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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – April 13, 2022

Virtual via “Go To Meeting”

Called to order by Chief Sitar at 0831 hours

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

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion (Best/Beattie) to approve the minutes from the March 9 meeting carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: March reports are posted. A MOTION (Thomas/Watkins) to approve them carried unanimously.

Correspondence: n/a

President’s Report: (Sitar)

- He attended the meeting of the “five families” and reported on the issues discussed.
- He submitted testimony in writing to the Legislature on certain bills.
- He spoke on the trip to CFSI and the meetings with the Congressional delegation.
- He participated in the monthly information call with Safety on Monday.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- I’m relieved that the CFSI trip went without a hitch. Quite an experience.
- Next board meeting will be at the Centennial Hotel on May 4.
- 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. Sign up for rooms now!
- June will be in Brookline, hosted by Chief Corey on the 9th.
- July meeting will be at the Atlantic Grill in Rye on the 14th.
- August meeting will be at the Town and Country Inn in Gorham on the 11th.
- We are looking at a breakfast meeting at LRCC in September.
- We are hoping to have a Candidates’ Forum at the Institute of Politics in October.

- We need to appoint a representative to the Committee of Merit.
- We will need to caucus tomorrow with NE Fire Chiefs Division member for our state Vice President.

1st Vice President's Report (Beattie)

- I attended CFSI in Washington DC along with Executive Director Lemire, and Chiefs Sitar and Jones. The trip was very productive. We had the opportunity to meet with our federal delegation to discuss issues facing the fire service, both on a state and federal level.
- The Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services Recruitment and Retention Committee continues to meet. We are meeting every Friday from 1400-1530 at the NHFA.
- I have been asked to be part of the 2022 Mental health Leadership Seminar on June 8th at the NHFA. I will be partnering with Captain Perriello of the Pelham Police Department to discuss the positives and pitfalls of transitioning an employee back to work after being out on mental health leave.

2nd Vice President's Report (Emanuel) –

- He deferred to Adam who mentioned that he would have a complete sheet of information for tomorrow's meeting. He briefed the group on a few of the bills being followed.

Sgt. At Arms Report (Best) –

- He wanted to make sure members knew that there is a possibility of E-911 calls of a routine nature would go to a tele-med center for triage. Chief Thomas attended the full meeting. He is concerned about the effect that losing Alpha calls would have on staffing, etc. He suggests a one-on-one meeting with Director Doyle.

Marshal Toomey – He shared with the board efforts being made to revise language on several bills that would impact the fire service. Also the Scholarship Committee information will be out the beginning of May. He is receiving an award that includes a donation to a charity of his choice. He wants to give part of it to us for scholarship.

New Business: Chief Emanuel suggested a section be reserved on our website for members only review of legislative information. Executive Director Lemire has contacted webmaster Chief Murray and will work on that.

Old Business:

NED AFC – IAFC – (Jones) – He spoke of the upcoming New England Conference in Worcester and shared details. The hotel registration opens Friday, April 15.

Good and Welfare:

Upcoming Events: The monthly meeting will be held tomorrow at the Margate.

Meeting adjourned at 0919 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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