

Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2018
Lander Volunteer Fire Department

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Kocher at 3:01 pm.

Roll call: Board members present were President Chris Kocher – Worland, 1st Vice President Byron Mathews – Cheyenne, 2nd Vice President Eric Quinney, Uinta County and Secretary/Treasurer Gene Diedrich – Newcastle. Twenty-six members were present.

Minutes of last meeting: President Kocher asked for the approval of the minutes as sent out for the April 7, 2018 meeting.

Motion #1: Jeff Kehl made a motion to approve the minutes.

Second: Lanny Applegate

Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Gene Diedrich reported the following for the dates of April 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018. Beginning cash \$48,195.33, Deposits of \$13,911.40, Expenses of \$19,376.03, leaving an ending balance of \$42,730.70. A total restricted amount of \$27,067.22, which leaves an unrestricted balance of \$15,663.48.

Motion #2: Aaron Zent motioned to accept the treasurer's report.

Second: Mike Bournazian

Motion carries.

Association Bills: No bills at this time.

Presentations: No presentations at this time

Committee Reports:

Missouri Valley Division, IAFC: Scott Hannum mentioned that the Symposium in the Sun can be registered for. Scholarships are available.

Special District Association: Jeff Kehl reported that the Legislators are drafting a bill on reporting for special districts about how, when and what needs to be reported. This bill needs to be watched.

Wyoming Council on Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety: Mark Young reported on behalf of Chief Dan Johnson. Mark stated the Fire Council met and voted to adopt the new 2018 International Codes. Specifically, 2018 International Fire Code, 2018 International Building Code, 2018 International Existing Building Code, 2018 International Mechanical Code, and the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code. All locals who have Authority of Jurisdiction have six months to adopt which is December 1, 2018. **The Governor has signed them into law.**

IAFC-VCOS: No report at this time.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Eric Quinney reported that this year the membership has gone from 30 members to 552 members. The website has online training which is very big right now. They are having a bunker gear give away every year. They meet twice a year, once in Washington in April and the meeting rotates in the fall. This year it is in Bismarck, ND in September.

NFPA: Dennis Estes reported that there is free training on the NFPA website. School districts are talking about getting rid of the pull stations for fire alarms so shooters cannot pull them. Sprinklers are being discussed. NFPA has a lot of information on their website like “Learn not to Burn” which is geared to school curriculum. Mark Young asked that the fire departments to talk to him before you give school districts or business old fire hoses for the doors. Sprinkler codes and education were discussed.

Wyoming Fallen Firefighter Memorial: Mark Young stated that the Fallen Fighter Memorial was the largest event to date. There were 59 surviving family members in attendance. Thank you to everyone who helped in the planning and the event itself.

WYO-Link Update: Mark Harshman stated that it was approved for funding so the bills you have been receiving will continue for two more years from July. WYDOT is working on training for the near future. The 16 expansion sites are still being worked on. He is hoping the new bills will be on time and not units. If you have any questions call Mark Harshman.

WFCA Legislative: Jeff Kehl reported that there are no active bills right now. Contact Gene Diedtrich if you have a bill that you would like the legislative committee to look at or discuss. In April Jeff Kehl and Lanny Applegate went to the Interim Committee Studies meeting. There were some topics that they wanted excluded from the studies so the talk to some legislators and they were removed. New legislative website is up.

WFCA Residential Sprinkler Committee: Mark Young reported that their mission is education on the benefits of sprinkler. The NFPA partnership is gone because Jeff Hudson’s position has been eliminated. Wyoming Sprinkler codes and education on the use of sprinklers was discussed.

Wyoming Volunteer Pension Board Report: Tracy Brown reported that the total number of participants is 7,519, the termination number is 2,597, and the number of deaths was 389. Survivor pensions came to 257 with retirees numbering 1,198. Monthly pension totals were \$501,226.68 with the smallest pension being \$44.88 and the largest pension being \$722.08. The total fund balance is \$79,953,589.

Wyoming Fire Academy Training Report: Ian Kraft mentioned that the major maintenance projects are about to begin. The projects include windows, roof, gutters, store front changes, and the internet speed is going to be increased. The burn building is being repaired. There will be an Emergency Reporting class August 10 – 12, 2018 at the Wyoming Fire Academy. To register go to www.wsfm.wyo.gov the links are on the front page.

Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Grant Update: Gene Diedtrich stated that as of June 4, 2018 we have used 37% worth of the days of the grant and only 26% spent.

Section Reports

Wyoming Firefighters Certification Committee: Aaron Zent stated that he was voted in as Chairman and Rusty Dunham was voted in as Vice-Chairman. HazMat Tech has been changed from a 2 year recertification to a 3 year recertification. Fire Inspector II & III are now finished and on the website. The new test for the standard on Pumper & Aerial and HazMat for 1st Responders will be out January, 2019.

Wyoming Association of Fire Marshals: Bryon Mathews reported that they met in Casper and discussed risk reduction.

State Fire Association Reports

Wyoming State Firemen's Association: Dalton Sanders went over the agenda for the convention.

Wyoming State Rural of Firemen's Association: Mike Bournazian stated that the Rural meeting will be November 29, 2018 – December 1, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Rock Springs.

L.A.S.T. Team Update: Mark Young reported that they have not had a single mission since April. The Honor Guard Symposium dates will be discussed at the next meeting. He is thinking it will be the week after Labor Day and Cheyenne Fire is hosting it. He will send out an email when finalized.

Wyoming Firefighter Cancer Support Network: Chris Kocher reported that there was no new mission since the last Chief's meeting. If you need assistance go to www.firefightercancersupport.org/request-assistance-state/wy/. The "Taking Action Against Cancer" 4-hour course is ready so contact Shad Cooper if you want to take it.

State Agency Reports:

Wyoming State Forestry: Chris Kocher reported that the program for reimbursement is in place for out of state fires. They are ready to move into their new maintenance building in July. You have until the end of the month to submit for the SFA Grant to Sheila Esterholdt.

Fire Marshal's Office: Mike Reed stated that the Hall of Fame plaque is in the process. The forms for the Hall of Fame and Medal of Valor are on the front page of the wsfm.wyo.gov website. Joyce Knapp has been hired to handle demographics, Emergency Reporting and NFIRS. The new electrical licensing program is in the developing phase and will be up by the end of the year. Electrical Reporting is also being used by the electrical inspectors.

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security: Larry Majarus handed out information on the HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) post fire funding from the Mitigation Program Manager Melinda Gibson. There is about half a million dollars per declaration that can be applied for. Mike Reed mentioned that Larry Majarus's retirement party is June 29th from 1 – 3 at 5500 Bishop, Cheyenne.

Continuing Business:

2015 SAFER Grant Amendment: Scott Hannum reported the amendment to the grant and applying for another grant were discussed.

PRE-FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WALK: Scott Hannum stated that \$3,000.00 was being raise for bricks on the memorial walk at the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial. The names would be for pre 1981 deaths. They are hoping to raise the money by the end of the summer. Scott will be sending out emails.

New Business:

NVFC in Wyoming 2020: Eric Quinney mentioned that he is filling out the package to try and get the fall of 2020 meeting to be in Wyoming. He is looking at Jackson and Cody for the location. He is asking for support for trying to have the NVFC meeting in Wyoming.

Motion #3: Mike Bournazian made a motion to support trying to have the NVFC meeting in Wyoming in the fall of 2020.

Second: Gene Diedrich Motion carries.

Everyone Goes Home: Scott Low talked about the Everyone Goes Home website at www.EveryonGoesHome.com. They want to lower LODD deaths.

Industrial Chief's: Ryan Wells representing the Chief's and Emergency Management of Sinclair, WY, Casper Sinclair, Holly Frontier, Cheyenne, and New Castle asking for support and help in cross training. They want to be more involved with the state. There have been discussions with the Wyoming Fire Academy about donating props for training. It was discussed to bring the Industrial Chief's into the WFCAs as a special section.

Motion #4: Aaron Zent motioned that the Industrial Chief's should join the WFCAs as a special section.

Second: Bryon Mathews

Motion carries.

WFC Meeting Schedule:

The Wyoming Rural Fire Association Annual Meeting and WFCAs Meeting is scheduled for Rock Springs on November 29th, 2018 at the Holiday Inn at 8:00 am.

On Friday January 11, 2019, WFCAs meeting is in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Fire School hosted by the Riverton Volunteer Fire Department at the Wyoming Fire Academy. Time will be determined later.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 5:03.

Motion #5: Bryon Mathews motions to adjourn meeting.

Second: John Rutherford

Motion Carries.