenke): The last meeting was May 14, 1999 in Green River, Wyoming. There were 3 appeals. The appeals were a Roping Arena in Big Piney - Size requirement for sprinkler systems; the prison in Rawlins - Obstructions to the sprinkler system and a day care center at a church in Douglas - day care was in the basement. All 3 appeals were denied. The next meeting is scheduled in Casper, Wyoming on September 15, 1999 at 8:00 am at the Agricultural Building at the fairgrounds - 2011 Fairgrounds Road.
- ▶ Missouri Valley (Bob Taylor): Bob has met with the Casper Fire Department and Parkway Plaza. At this time no other states are bidding for the 2001 meeting. It is scheduled for July 28-31, 2001.
- ▶ Wyoming Fire Fighters Certification Committee (Nancy Eagle for Rusty Megeath): The next meeting is scheduled in Rawlins, Wyoming on July 14, 1999.
- ▶ Legislative Report (Lanny Applegate): It was a very busy Legislative session. The bills are listed in the April 24, 1999 Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association minutes. A copy of the results may be obtained by calling Lanny Applegate at 307-332-2209.
- ▶ Wyoming Fire Incident Reporting System (Ken Sutton): There is no report at this time.

- ▶ Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial (Carl Jungck for Gerry Dewey): The Wyoming Fire Academy is still missing pictures. A letter was written asking for the pictures but he has not received any response. Gene Diedtrich asked Carl to get a list of the names of the individuals and he will circulate the list to the Fire Chiefs in Wyoming. Carl reported that Campbell County Fire Department purchased the name plates for each picture. The Officers recognized Campbell County Fire Department and thanked them for their donation.
- ▶ Constitution and Bylaws (Brad Sarff for Emily Howery): There is no report at this time.
- ▶ Officer Development (Bob Taylor): A class is scheduled at the State Fire Marshal's Office Conference in Casper at the Holiday Inn on Friday, September 17, 1999 from 1- 5 pm and continues Saturday, September 18, 1999 from 8:30 am - 5 pm. Anyone interested in attending the class may call Donna Depew at 307-777-7288.
- ▶ Wyoming Fire Academy (Gene Diedtrich reported for Larry David): Gene reported the natural gas utility is going, however they need to resolve the water drainage problem. Lanny Applegate is working on the windows. The carpet is installed with runners. The letter to the Wyoming State Firemen Association was mailed thanking them for the carpet donation.
- ▶ Wyoming Fire Academy Buffalo Hunt (Gene Diedtrich): The ticket sales are going well. It has been suggested that if the Wyoming Fire Academy, Steve Shark and the Board donate balance of the buffalo then the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association would donate \$500.00 to set up an Education Fund Memorial for Jack Coppock's children. They will look at this at the Fall meeting.
- ▶ National Volunteer Fire Council (Carl Jungck): Carl reported he traveled to Georgia and represented Wyoming at that meeting. Carl reported on the legislative initiatives at the federal level. Please call Carl if you need specific information 307-856-0027. He gave a recap on the Medal of Valor, the attempt to allow volunteers to put \$500 into IRA's, trying to get the Natl. Volunteer Assistance money into something that benefits the states, and that the Western Conference is in Estes Park in Colorado.
- ▶ National Volunteer Chief Officer (Don Huber for Gary Scott): Don reported that Chief Gary Scott has a meeting in Washington D.C. on July 22, 1999. Carl Jungck reported there is a big push to have a separate volunteer and paid standard. He said that the NVFC is opposed to this. He also reported that NFPA 1200 is still going forward. Tim Gorden, Pierre, South Dakota is Wyoming's representative. Ken Sutton moved that the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association officially go on record to oppose the standard as it is currently written. Bob Taylor seconded. Motion carried. Carl will send a copy of the NFPA standards that are of concern to Gene Diedtrich.  
(Motion #3)

- ▶ Haz Mat (Don Huber): This committee has not met. The SERC meeting is scheduled on August 26, 1999 at Little America in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Jim Noel is the Chair of the SERC Planning committee. Brad Sarff, Don Huber, and Kim Lee will be addressing the issue of legislation again at that meeting.
- ▶ Recruit and Retention (Carl Jungck): Gene Diedtrich reported they have 3 grants and the money does not have to be expended within a designated time frame allowing this committee more planning opportunities.
- ▶ State Fire Marshal's Office (Jim Noel, State Fire Marshal/Director): Jim reported the DFPES agency is currently involved in the budget process. The state is looking to find solutions to the shortfall in Wyoming's state budget. The DFPES is looking at alternatives for user fees (plan review and building permit fees). He suggested that if the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association like the programs offered by the agency to view the state WEB site and become active in supporting the agency programs.
- ▶ State Forestry Division (Ray Weidenhaft): Ray stated they have not been before the committee yet. He stated they have filled three vacant positions. However, Forestry currently has 5 new vacant positions on hold and funded. If the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association feels the positions are important to let their legislators know.
- ▶ Wyoming Emergency Management Association (Bob Bezek): Bob stated July 6-7, 1999 this office meets with the legislative committee, will begin the new federal budget process in July, and a Integrated Management Class is scheduled in Cheyenne in August 1999 and that instructors are being provided through Emmitsburg, there is a 2-year degree program up and running this Fall for Emergency Managers at the LCCC in Cheyenne, the WHIPP program had its first shipment in April and included protesters trying to block pumps at Flying J which was quickly stopped, and reported on the status of the Owl Creek Yucca Site - he has asked Kim Lee to attend the meeting scheduled July 9, 1999 - he wants the involvement of fire departments and the LEPC's.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- ▶ Carl Jungck has posters available for Recruitment and Retention. He asked that the Chiefs' Association take some money and have someone help him to get them distributed. He stated he has \$3200.00 left in the account.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ▶ Russ Wenke has sent the surveys out to all of the Wyoming Fire Chiefs. They have not received enough back. They are meeting on Wednesday. Some Chief's said they could not attend so many meetings. This year the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association is combining their meeting with the State Fire Marshal's conference in Casper in September 1999.

- ▶ Don Huber stated they are not getting enough information from local hospitals when fire fighters are exposed to Blood Born Pathogens. He stated he did not know if this is a problem or just poor legislation. Chief Brad Sarff stated this is a problem in Rock Springs also. Don Huber stated their attorney is looking into the issue.
- ▶ OSHA compliance issue will be addressed at the State Fire Marshal's Conference in September in Casper. Steve Foster will be there to answer questions for those in the fire service because there are still a lot of confusing messages and issues not resolved.

Don Huber and Nancy Eagle will get together and work out the details of the OSHA meeting for the State Fire Marshal's Conference. It will be at the Casper Holiday Inn on Friday, September 17, 1999 at 3:00 pm. **The Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association meeting will immediately follow the workshop on Friday, September 17, 1999.**

It was moved by Chief Ken Sutton and seconded by State Fire Marshal Jim Noel to adjourn at 3:15 pm. Motion carried.

*Gene R. Dietrich*      *Sec*