

Minutes of Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association
June 18, 2003
Newcastle Fire Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming

President Don Huber called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. With 19 members present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with those present signing a roster that was passed around.

Minutes of the April 5, 2003, meeting were mailed. Ken made a motion, seconded by Lanny to accept the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Gene Diedtrich, with unrestricted funds of \$6,866.67. Motion was made by Jerry Munger, seconded by Speed Hartbank to accept the report. Motion carried.

State Fire Marshall Council Report:

Report given by Council Member Mark Young:

The committee met in Thermopolis in May. Nothing unusual, but appeal from crop dusting company in Torrington who stated a need for a facility to refuel because of opposition in the fire code to the current facility. This was denied by the council.

Fire Marshall Narva intends to hire a Deputy State Fire Marshall. This process will come up some time this June.

Missouri Valley Report:

Report given by Missouri Valley representative Mark Young:

Chief Young stated that the Missouri Valley Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, July 9-11, 2003, and asked for members to attend.

Chief Young will move up to Second Vice President of the Missouri Valley Division. Chief Brad Sarff of Rock Springs has agreed to be the Missouri Valley representative from Wyoming. Brad will be unable to attend, but could be sworn in if elected.

Motion was made and properly seconded that we have a 1-day hospitality event in honor of Chief Young and Chief Sarff. Chief Young will spend a reasonable amount and be reimbursed by the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association.

Certification Committee Report:

Certification Committee has not met since April. We will plan a meeting for September and will discuss philosophy.

Legislative Committee Report:

Chief Sutton reported on the Committee Meeting with WDOT in Riverton. Sutton presented 2 examples of the new plates. After discussion of color of lettering available, Lanny made a motion, seconded by Rich Hauber for black lettering. They will be available through each local County Treasurer starting January 1, 2004. Each application must have an accompanying letter from your own chief stating your being a member of a Fire Department. One letter per person with application must be presented. You must have language in your department by-laws to have retiring firemen eligible for the plate. We will try to get an example out in the near future.

The plate will cost \$30 per year, and we have to buy at least 1000 sets by 2009 or availability of the plate will cease. This is a prestige plate.

Thanks to Ken for achieving the success of this license plate bill.

NFIRS Committee:

Ken Sutton said there was nothing to report.

Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial:

The next service is scheduled for next year in April and the staff at the Academy will add Andee Huber's name to the memorial.

Wyoming Fire Academy Report:

Larry David reported that classes are ready for 2004 and all summer filled. The grant for the Academy addition was sent in and we have to come up with a 50% match.

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Kenny was not present to give a report. Bill Hitt will get involved in this as an alternate, but he needs to talk to Ray Weidenhaft.

IAFC:

Chief Scott couldn't attend the meeting. He sent a report that was read by the Chairman. A copy of this report will be attached to the permanent copy in the Secretary's book.

Recruiting and Retention Committee:

No Report

Wyoming Association of Arson:

Rich Hallcroft reported that members would be voted in again at the November conference.

We will need to keep certification in testing for training fire investigators. We asked them to expand to cover wild land, arson prevention, fire prevention and juvenile fire centers.

Task Force:

No report. Jim Wingert said that they want to have 40 technicians to certify in the future. Rich Hallcroft had 5 who completed the process to help in teaching the program.

Fire Marshall Office:

Jim Narva said he publicly thanks past Fire Marshall Jim Noel for what he contributed. He reported that for the Assistant Fire Marshall position he has 12 to 14 applications. This will be filled by the first part of August.

Each chief received a memo in regard to the \$1.5 million to be released by the Governor to buy equipment for first responders. This included miscellaneous equipment. The second part ensures continued training in HAZMAT training through Homeland Security grants available.

Friday morning, June 20, there will be a Joint Transportation Committee meeting at Douglas at 8 a.m. at the Best Western Motel. The subject will be Homeland Security, what they have done and where they are going from here.

Fire prevention rules will be approved to move forward. Senate File 37 adopted National Security codes.

Use the same phone numbers to contact Jim Narva as in the past.

Wyoming State Forestry Report:

Bill Hitt stated that there was no report. Ray Weidenhaft could not attend this meeting. The advisory board can field questions.

Wyoming Emergency Management Agency:

No report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The chiefs have been given a 3-part program on wild land/urban interface fires. The program has been given to Larry David for use at the Academy.

Scott Alvord, Fire Chief from Cheyenne said he wishes to be active in the State Association. Cheyenne is having an open house on August 2. They will have 4 to 5 hours to give a view of the training facility that was recently built there. He offered an invitation to stop in for personal tours.

Rich Hallcroft reported that an insurance adjuster wanted to recognize Gillette Fire Department for their help in other towns. He wanted recognition for them. He had discussed this with the Fire Marshall's office. Gillette responded by saying, "Thanks is enough. It's our job".

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be September 26,2003, at 3 p.m. at the Long Creek Cabin, Graham Ranch.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. with a motion by Sutton, seconded by Stolns. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Diedtrich, Minute Taker