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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – May 8, 2024

Primex – 46 Donovan St., Concord, NH

Called to order by Chief Emanuel at 0832 hours

Members present: Chiefs Emanuel, Buxton, Hunter, Chamberlain, Murray, Carrier, Fraitzl, LaRoche, Wheatley and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

Minutes of previous meeting: Distributed and posted for meeting. A MOTION (Buxton/Wheatley) to accept carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Distributed via email. A MOTION (Fraitzl/Chamberlain) to approve the April financials carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Note from Allan Clark requesting reappointment to the BOFC. Discussion ensued as to advertising the position or simply recommending the incumbent. The item was tabled pending further review.

Life Membership: Eric Wilking – former Exeter Chief. A MOTION (Fraitzl/McShane) to grant it, carried unanimously.

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

- He reported on his email updates for bills being considered. As the session is coming to a close, he is actively involved with the legislature and the amendments being offered on several bills. Chief Murray will put the list up on the Member-only page of the website.

Report of the President (Emanuel)

- He spoke of the board members' trip to Washington for CFSI and our meetings with our Federal delegation. He described the IAFC hot sheet that we used for the information.
- He mentioned the NH Explorer Fire Academy funding
- He will not be available for the May meeting.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- He was thrilled with the outcome of the April 11 events. The Common Man staff was outstanding, the seminars were outstanding, the vendors were happy and we had 99 for dinner/meeting.....a record. Thanks to all who assisted. We may seek to return there next year as the vendors were very happy with the venue.
- Our trip to CFSI in Washington turned out better than expected as our two Senators were not due back in time to meet but made a special effort to be there and surprised us. Our congressional representatives were thoughtful and supportive. The National Fire and Emergency Services dinner/presentation was well done and engaging.
- Our next BOD meeting will be June 5 and will be virtual.
- This month's meeting will be at 3:00 pm on May 16 in the Warner Room of the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel. It will close out the Primex conference.
- The June 13 meeting will be virtual and held at 4:00 so as to accommodate some of our part-time members.
- July 10 BOD meeting and virtual.
- The July 11 meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the NHFA. The vendor has lowered their prices so we're back to \$16.00.
- Our August 7 BOD meeting will be at Primex at 0830 hours.
- On August 8, we'll join our North Country brethren at the Town and Country in Gorham (Shelburne) where we'll have a seminar being developed by the He
- August 12 will be the Golf Tournament at Lochmere in Tilton.
- Our application for 501 c3 has been submitted to the IRS and the fee paid!
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$16,950; Vendor: \$11,865; Assn: \$5085.

1st Vice President's Report (Watkins) – No report

2nd Vice President's Report – (Hunter) - No report

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

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) –

- Chief Murray reminded everyone to vote for Chief Locke from VT for 2nd VP when the ballots are mailed.
- The board met and voted to establish a \$30,000 scholarship fund for NE
- The NE Chiefs' conference will be Oct. 14 to 18 at Mohegan Sun again.
- The new website is almost ready for launching. Each state will have its own access.
- FRI will be in Dallas August 14 to 16. The NE lunch will be the 14th.

New Business:

Old Business:

- Chief Carrier asked for a list of the membership on Excel

- A MOTION (Hunter/Buxton) to appropriate \$500 to the NH Explorer Fire Academy, carried unanimously.
- Chief Murray complimented PRIMEX for the recent Leadership program. He participated and thought it was one of the best programs he's seen.

Good and Welfare – Possible dinner/recognition for Chief Thomas.

Motion to adjourn carried at 1019 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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