

WYOMING FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
September 24, 2002 – Buffalo Hunt

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brad Sarff at 11:17 a.m.

The roll call was taken with a roster (see attached). The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Minutes. Jim Noel moved and Duane Stoins seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Gene gave the Treasurer's Report for May – Sept. 2002. The balance is \$8,489.88. There are two grant balances: the Recruit and Retention Grant is \$2,456.43 and the Web-site Grant of \$532.12. This leaves an unrestricted balance of \$5,501.33. The bulk of the grants will be disbursed by January. Jim Wingert moved and Speed Hartbank seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Reports.

Mark Young reported on State Fire Council. They met September 9th in Evanston and there was no new business. There was discussion about issues with the Fire Marshal's office and the temporary jail in Sheridan County. There were no appeals that meeting.

Mark also reported on the Missouri Valley Fire Chiefs. The conference was in Castle Rock. Chief Westerman won his bid for Missouri Valley Representative to the IFC Board of Director. Mark announced his candidacy for 2nd Vice President at that meeting. The next Missouri Valley conference will be in Kansas City next July. Mark would appreciate the support of the Wyoming Fire Chiefs and maybe they could do a Hospitality Room or something. If Mark is successful in his election someone else will need to be elected as Wyoming Vice President. Randy Boothman is the new IFC President. If you are not on Mark Young's e-mail list, let him know.

Ken Metzler and Bill Hitt reported on Certification. The meeting was the 24th and some of the items covered were recertification (FF1 and FF2), looking at standards and what classes are needed to cover those standards, haz mat technician, live burn certification, and rescue technician certification. The CDL program was also discussed.

Lanny Applegate gave the Legislative Report. The meeting in Cheyenne may result in some legislation with the Transportation Committee. Talking about the new radio frequencies and who will fund. Don Huber talked at that meeting about the regional response for Haz Mat. Del McOmie is ready to take on the license plate bill again. The Corporations Committee is meeting October 22nd to discuss which codes are going to be adopted. Brad felt the meeting in Cheyenne was pretty positive. Lanny agreed.

Jim Noel reported that Philip Oakes has been hired as the new WFIRS Coordinator. He started the 16th and if you have problems with your program contact him.

Gerry Dewey reported on the Fallen Firefighters Memorial. She would like to get John Buckman, past International Fire Chief, as the keynote speaker but it will require funding. Other speakers were also discussed, maybe someone locally. Mark Young will get information on the IFC President.

Larry David gave a report on the Academy. Academy is going good. Things are changing. Carl Jungck and LoRayne Phipps will be retiring in December. We had a good year for training. Looks like next year will be even bigger. The two new offices are built and the new addition is being worked on. He thanked Forestry for the prisoners coming in and helping work at the Academy.

Carl reported on the National Volunteer Fire Council. He thanked everyone for allowing him to be the representative. He feels it is very important that we keep our representation there. Discussed HR-5334, which covers hometown heroes. Also discussed excess property. They voted on what is Volunteer, Combination or Paid. If you are 85% volunteer then it is listed as volunteer – 85% Paid is paid. Others are combination. Ken is the alternate so he could be the representative after Carl retires. Brad thanked Carl.

International Association of Fire Chiefs (VCOS) – no report.

Hazardous Materials – already talked about.

Jim Wingert gave a report on Recruit and Retention. Grant will be expended by January with the class at the Fire Academy.

Jim Noel gave a report on the Fire Marshal's Office. Some of the items he covered were: hiring Bill Hitt, moving Ken to the lead instructor and coordinating with the Academy, hiring a support staff person, vacancy for Fire Inspector, hiring a replacement for Fire Prevention manager, and he reported the budget request is in.

Ray Weidenhaft gave the report on Forestry. They have 6 vacancies in Forestry. Two of them are the clerical in Cheyenne. Carl Jungck is retiring and Ray Berquist has retired. Two crew supervisors are vacant (one in Riverton and one in Newcastle). The supplemental budget will probably be over 2.5 million just to make the suppression account solvent because of the fires this year. Also asking for two positions, one will be an assistant fire management officer to help Ray. Met with the Joint Appropriations Committee to discuss a study on suppression account funding.

There was no report from WEMA.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ken Metzler brought up that since he is the alternate for NVFC he would like to go ahead and become the representative. Mark Young moved and Speed Hartbank seconded that he be accepted as the representative. An alternate will be decided later.

Lanny Applegate announced that Lander would host Waterless Pump Training on October 24th at 6:30 at the National Guard Armory. Asked everyone to give him a head count.

Mark Young brought up that Brad Sarff has been invited by the International Fire Chiefs to attend their annual strategic planning meeting. Brad clarified that they have asked all 50 state

presidents. It will be in Colorado Springs. Brad will attend. Mark also brought up that Dr. O'Neal from NFA might want to come out as a speaker. Mark will discuss it with him.

Brad brought up about giving support to Eli Bebout for Governor. Should it be the group, individuals, etc? Do the by-laws state non-political or what? Asked if individual fire chiefs could write a letter or maybe the legislative committee. It will be done as individuals.

Brad asked everyone to think about people for officers for the next election.

Jim Noel asked for support when the new Governor is chosen. Mark Young asked if the Fire Chief's Association should write a letter. Jim Wingert moved and Mark Young seconded that a letter be written in support of Jim Noel to continue as Fire Marshal. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be January 3rd, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wyoming Fire Academy. The E-Board will meet at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

AGENDA SEPTEMBER 27, 2002
WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
LONG CREEK CABIN

CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL-(PLEASE SIGN ROSTER)

✓ MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - June 12, Wheatland Abel, Stehns

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- STATE FIRE COUNCIL (Young)
- MISSOURI VALLEY CHIEFS (Young) - Sept. 9th no new business - was discussion
- CERTIFICATION (Lyle Armstrong?) Ken M. - Castleside Conference - Support Chief Westerman
Mark may be sworn in in K.C. in July
- LEGISLATIVE (Applegate)
- WFIRS (Sutton) - Phil Oakes new coordinator Recertification for FF I + II
- FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL (Gerry Dewey) - John Buchman?
- WYOMING FIRE ACADEMY (David)
- NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL (CJ) Need to replace CJ due to retirement?
- X IAFC VCOS (Scott?)
- HAZ-MAT (Huber?) Talked about legislation
- RECRUITMENT & RETENTION (Wingert) Jeff Johnson ←
- X WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS (Smith)
- FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE (Wingert) Jeff Johnson teaching in Riverton
- FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
- WYOMING STATE FORESTRY
- WEMA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Support for Bebout
- Elections

- Ken was alternate for NVFC
Ken will look for an alternate

- Lander Oct 24 is hosting whattrous training 1830 hrs.

- IAFC Planning Oct 18

E board 12:30
Next Meet Jan 1 Riverton 1:00
Motion Wingert/Young to 13:00 hr