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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – August 3, 2022

Litchfield, NH

Called to order by Chief Beattie at 1212 hours

Present: Chiefs Beattie, Best, Carrier, Hunter, Thomas, McQuillen, Sitar, Steve Buxton, Rob Buxton, Watkins, Chamberlain, Christopoulos, Jones and Executive Director Lemire.

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion (Watkins/Emanuel) to approve the minutes from the July meeting carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: July reports have been submitted. A MOTION (Thomas/S. Buxton) to approve them carried unanimously. He reported on the meeting that he and ED Lemire had with the accountants.

He also reported that there were 21

Correspondence: North Country Public Safety Officer Award dinner invitation.

He yielded the floor to Chief Buxton who announced that he had been nominated as the next NH Homeland Security. He asked if the Assn. might send a letter of support to the Council. Chief Sitar MOTIONED that the board send the letter of support with Chief Thomas seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: (Beattie)

- He attended the reception for outgoing Director Jen Harper at the Academy.
- He and Chief Best met with the Governor last Monday. It was a productive meeting at which he was able to bring up several issues important to us.
- SB 357 passed and Chief Watkins will represent us on the mental health committee.
- He intends to talk to Dir. Cutting about more driver/operator courses.
- He sat on a committee to look at school shooting preparedness.
- He will be retiring at the end of September to take the job as Laconia City Mgr.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- Next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 7 and will be virtual.
- This month's meeting is on the 11th at Town & Country in Gorham. Sign up early please.
- Our Golf Tournament will be held on Monday August 8 at Lochmere in Tilton.
- September will be a breakfast meeting at LRCC on the 8th at 0900.
- We will be having a Candidates' Forum at the Institute of Politics on October 13. I am meeting with them this month to finalize.

1st Vice President's Report (Best)

2nd Vice President's Report (Emanuel) –

Sgt. At Arms Report (Watkins) – n/r

New Business:

Chief Thomas reported on the HazMat Conference in September. Dr. Julia Baxter will be the speaker at the conference. He asked that any surplus money be used for additional classes by her at the NH Fire Academy. Consensus of the group was to support expending surplus funds in the grant for this purpose.

Old Business:

NED AFC – IAFC – (Buxton) –

They will be having an in person meeting shortly. They will be moving the conference to Mohegan Sun after next year. The new Secretary/Treasurer will be from Montpelier, VT. He and Chief Jones and he will be pressing for a survey on educational opportunities.

Good and Welfare:

The golf tournament will be held August 8, 2022 in Tilton at Lochmere CC.

Chief Emanuel reported on

FRI housing block has closed. Registration is higher than last year.

Chief Carrier described the planning of the golf tournament and the prizes donated.

Upcoming Events: The August regular meeting will be held the 11th at the Town and Country in Gorham.

Meeting adjourned at 1304 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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