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Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors – May 5, 2021

Called to order by Chief Sitar at 0833 hours

Present: Chiefs Sitar, Beattie, Emanuel, Best, Thomas, Rhodes, Toomey, Watkins, Jones and Executive Director Lemire.

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion (Rhodes/Emanuel) to approve the minutes from the April 7 meeting carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The February reports tabled last month were approved as written on a MOTION (Beattie/Watkins).

Correspondence: n/a

President's Report: (Sitar)

- Covid -19 virtual mtg held Monday 4/26. It was suggested that these meetings continue for now. Next meeting is May 10th.
- Met with Commissioner Quinn on Thursday 4/29 to discuss the FM position and the FA Director position.
- Additional fundraiser in the form of a golf tournament to be held at Lochmere CC in Tilton on August 9, 2021. Chief Carrier, Chief Beattie, Chief Christopoulos have agreed to be on the Committee for this event.
- Bring Chief Emmanuel up to speed on Legislative issues. Chief Beattie will be setting up a meeting with our lobbyist at their offices this month.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The dues have been increased and the checks are coming in.
- I still need help in soliciting vendors for Advocate Members. Any luck?
- I have received the information regarding casino fundraising and will be reviewing it. Any action depends on our approval for non-profit status.
- I would like to have an in-person BOD meeting August 4 here in Litchfield as in the past. I will invite past officers who missed out.
- The first in-person monthly meeting will be September 9 with the Vendor Showcase. Should we start earlier?

1st Vice President's Report (Beattie)

- HB 111 – (Qualified Immunity) – they are following it as it may rear its ugly head again.
- HB 343 – (Ambulance Balance Billing) - sub-committee met yesterday to deal with the sponsor's newest iteration of the bill. She wants our support on this version but we are not in favor of it. They will be setting up a meeting next week.
- SB 142 (PTSB) committee is still working on supporting the bill.
- He suggested that the board review email addresses that the board prefers to use.

2nd Vice President's Report (Emanuel)

- He wished everyone a Happy Cinco De Mayo and shared the plans that UNH has for graduation, etc.
- He noted that FRI is being held in July in Charlotte. More details will follow.

Sgt. At Arms Report (Best) –

- He is still coming up to speed with our activities and looks forward to working with all of us.

Scholarship Committee (Toomey) –

- Applications will be sent out this week with a July 1.

New Business:

- LRCC has requested a representative from the NHAFC to serve on an interview board for new instructors.

Old Business:

- Fundraising activities (Rhodes/Lemire) (See report from Executive Director)
- Norm Skantze has resigned from Wolfeboro Fire. This will create a vacancy on the Board of Fire Control (representing Forestry) and he also served as Chair.
- Chief Beattie spoke of the working group at LRCC for program changes. He and Chief Carrier are on the board and it is working very well. Chief Jones shared that we are losing students to Maine as there are currently 14 NH students there. He has received the Maine curriculum and has shared it with LRCC and will share it with the Academy. He wants to make sure our program fits the needs of the NH chiefs. Chief Beattie has made them aware that the program needs upgrading to allow them to be hireable upon graduation.
- Chief Sitar spoke of the NHAFC Credentialing program will be done twice yearly with presentations in April and November of each.

IAFC –

NEDAFC – IAFC – (Jones)

- Info on FRI will be coming out May 17.
- The brochure for the NEAFC – IAFC meeting in Portsmouth in June is out and he urged member to sign up.

Good and Welfare: Chief Toomey reported that the Governor will be signing HB 377 concerning sober living housing. It was a collaborative effort to get this passed.

Upcoming Events: The monthly meeting will be held next Thursday, May 13 at 0900 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 0927 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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