

Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2017
Wyoming Fire Academy

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Hannum at 9:03am.

Roll call: Board members present were President Scott Hannum – Rawlins, 1st Vice President Chris Kocher – Worland, 2nd Vice President Nick Hudson - Lander. Twenty six members were present

Minutes of last meeting: President Hannum asked for the approval of the minutes as sent out for the January 6, 2017 meeting.

Motion #1: Tim Cortez
Second: Craig Haslam
Motion Carries.

Treasurer's Report: President, Scott Hannum reported the following for the dates of January 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017. Beginning Cash \$42,762.97, Deposits of \$90,876.40, Expenses of \$92,743.69, leaving an ending balance of \$40,895.68. Recruiting and Retention Grant Income restriction is \$679.07 and the L.A.S.T. account was \$19,779.05 leaving a total restricted amount of \$21,219.34, which leaves an unrestricted balance of \$19,676.34.

Motion #2: Tim Cortez motioned to accept the treasurer's report.
Second: Jeff Kehl
Motion Carries.

Association Bills: No bills at this time.

Presentations: Ashley Powell, CDL Examiner from WYDOT stated that the Z Endorsement will be ending on July 1, 2017. This leaves it in the hands of the departments and districts to decide whether your firefighters need a CDL license or just a class C. Make sure to check with your insurance company they may require a CDL license. When your firefighters have physicals have them go to a CDL physician so they have the physical for both. If your apparatus is going to be driven out of state the driver will need a CDL license.

Bill Panos, Director of WYDOT discussed WYOLINK. They are still getting feedback from the bills that were sent out which is appreciated. They are looking at changing the way the bills are figured by only billing for use time. The amount could change over time. He wanted you to know that they are listening to your comments. They need to find a source of funding to help pay for some of the usage charges. They have come up with some ideas that they are discussing which they are going to take to the Legislators. This is in the preliminary stage. It was discussed. He mentioned that he discovered that NIMS qualification requires interoperability. The PSCC State Interoperability Plan says that is WYOLINK in Wyoming. It was discussed.

Nomination and Election of Officers: Nick Hudson has resigned from his position as 2nd Vice President because he has accepted a job with the State Fire Marshal's Office as a fire inspector. The nominees for his position were Eric Quinney and Bryon Mathews. Bryon Mathews was elected to the post of 2nd Vice President. Scott Hannum asked for a motion to keep Chris Kocher as the 1st Vice President.

Motion #3: Jeff Kehl
Second: Jim Wamsley
Motion Carries.

Motion #4: Craig Haslam motioned to keep Scott Hannum as the President.
Second: Lanny Applegate

Motion carries.

Jim Wamsley swore in the Board members.

Committee Reports:

Missouri Valley Division, IAFC: Craig Haslam said that the conference is in Breckenridge, CO. on June 28-30, 2017 try to attend. They are voting for officers so members please vote. If you are not a member please join. Let your Federal Legislators know that we need the money that funds the AFC and Safer grants. Jim Wamsley stated the Missouri Valley Division consists of South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. All these states have the same struggles that we do. An improved webpage is coming with state news and a handbook for new chiefs which each state will add their information. There are two classifications of membership individual and department in communities under 10,000 people.

Wyoming Council on Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety: No report at this time.

IAFC-VCOS: Craig Haslam reported that there are two symposiums one in the west and one in the sun. They have a lot of good information out there.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Rusty Dunham reported that the Share the Load Program is going strong. If any department needs suicide posters just ask and they will be provided. Make me a Firefighter program is free to sign up for and get marketing tools. For Line Apparel information go to notinourhouse.org it will give information on how keep your gear clean and how to take care of it to help keep you and your family safer from cancer agents.

Wyoming Fallen Firefighter Memorial: No report at this time.

WYO-Link Update: Mark Harshman stated that the PSCC has been reorganized for 17 members to 11 members. The next meeting is June 7, 2017 in Cheyenne. If you have any questions please let Mark know so he can pass them on. They are looking at adding 16 more locations to WYOLINK.

WFCA Legislative: Jeff Kehl reported that the Special District Election and Budgeting Senate File 15 & 16 went well both had some amendments added. The budgeting portion will be in effect on July 1, 2017 and the election portion also passed. The bill on snowplows and no red lights has passed. The House Bill 112: EMS licensure-interstate compact and House Bill 73: Interference with a person providing emergency services both passed. They are meeting in June. Tim Cortez stated that The Presumptive Cancer bill will include Cardio Vascular and Stroke. The benefits include temporary disability of 2/3rd of salary, permanent disability of 2/3rd of salary up to 80 months or lump sum. There are death benefits for the family, funeral benefits, and college benefits. Firefighters need to get physicals regularly, have 10 years of service, and if tobacco is used regularly (do not know what is considered regularly) you will not qualify. Fire departments need to tune up your job description and your record keeping needs to be complete. Documentation is important. Please spread the information and awareness. The rules for the bill are not complete so there may be some changes.

