



Northern Michigan Fire Chiefs Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020 - Roscommon, MI

Present: President Forbush, Vice President Pratt, Secretary/ Treasurer Mosher, Director Fisher (via Zoom), Director Peterson, Director Parker (via Zoom), Linda Stone (via Zoom)

1. Call to Order - 1331hrs

2. Presidents Report

- a. Chris Peterson resigned from his position as the Recruitment & Retention through MiRems. President Forbush will reach out to Chris Peterson to see if they can keep him onboard.

3. Vice Presidents Report

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. NMFCA Checking Account - \$8,286.40
- b. MAFC Checking Account - \$36,901.11
- c. PAC Fund - just over \$6,000
- d. SAFER Grant - We currently have over \$100,000 in grant money to use in recruitment & retention that will expire with the grants soon.

5. Committee Reports

- a. EMS
 - i. President Forbush talked with Monte Nye of the MPFFU about the EMSCC and the nomination process for the subcommittees. Then they discussed legislative agendas and calibrating with the Fire Chiefs on a stand-by legislative agenda in case the house flips in the next election. One priority would be to put EMS training back to the local department with oversight. This would hopefully help with the paramedic shortage.
- b. MAFC
 - i. No meeting since NMFCA last Board Meeting
- c. FFTC
 - i. Review of changes that the MAFC workgroup has proposed for the training rules.
 - ii. The State is reviewing all current rules looking to update those that can be used for COVID precautions. This has slowed down the process of the General Training Rules as they are still being reviewed at the Regulatory Affairs Officer level.
- d. MABAS
 - i. Update on splitting of MABAS 3701 into 2 separate divisions. 3702 is currently Roscommon & Crawford Counties.
 - ii. Chris Martin, former Sterling Heights Fire Chief, is now working out in the field working with local task forces to get things started before Task Force 1 can get there. Working with local teams that may want to get credentialed for different types of responses.
- e. Legislative
 - i. FY21 budget was passed. Task Force 1 was funded at \$1,000,000 for this budget year, an increase of \$100,000 over FY20.

- ii. HB 4792 Gas Stations to be unattended
 - 1. S-1 was referred back to the Committee of the Whole with recommendation for immediate effect on 9-24-2020.
- f. SAFER Grant

6. Executive Director's Report

- a. December Meeting in conjunction with Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association.
 - i. Voted to cancel our December meeting due to ongoing COVID issues.
- b. 2021 Summer Symposium is scheduled for July 22-23, 2021 at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City.
 - i. Michigan Task Force 1 is willing to provide some general session classes for the summer symposium

7. New Business

- a. Elections
 - i. Letters of Intent received: Josh Mosher - President & Jim Fisher - Secretary/Treasurer

8. Old Business

9. Good of the Order

Next Meeting Thursday December 10, 2020 Lunch at 11:30 am at Fred's of Roscommon with the meeting to follow at Gerrish Township Fire Department.

Adjournment - 2:33 pm