

**Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting
December 3, 2014
Douglas Inn Douglas, WY**

Call to Order: President Donnie Munger called the meeting to order at 1517 hours.

Roll Call: Board members present were Donnie Munger, President - Newcastle; Scott Hannum 1st Vice-President – Rawlins; Chris Kocher 2nd Vice-President – Worland; Gene Diedtrich, Secretary / Treasurer – Newcastle.

27 individuals signed the roll call roster that was passed around.

Minutes of last meeting: President Donnie Munger asked if there were any corrections to the meeting minutes for June 11, 2014.

Motion #1: Willy Watsabaugh moved to accept the minutes as presented.

Second: Jerry Munger

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gene Diedtrich gave the report for the dates of July 1 to October 31, 2014.

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| The Beginning balance was: | \$62,390.02 |
| Deposits | \$77,783.69 |
| Payments | \$116,868.93 |
| Ending Balance | \$23,304.78 |

2009 Recruitment and Retention grant is a zero balance as all unrestricted funds have been returned to the government and the grant is closed.

Checking account restrictions are: 2011 Recruitment and Retention grant restriction of \$101.70 and the LAST team checking account balance of \$3,624.37.

Unrestricted checking balance of **\$19,578.71**

Motion #2: Nick Hudson moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Second: Chuck Anderson

Motion Carried.

Association Bills: Presently no outstanding bills.

Nominations and Elections: Missouri Valley Fire Division Director Chief Jim Wamsley was voted to 2nd Vice President of the Division so nominations and election was called for to elect a new director. Chief Craig Haslam – Fremont County and Battalion Chief Tim Cortez – Casper Fire were nominated for the position. Election was conducted and Chief Craig Haslam was selected to be our Missouri Valley Director.

Committee Reports:

Missouri Valley Division IAFC: Chief Craig Haslam reported that he would be making arrangements to attend the upcoming MVFD meeting in Kansas City in March 2015 with President Donnie Munger.

Wyoming Fire Council on Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety: Chief Dan Johnson reported that the board met on November 19th and received a presentation from Bradley Carrol on Residential Sprinklers, no appeals were heard at this meeting. He also advised that the committee recommended that the State proceed with the process to adopt the ICC code update in 2015.

International Association of Fire Chiefs Association – Volunteer and Combination Officers Section: No report.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Rusty Dunham reported he and Mike Bournazian attended the recent meeting in Lafayette, LA the Council is working hard on its' firefighter suicide prevention program, details are on the NVFC web site. Also talked about the program targeting new recruits, families and spouses to inform them of what is involved with being a volunteer firefighter. Mike and Rusty also attended a Train the Trainer class on this so if anyone wants training get with either one of them. Washington DC meeting coming up and the Council is looking at the Western States to host a meeting next year approximately 200 people for the conference anyone interested contact Rusty.

Nominations and Elections: Covered earlier with the election of Craig Haslam to the MVFD director position.

Wyoming Fallen Firefighter Memorial: Ian Kraft reported that the memorial will be held on April 11, 2015 in conjunction with the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting. Wyoming Last team is in charge of this years' event and is seeking any departments that have an Honor or Color Guard to participate if interested contact Chief Randy Vickers or Chief Mark Young.

WYO-LINK Update: Chief Harshman was absent but indicated to President Munger that he had nothing new to report and that he would be present at the January meeting in Riverton with a full update.

Legislative Committee: Russ Wenke indicated that a full report will be presented during the rural meeting on the 4th of December.

Wyoming Firefighter's Certification Committee: Battalion Chief Tim Cortez reported that there has been a sharp increase in the number of Fire Officer II certifications reviewed by the committee. They are working on the Mission Statement for the committee, looking into the serpentine requirement for the Aerial Apparatus operator as it is extremely hard on apparatus tires and equipment. Fire Brigade test bank should be coming very soon. Next meeting of the committee will be held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Fire School in Riverton.

Wyoming Association of Fire Marshals: No Report.

State Fire Association Reports

Wyoming State Firemen's Association: Nick Hudson reported that planning is moving forward for June 17th – 20th in Lander.

Wyoming State Rural Firemen's Association: Chief Steve Haines reported everything is ready for tomorrow's meeting's and it looks like 20 counties will be represented. Asked the Wyoming Fire chiefs' Association to consider matching a donation for the Wyoming Last Team.

L.A.S.T. Team Update: Chief Randy Vickers reported the team assisted with 12 lost firefighters and 2 full scale deployments. The average request of the team for services has been to arrange for pipers and honor guards. Level II use of Honor Guards is getting popular and last can assist with training. Chief Vickers explained the main mission of LAST is to provide support to the families and assistance with the Department of Justice paperwork associated with filing a LODD claim.

LAST can be contacted through Chief Mark Young 307-277-0319 or Chief Randy Vickers 307-760-5946 or contacting State Fire Marshal Lanny Applegate 307-349-6647.

LAST has had several requests to help with CISD, and Mental health support for firefighters. Campbell County, and Sweetwater County presently have CISD teams up and operating. LAST will be again pushing forward with training of current members and recruiting new members throughout the coming year, because of increased training cost LAST is always seeking and very appreciative of the donations it has received. With the support of the Wyoming State Fire Marshals' office the program continues to strive towards its goals. To date there are 52 trained members on the team. Also the team has 2 PSOB specialists trained. LAST has successfully processed three applications for PSOB benefits for Wyoming survivors.

State Agency Reports: Reports to be given during the Rural Fire Association Meeting.

Fire Marshal Lanny Applegate wanted to thank Wyoming homeland Security Kim Lee, Region 3 Director Chief Dan Johnson, Fire Chief Scott Hannum and Battalion Chief John Rutherford for the success of the Arson Dog program within the State of Wyoming.

Continuing Business

Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association 2011 SAFER grant: Ian Kraft reported that \$785,597 has been expended from the grant leaving \$212,253 available. An amendment has been filed to continue to pay for registration to Mid-Winter Fire School, and Cody should be. Grant period of performance concludes July 30, 2015 so make sure you get your invoices in to Ian for payment within 45 days of the closing date. Money is still available for immunizations and physicals for new members. Will be applying next January for another SAFER grant may only be a two year grant instead of a four year.

Chris Kocher brought up that the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association should throw down the challenge to the Rural Fire group to match our donation.

Motion #3: Chief Craig Haslam made the motion to donate \$2500.00 to Wyoming Last Team

Second: Chief Don Huber

Motion carried to donate \$2500.00 to Wyoming Last Team and challenge the Rural Fire Association to match our donation.

Meeting Schedule

Next meeting of the Wyoming Fire Chiefs' Association will be held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Fire School in Riverton on January 9, 2015.

In conjunction with the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Riverton on April 11, 2015 this was moved from the 4th due to the Easter holiday on the 5th.

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

President Donny Munger entertained a motion to adjourn

Motion #4: Chief Willy Watsabaugh made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Nick Hudson

Motion carried meeting adjourned at 1602 Hours.