WFCA Residential Sprinkler Committee: No report at this time.

Wyoming Volunteer Fire Pension Fund Report: Lanny Applegate reported that the total number of participants is 7,238, the termination number is 2,278, and the number of deaths was 331. Survivor

pensions came to 174 with retirees numbering 1,207. Monthly pension totals were \$471,261.10 with the smallest pension being \$44.88 and the largest pension being \$719.70. The total fund balance is \$75,580,682.04.

Wyoming Fire Academy Training Report: Ian Kraft reported that in the 1st quarter of the year the trainers used 1082.5 hours in class instruction, 1199 students instructed, 44.5% of time instructing, and 27.9% of time investigating fires. Dave Harley is been added as a new fire investigator. The investigators are increasing their education so we can help you even more with your fire investigations. In July there will be an online class schedule on the website. This blended learning schedule will be by quarters. There are improvements going on and coming to the Academy. Right now the doors and windows are being replaced in the tower. A new brick wall in the burn building is going to be replaced. We are hoping to get the parking expanded, new gutters, new drainage, the north side street paved, and a cul de sac for training.

Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Grant Update: Ian Kraft stated that we are close to the end of the first year of the grant. Just shy of \$85,000.00 has been used. Please go to your areas and talk to other departments about getting signed up to use the grant. We have 35 to 40 departments signed up. There is a new “itemized reimbursement request form” which you attach your receipts to when you need a reimbursement. If you need a copy of the form or information contact Ian.

Section Reports

Wyoming Firefighters Certification Committee: Tim Cortez reported that the eight year term limits were kept so there are two vacancies on the committee. Let your agencies know that Director Reed will be taking applications for the vacancies. The vice chair is now Aaron Zent.

Wyoming Association of Fire Marshals: Bryon Mathews said that there is one vacancy. There were some By-Law changes.

State Fire Association Reports

Wyoming State Firemen’s Association: Lanny Applegate stated that convention is in Afton on June 15 – 17, 2017. Hotel rooms are limited so call right away.

Wyoming State Rural Fire Association: Russ Wenke stated that they discussed the Master agreement. They had \$18,260.52 in expenses with an ending balance of \$20,553.54.

L.A.S.T. Team Update: Dan Johnson reported that there were three missions since last meeting. Governor Mead donated an Elk tag to be auctioned off. This auction could generate between \$15,000.00 and \$25,000.00. There will be a basic training in Cheyenne on September 15, 2017 from 6 – 9 and an advanced table top September 16 – 17, 2017 from 8 -5 on the 16th and 8-12 on the 17th. There will also be a symposium for existing Honor Guard September 16th from 8 – 5 and September 17th from 8 – 12.

Wyoming Firefighter Cancer Support Network: Shad Cooper stated that the first meeting was after the Memorial Service on May 13th. If you would like any information Shad can be contacted at 307-360-3110 or e-mail at scooper@fcsn.net or you can contact the Firefighter Cancer Support Network at 866-994-3276.

State Agency Reports

Wyoming State Forestry: Bill Crapser said that Linda Berckefeldt is retiring in September and Sheila Esterholt has been hired to take the position. Krisanda Kappus was hired as the IQS Manager and Aspen

Joiner as the IQS Technician. The new Emergency Reporting program is going very well. The rules for strategic assets vehicles are being worked on to get a federal legislative fix so fire vehicles do not fall under the description.

Fire Marshal's Office: Mike Reed reported that the training building at the Academy has been upgraded to educational facilities. The WI-FI at the Academy is being upgraded. The Fire Investigators are getting more training. They are looking into an IRIS scan for fire investigation. They are looking at Image Trend for the electrical licensing software. Emergency reporting is being upgraded and going well. Thank you to the L.A.S.T Team for Mike Sexton's funeral. Director Reed has written a letter to Eastern Wyoming Community College for a daughter of a Fallen Firefighter to use the college benefit.

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security: Larry Majerus stated that they are in flood watch.

Continuing Business:

Chris Kocher reported that the Rural and WFCMA meeting will be in December in Buffalo. There will be more information at the meeting in June at the convention.

New Business:

Scott Hannum said that Donny Huber is stepping down from the SERC committee. Scott Hannum has nominated Chris Kocher to fill the spot.

Motion #5: Jim Wamsley made a motion to have Scott Hannum draft a letter to the Governor in behalf of Chris Kocher being appointed to that vacancy on the SERC committee.

Second: Shad Cooper

Motion Carries.

WFC Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting is in conjunction with the Wyoming State Firemen's Association annual convention at the Afton Volunteer Fire Department fire station at 3:00PM on June 14, 2017.

Adjournment: Scott Hannum adjourned the meeting at 11:58.