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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – April 5, 2023

Primex Facility, 46 Donovan Street, Concord, NH

Called to order by Chief Best at 0830 hours

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

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

Financial Reports: March reports are not available yet.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: n/a

President's Report (Best)

- “Five Families” Meeting tomorrow 9am at NHFA
- Budget bill; reach out to State Reps? Discussion ensued.
- Commissioner Quinn, AC Edwards and AC Steve Lavoie have been confirmed.
- HB 296- concerns from members; he will speak with Tom Blanchette and Steve Colburn to reassure them of our support.
- April 13th meeting. He asked if there will be remarks on the 90th. Also regular reports or abbreviated? Executive Director asked for abbreviated.
- April 20th 10am he and ED Lemire will attend North Country DOS/Chiefs/NHAFC Roundtable in Bethlehem.
- Question on Golf Tournament prize procurement? What does Jenn need?

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- Next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 3 at this facility. We will finish the work on the Strategic Plan.
- This month's meeting will be the Annual Meeting and 90th birthday party at the Common Man Inn and Spa in Plymouth. We have 52 signed up to date.

- We will be having another Roundtable at the Burton Training facility April 20.
- The May 11 meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the Academy.
- The June meeting will be in Brookline, NH hosted by Chief Corey and feature a home-cooked roast beef dinner.
- In July, we will be at the Atlantic Grill in Rye on the 13th.

1st Vice President's Report (Emanuel) –

- They've been following and working on the Legislative budget.

2nd Vice President: (Watkins) –

- PTSD commission met with the State Medical Examiner last month and she gave an overview of how she performs autopsies. The committee asked her if they could document first responder suicides. They cannot as it is a nationwide standard form. They may be able to in the comments section.

Sgt. At Arms Report (Hunter) – n/r

New Business:

- 2024 Proposed Budget – discussion ensued. Subcommittee to meet to finalize next week.
- Report of the Nominating Committee – submitted by committee for Annual Meeting. A MOTION (Hunter/S. Buxton) to recommend that the slate of officers be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting on April 13, carried unanimously.

Old Business:

NED AFC – IAFC – (R. Buxton) – n/a

Good and Welfare:

- Chief Sitar reminded members about the Golf Tournament August 14th.
- He also stated that the Certified Officer program certificates will be given at the May meeting.

Upcoming Events: Annual Meeting/90th Birthday April 13, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 1001 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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