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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – January 5, 2022

Virtual via “Go To Meeting”

Called to order by Chief Sitar at 0832 hours

Present: Chiefs Sitar, Beattie, Emanuel, Best, Rhodes, Thomas, Toomey, Watkins, Howard, Carrier, Executive Director Lemire and our Government Relations specialist, Adam Schmidt.

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion (Best/Watkins) to approve the minutes from the December 1 meeting carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Chief Carrier presented the financial reports. A MOTION (Best/Howard) to accept the report, carried unanimously. He asked for approval to void checks that have not been cashed to clear the books. A consensus of the group approved his request. Discussion ensued on an outside audit for the books and it was agreed to seek vendors.

Correspondence: A thank you note from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for a donation of proceeds from the CO Safety Seminar for their Injury Prevention Fund.

President’s Report: (Sitar)

- He reported that the state’s Crisis Care Committee will be meeting next week.
- He will be attending the Fire Department Safety Officers Conference next week.
- Chief Parisi has passed the adbook checkbook to Chief Carrier who will be working with the vendor.
- He asked about CFSI and ED Lemire will be getting that information. It will be April 6 and 7, 2022.
- He asked for a succession plan for the board as Chief Emanuel may have a conflict with serving at the Seacoast Chiefs. He asked to remain in place for another year with Chief Best leapfrogging. The board approved that recommendation on consensus.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- Chief Scott Hunter of Bedford is the only qualified applicant for the Board of Fire Control position vacated by Chief Gagnon.
- I'd like to suggest that we stay virtual for all meetings until the virus situation changes.
- I am working with Primex and the Mt. Washington Hotel on our cooperative May 12, 2022 meeting. The Primex room rate this year is \$199, which will be extended to our group also.
- June will be in Brookline, hosted by Chief Corey.
- I will also be working with Nick at LRCC on a breakfast meeting and also having our Annual Meeting at a centralized location if the virus issues subside.
- I have been working with Paul to finalize the production of the ad book. I've provided him with pictures, letters, history information and Justin is sending him an up-to-date NH list of fire chiefs. Hopefully it will be a better production than last year.

1st Vice President's Report (Beattie)

- He participated in a legislative meeting and deferred to Adam and Chief Emanuel for a report.
- He also participated in a discussion on recovery housing. He stated that it will affect every community if the regulations are relaxed.

2nd Vice President's Report (Emanuel)

- Adam Schmidt was on the call and he deferred to him for a report. He walked through a chart of about 60 bills being monitored. There are no hearings this week but will start next week. The big news is that the qualified immunity challenge was withdrawn. The other bill of note is the one to reinstate retirement benefits. The price tag is about \$60 million.

Sgt. At Arms Report (Best) –

- Chief Best will be attending the meeting with the North Country chiefs on Friday.

Marshal Toomey –

- He addressed the comments on the sober living housing bill. He feels that we're not in a bad position at this point but there is a lot a pressure to address other issues.
- He thanked the members who assisted in the process for vacancy filling at his office. Chief Brian Allard and Inspector Mitchell Cady will be joining his command staff.

New Business: Chief Sitar addressed the open position on the Board of Fire Control for a municipal fire chief. There is also an opening manufacturing rep that he is working on. A MOTION (Emanuel/Best) to recommend that Chief Scott Hunter's name be put forward carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- Chief Emanuel asked if we were going to recognize Chief Christopoulos. ED Lemire will take care of it.

IAFC – (Christopoulos) – n/a

NED AFC – IAFC – (Jones) –

- He asked that members please keep their dues up to date and if there are issues, to contact him.

Good and Welfare: Chief Rhodes offered the board input on succession. Chief Emanuel also stated that the Seacoast Chiefs' annual meeting will be tomorrow night on a virtual platform.

Discussion ensued on shirts/hats and other saleables. ED Lemire will be contacting East Coast Emergency Outfitters.

Upcoming Events: The monthly meeting will be held virtually at 1600 hours Thursday, January 13, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 0941 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director
NH Association of Fire Chiefs

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