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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – February 1, 2023

Primex Facility, 46 Donovan Street, Concord, NH

Called to order by Chief Best at 1235 hours

Present: Chiefs, Best, Emanuel, Hunter, Thomas, Sitar, Chamberlain, Watkins, S. Buxton, McShane and Executive Director Lemire.

Minutes of previous meeting: The January meeting minutes have been distributed. A MOTION (Buxton/Sitar) to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: January reports are not available yet.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: n/a

President's Report (Best)

- Last Friday, he and Marshal Toomey met with Commissioner Quinn on cancer in firefighters. SB 71 will make it presumptive in firefighters and we will be supporting it. PFFNH testified in support of the bill. The Commissioner is supportive of the efforts.
- Commissioner Quinn's reappointment is up in March. A MOTION (Sitar/Emanuel) to draft a letter of support for his reappointment carried unanimously.
- He met with the 5 families recently.
- He will be appointing a Nominating Committee for the Annual Meeting.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

Next board meeting will be Wednesday, March 1.

- This month's meeting will be at Johnson's in Northwood, NH. on the 9th.
- The March 9 meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the Academy
- We have abandoned plans for a Legislative Breakfast. The Democratic caucus uses the cafeteria often so we'll look for another time.
- We have contracted the Common Man Inn and Spa in Plymouth for our Annual Meeting and recognition of our 90th birthday for April 13.

- The Primex Conference will be in Portsmouth in 2023 and we have been asked to partner with them again. Dates will be May 15, 16 and 17. Pre-conference workshops will be on the 15th. Our meeting **should be around 1:00** this year on Wednesday the 17.
- CFSI is at the end of May this year and the House may not even be in session. It was decided to encumber the money this year for next and plan on attending next year.

1st Vice President's Report (Emanuel) –

- Emanuel attended FDSOA - FRCE co-located conferences and IAFC Health, Safety, and Survival Section Meeting - cancer registry, cancer education, health and wellness January 17-21, 2023.
- Highlights of interest and opportunities include:
 - NH participation in Drexel University FOCUS survey regarding FD safety culture
 - NH participation in NIOSH - National Firefighter Cancer Registry
 - NH participation in the PHLAME (Promoting Healthy Lifestyles: Alternative Models' Effects) Firefighter
 - Updates on the IAFF/IAFC WFI and urgency of fire departments conducting annual physicals

The keynote speaker was Geoff Krill from Lincoln NH, an Adaptive sports ski instructor, who spoke about the Power of positivity and desire to improve. His message was focused on how do you become a better you?

Emanuel and DeAngelis will be delivering a program at NHFA on February 9, 2023 as part of the recruitment and retention program on the topics Bullying and generations.

2nd Vice President: (Watkins) –

- PTSD commission is meeting again this Friday. There are five agenda items that will be worked on.

Sgt. At Arms Report (Hunter) –

- He reminded members that there will be a raffle next week at the meeting.

New Business:

Old Business:

NEDAFC – IAFC – (Buxton) –

Good and Welfare:

- Chief Sitar reminded members about the Golf Tournament August 9 and the Certified Officer program sponsored by the NHAFC.
- Chief Best indicated that with the impending cold snap, the Governor will have a press conference suggesting that if anyone needs help, contact their local fire chief/fire department for direction.

Upcoming Events:

Meeting adjourned at 1347 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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