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Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors – July 7, 2021

Called to order by Chief Sitar at 0833 hours

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

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion (Best/Beattie) to approve the minutes from the June 2 meeting carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: n/a

Correspondence: A request from Chief Carrier is as follows:

Can the golf tournament committee (or me) get permission to spend some money? What I am thinking is water and snack stuff for goodie bags and maybe coffee and donuts for the morning.

If we don't get some decent raffle prizes, I'd also like to be able to buy a few – balls, shirts, gift cards, maybe.

We have taken in about \$5,350, already. We still have players that need to pay.

And... Hopefully!!!! We will have more players and sponsors step up.

A MOTION (Christopoulos/Best) to spend up to \$800 for golf tournament items, carried unanimously.

Also, Director Cutting submitted the following:

President Sitar,

We are considering a project within the BEMS that would add a Specialty Service sub-section to include Inter-Facility Transportation and Mobile Integrated Healthcare programs. This proposal would dedicate a combination of full and part-time personnel to these programs as a resource for development, management, education, training, integration and oversight. They would coordinate operations including infrastructure, stakeholder communications, oversight of MIH application process, customer service, efficiency and continuously improving operations and outcomes by using evidence-based methods. Funding is through a grant for two years with an

evaluation on whether or not to continue these based on program success and EMS system needs.

I am looking for any feedback or concerns that you may have. I look forward to discussing this more with you.

Discussion ensued as to the value of another person in the bureau for this. After further discussion, members expressed their support for the program.

President's Report: (Sitar)

- Covid -19 virtual mtg held Monday 5/24. Chief Beattie led the call for the Chiefs.
- Participated in interviews for Fire Investigator for the Fire Marshal's Office.
- 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.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- I appreciate the help in soliciting vendors for Advocate Members. We still need more.
- 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. I was made aware of a Primex event that conflicts all of a sudden.
- I attended a Seacoast Chiefs' board meeting in Kittery June 30 at their request to assist in their efforts to create an Executive Director position. I will be returning for another meeting in August.

1st Vice President's Report (Beattie)

- He thanked Chief Christopoulos and crew for their help when one of his members was flown to DHMC after a tragic accident.

2nd Vice President's Report (Emanuel)

- He expanded on Chief Lemire's report on the Seacoast Chief's meeting.
- He

Sgt. At Arms Report (Best) –

- Chief Carrier reached out to him yesterday about taking our saleables for golf tournament prizes. A consensus of the board affirmed the request.

Scholarship Committee (Toomey) –

- Two applications have been received. They will be reviewed for a possible August announcement.
- He spoke of his transition into his new position. Going well so far.

New Business:

- Marshal Toomey shared that the Department of Justice has funding available to assist local municipalities, including fire departments/ems, to assist with activities surrounding relaxed Covid-19 restrictions in the state. Last year when I had funding available for Covid response, the previous Marshall had sent the announcement out to all local fire departments for me. Is this something that you would be willing to do? This is the link to the announcement: [arpa-municipality-announcement.pdf \(nh.gov\)](#)
- Chief Christopoulos asked for approval for reimbursement of \$199.99 for update to Quickbooks. A MOTION (Emanuel/Beattie) to do so carried unanimously.
- Chief Beattie asked about the pilot program for Incident Reporting and its status. Chief Sitar gave an update. Marshal Toomey stated that the Academy is moving on information retrieval for the pilot system and that his office has become active also in assisting in the process.
- Marshal Toomey reported that Chief Clark has been named Chair of the Board of Fire Control and Chief Michael McQuillen will be appointed.

Old Business:

- Chief Thomas reported on a meeting of the state Overdose Committee. They are looking to mirror other states' committees and seeking some funding in this effort.
- Chiefs Allan Clark and Rob Buxton have requested that they be re-appointed to the NH Fire Standards and Training Commission. A MOTION (Watkins/Best) to support their re-appointments carried unanimously.

IAFC – Chief Christopoulos is happy about the numbers for FRI in Charlotte.

NEDAFC – IAFC – (Jones)

- He reported on the success of the Portsmouth conference June 23.
- He also stated that he feels that it's important

Good and Welfare: Chief Christopoulos made a MOTION, seconded by Chief Jones to donate \$250 toward the hospitality suite at FRI and it carried unanimously.

Chief Rhodes reported that Chief Matt Duke of Merrimack will be retiring August 1.

Upcoming Events: The monthly meeting will be held tomorrow, Thursday, July 8 at 0900 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 0919 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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