

WESTERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:00AM EST via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER – Vice President Don Munn called today’s meeting to order at 11:02AM.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President – Ginebaugh (excused)
Vice President - Munn
1 Year Trustee - Keefe
2 Year Trustee – Cleveland
3 Year Trustee – Roman

Past President – Styles
MAFC Board Member – Glotzbach
MAFC GLD Representative – Hagen (excused)
Secretary-Treasurer - McKellar

PUBLIC COMMENT - Ring presentation by Phil Dienstag. Neighbors Public Safety Service. Please reach out to Phil if you need further information: email Phil@ring.com or (203)610-1178 cell.

TREASURER’S REPORT – McKellar reported the following information

MiChiefs Account Balances as of October 13, 2020:

Checking \$41,398.72

PAC \$5,778.70

Yellow Rose \$9,973.43

Munn called for a motion accept this report as presented. Motion by Roman, Seconded by Keefe. Motion carried. This report was accepted and will be filed.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT/RECEIVED:

- Letter of Interest received for Trustee Position - Chief Sam Peterson (Oakfield Township FD). Munn called for a motion to accept Chief Sam Peterson as our third-year trustee. Motion by Cleveland, seconded by McKellar. Discussion followed to confirm that we are following the bylaws as written. It was confirmed that no election is necessary. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Peterson shall be sworn in as 3-year Trustee at the December meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Great Lakes Division: No report
- EMS: No report
- Legislative: Glotzbach reported that there are a couple of bills to watch, but due to lame duck session fast approaching, these are most likely not moving. He summarized the following: HB5992 (enact the requirement for public safety comms system to be installed in K-12 buildings that have bond projects underway) and HB6148 (bill to remove EM dept from MSP to their own standalone dept). Discussion followed on MAFC’s supportive stance of the HB5992. As always, please keep Chief Glotzbach aware of any legislative issues that you are concerned about.
- MFFTC: Cleveland provided a detailed report. The Rules process has moved into the next phase, though the Chiefs did oppose as there were still some issues they objected to. Our lobbyist continues to help us work through the process. Cleveland shared his screen and highlighted the MAFC’s issues with the Rules. Glotzbach assured everyone that we will continue to advocate and move towards what is best. Discussion followed. We will continue to keep you updated, though meetings have been canceled due to COVID-related travel restrictions.
- BFS/State Fire Marshal: Cleveland stated that BFS is rolling out T-t-T for new fire officer series. Funds are being distributed to distributed to the counties. Keefe asked if there were any openings in the Instructor T-t-T courses. Discussion followed.

- MAFC: Glotzbach had nothing to report. The board may be meeting next week to install VP Meniffee via Zoom. Nothing else to report.
- MABAS: Roman had nothing to report. Dave McIntyre (Program Manager, MI-MABAS Task Force 1) introduced himself. He confirmed that the Task Force has received confirmation of FY21 funding and expressed his gratitude to the fire chiefs for their support. He explained their initiatives and plans for the upcoming year.
- Communications/Tech: Styles had nothing to report.
- ByLaws: Nothing to report at this time.
- Nominations: Already discussed earlier.
- Yellow Rose TF: Glotzbach provided an update on the successful Yellow Rose Duty shirts campaign that wrapped up back in September. The committee will look at growing this campaign and streamline the delivery process next year.
- Pennies from Heaven: Nothing to report

UPCOMING WMAFC EVENTS

- Wed, Dec 9, 2020 - WMAFC Holiday Luncheon & Installation of Officers - Boulder Creek. Discussion necessary if this meeting should be “in-person” or via Zoom. Munn confirmed that WMAFC members did receive a poll asking for their feedback on this topic. The Board will review those results and take into account the current state of COVID pandemic. The Board will make a decision by mid-November. More to come.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- McKellar reported that Kent County & WMAFC are hosting a full day program featuring Frank Viscuso on Friday, Sept 24, 2021. This “Step Up & Lead” full day program is nationally recognized. It will be funded by fireworks funds, so you’ll need to register via WMAFC as well as SMOKE. Location will probably be Boulder Creek Golf Course. If attendance is extremely high, then we could look at Sparta HS. More to come.
- Welcome to Chief Sam Peterson. McKellar thanked him for stepping up. Munn provided a summary of Sam’s background.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 11:55AM. Motion by Cleveland, seconded by McKellar. Motion carried.