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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – April 2, 2025

Primex Facility – Concord, NH

The meeting was called to order by Chief Emanuel at 0832 hours.

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

Minutes of previous meetings: Approval of the minutes deferred to next month.

Financial Reports: Distributed via email. A MOTION (D. Chamberlain/Buxton) to approve the March financials carried unanimously.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: n/a

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

- Adam reviewed the list of bills being followed and explained their status and amendments possible. Discussion ensued.

Report of the President: (Emanuel)

- He attended Chief Hunter's retirement celebration and presentation from the NHAFC for his service to the organization and on the board of directors
- EV, E-Mobility, Lithium-Ion Study Council - Public Safety Response Workgroup - Virtual Meeting. Eight attendees participated and discussed constructing a survey to determine the level of preparedness for LE, fire/EMS, and tow operators regarding PPE, training, and response. Next council meeting is scheduled for Monday April 14, 2025 at 1300 at the DOS

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- 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. So far I have 26 vendors committed and \$5,000 in sponsorships.
- The May BOD meeting will be virtual on the 7th.

- Our May monthly meeting will be on the 8th at the Whelen facilities in Charlestown, NH as their guest for dinner.
- The June BOD meeting is scheduled for the 4th but I have a conflict. Can we do in on the 11th at Primex?
- The June 12 regular monthly meeting will be virtual.
- The July BOD meeting is on the 2nd as is virtual and the regular monthly July meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the NHFA at 0900 hours.
- The August 6 BOD meeting will be at Primex and the monthly meeting will be on the 14 at the Town and Country Inn in Gorham. The seminar will be presented by Commissioner John Steere of Nashua.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$5715.00 ; Vendor: \$4000.00; Assn: \$1714.00.

1st Vice President's Report (Watkins) –

- The PTSD Commission met and discussed accomplishments.
- As of yesterday, the Berlin Fire Department started running EMS for the city.

2nd Vice President's Report – () – n/a

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

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) – No report

New Business –

- Nominating Committee/Vacant positions were discussed. The committee will present their nominations next Thursday.

Old Business –

- Chief Buxton reported that the RFP has come back for the Cancer Screening Program and will be called the Firefighter First Cancer Screening Initiative.

Good and Welfare –

- The 2025 Golf Tournament will be held at Lochmere CC in Tilton on August 11.
- Chief LaRoche indicated that they're watching a situation in Grafton county where they're exploring operating EMS.

Motion to adjourn at 1009 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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