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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – February 5, 2025

Primex Facility, 46 Donovan Street, Concord.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Emanuel at 0830 hours.

Members present: Chiefs Emanuel, Watkins, Hunter, Buxton, Wheatley, D. Chamberlain, Fraitzl, LaRoche, J. Chamberlain, Carrier, Murray, Jones and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

Minutes of previous meetings: December and January now posted. A MOTION (Hunter/Wheatley) to accept the January meeting minutes carried unanimously. A MOTION (J. Chamberlain/Buxton) to approve the December minutes carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Distributed via email. A MOTION (Fraitzl/Hunter) to approve the January financials carried unanimously.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: n/a

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

- Adam shared a list of currently filed bills. There were 16 pages of bills being watched. He went over several of them.

Report of the President: (Emanuel)

- NHAFC members will be representing New Hampshire for the CFSI program in Washington DC on February 12-13, 2025
- He attended Chief Morrison's retirement party and presented his Life Membership card.
- He also attended Chief Jason LaJoie's separation party in North Hampton.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The FF Cancer Workgroup met again on Friday, January 31 to discuss training, paperwork, prevention and Workers' Compensation relating to cancer awareness. This meeting concentrated on the training/educational importance

of the message to all firefighters and how to assist in conveying that message. Recap of the meeting will be in the regular monthly meeting minutes.

- The February NHAFC meeting will be at LRCC next Thursday and will include breakfast and a seminar entitled “Effective Listening for Leadership” presented by Nashua Fire Commissioner and Professor John Steere.
- The March BOD meeting will be virtual and held on ???
- The regular meeting will be held at Alan’s of Boscawen on Thursday, March 13 featuring two dinner options, one being corned beef. Commissioner Quinn, former Commissioner Barthelmes and possibly Gov. Ayotte will be attending.
- The April BOD meeting will be on the 2nd at Primex.
- The Annual Meeting/Seminar/Vendor Showcase/Dinner will be held on April 10 in Plymouth at the Common Man Inn and Spa. Spouses/guests will be welcome to attend.
- He attended Chief Jack Anderson’s retirement party in Bethlehem on January 18. Chief Watkins presented him with his Life Membership card.
- We’ll NOT be having our meeting at the Mt. Washington Hotel in May after the Primex conference this year. The NH Municipal Managers will be partnering with them this year. Our May meeting will be on the 8th at the Whelen facilities in Charlestown, NH as their guest for dinner.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: ; Vendor;; Assn:.

1st Vice President’s Report (Watkins) –

- He will be providing reports on the PTSD Committee soon.
- He also spoke of presenting the Life Member card to Chief Anderson

2nd Vice President’s Report – (Hunter) –

- He will be attending his last BOFC meeting and suggested speaking with the Marshal on his replacement.
- He also attended Chief Corey’s retirement party and presented his Life Membership card.

Sgt. At Arms Report – (Chamberlain) – No report

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) –

- Chief Jones stated that the Division is sponsoring a professional development seminar and the information is being distributed.
- They are working on a SAFER grant for 5.5 million dollars to support training, etc. for smaller part-time departments.
- Chief Murray reported that he is on the committee for site selection for future conferences, possibly in the Southern NH area. The October conference will be smaller and in the other section of the facility.

New Business –

Old Business –

Good and Welfare –

- The 2025 Golf Tournament will be held at Lochmere CC in Tilton on August 11.
- Chief LaRoche spoke of a letter from Chief Yanuzzi of Newport questioning the benefit of using CPAT. Chief Fraitzl is asking the Fire Standards and Training Commission to address it. Discussion ensued.

Motion to adjourn at 1012 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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