

WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2014

LINGLE FIRE HALL

Call to order: President Donny Munger called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Officers present were President Donny Munger, 2nd Vice President Chris Kocher and Secretary/Treasurer Gene Diedtrich. Nineteen members were present.

All motions that were made were passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.

Minutes of last meeting: President Munger asked for approval of the minutes as e-mailed to the membership for the April 5, 2014 meeting. Lyle Armstrong made the motion, Lanny Applegate seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gene Diedtrich presented the Statement of Cash Position for the period April 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014. The beginning cash balance was \$64,046.94, Deposits for the period were \$5,550.14, and Disbursements totaled \$7,207.06, leaving an ending cash balance of \$62,390.02. Restrictions on cash are as follows: \$17,275.73 and \$18,850.96 to the 2009 and the 2011 Recruiting and Retention Grants respectively, \$4,305.18 to the Wyoming L.A.S.T. – Team, leaving an unrestricted cash balance of \$21,958.15. Motion to approve the report made by Jerry Munger, Lanny Applegate seconded.

Association Bills: Treasurer Diedtrich reported that he had no unpaid bills, and that an application for membership had been submitted to WAM (Wyoming Association of Municipalities), and that the Wyoming Association of County Commissioners does not have an associate membership available in their organization.

Committee Reports:

Missouri Valley Division IAFC: President Munger reported that he and Jim Wamsley were going to the Meeting in Cedar Rapids next week. He said he would have a report at the Rural Fire Meeting in November.

Wyoming Council on Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety: Dan Johnson reported that there were no pending appeals.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Lanny Applegate reported that the Wyoming State Forestry will pay for Rusty Dunham and Mike Bournazian to attend the next council meeting, Mike is going to assist in getting Rusty orientated in his new position as the Wyoming Council Rep.

Wyoming Volunteer Pension Board: Allen Sessions presented an update on the Volunteer Fire Pension Fund. The following information is as of April 30, 2014. The Total Fund Balance is \$71,404,897.85, there are 2,173 active members, currently paying out 1,201 monthly pensions, in the amount of \$339,914.70 each month.

WFCM Membership: President Munger stated that we're always out for new members, he said everyone should solicit for potential new members.

WFCM Legislative: Jeff Kehl reported that he hadn't heard from anyone regarding upcoming legislation. The Chiefs' need to monitor what's happening this summer and fall when the various committees meet. Lyle Armstrong reported that he was going to try to get on the JAC agenda and bring up changing Plan B, they are meeting later this month. Motion by Gene Diedtrich, seconded by Mike Hutchison that the Chiefs support the Plan B changes and concepts that will be proposed to the JAC.

Section Reports:

Wyoming Firefighter's Certification Committee: Chris Kocher reported that committee last met on April 5, 2014. He reported on some new testing standards that are in effect.

State Fire Association Reports:

Wyoming State Firemen's Association: President Joe Wells reported on the convention. He welcomed all to Lingle, and assured us that he had good weather coming and that Lingle was as ready as they ever were going to be.

L.A.S.T. Team Update:

Randy Vickers reported that there was a delay in notifying the Team on a recent callout. He reported that there is a number of ways to get in touch with the team. He stated that there is a Team training scheduled for the upcoming Wheatland Fire School.

Randy sent me the following e-mail to give all the phone numbers to call.

LAST Call us first we are setup to advise and assist you in the first hours of a tragic loss of life. We will make the required national notifications for you, if you so desire.

During business hours the quickest notification is through the Wyoming State Fire Marshal's office. [307-777-7288](tel:307-777-7288). This call will result in a return call from a LAST coordinator shortly. And, has the advantage of putting the Fire Marshal on alert to begin to anticipate what you may need in the way of assistance from the fire service.

LAST Coordinators direct numbers, (cell)

Mark Young [307-277-0319](tel:307-277-0319)

Randy Vickers [307-760-5946](tel:307-760-5946)

Wyoming Local Assistance State Team has 50 members trained up to help you through this, and we continue to grow.

Wyoming LAST gets its financial support from the Wyoming Fire Service. We exist to assist the Wyoming Fire Service through a loss of life of a member, whether LODD or not. An informational packet, "Before the Tragedy Strikes", is available through Mark Young at the Wyoming Fire Marshal's office.

State Agency Reports:

Wyoming State Forestry: Gene Diedtrich relayed the highlights of a report sent to him by Ron Graham. Ron indicated that the Agency had a lot going on at the present. A copy of Ron's report will be sent as an attachment via the e-mail with these minutes.

Fire Marshall's Office: Director Applegate stated that his department was very busy with the electrical licensing. He indicated that he has a vacancy in the training division in the certification area, they have advertised the position and received close to a hundred applications, hopefully have that position filled by July 2, 2014. He reported that the Respond Wyoming conference was a huge success and are planning on another in 2015. He stated that the plan review personnel are very busy, a lot of new construction going on in the state.

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security: Kim Lee reported that the Federal DOT have issued new regulations regarding shipment of Bakken Crude Oil by rail. The new standards require shipment notice be given to the State Department of Homeland Security, and notification be given to local departments along the route. He also touched on the teams that were helping various communities with the spring snow melt, he stated that the preplanning done by the department was instrumental in reducing damage. He also shared with the group the statistics relevant to the RERT responses. He also said something about Wyoming being as green as Ireland?

Continuing Business:

Wyoming 2011 Volunteer Fire Recruitment and Retention Grant Update – Gene Diedtrich reported that Ian Kraft had e-mailed him indicating that he had applied for the remaining balance of funds available under the grant, which will expire in about 13 months. The balance of the drawdown Ian has requested is \$264,182.85, spent to date \$733,667.35.

WAM and County Commissioners Association: The Fire Chiefs' Association is now a member of WAM, the Commissioners Association does now allow Associate membership.

Wyoming Golf Tourney – Dan Johnson brought up the Golf Tourney scheduled for Laramie this upcoming July 13 and 14.

New Business:

Randy Vickers brought up Fire Pensions and some of the problems associated with them. He felt all the Associations needed to get involved with legislative input to help resolve some of the issues and do it early enough in the season to have it ready for the session in January 2015.

Meeting Schedule:

In conjunction with the Wyoming Rural Fire Association meeting in Douglas December 3, 2014.

In conjunction with the Mid-Winter Fire School in Riverton – January 9, 2015.

In conjunction with the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Riverton – April 4, 2015.

In conjunction with the Wyoming State Firemen's Association Convention June 17, 2015 in Lander.