

**New England Division
International Association of Fire Chiefs**

Board of Director Meeting
October 19, 2006
Springfield, MA

Members Present:

President Brian Hoxsie
1st VP Timothy Wall
2nd VP William St Michel

Not Present:

Stephen Allen, NH

Sec/Treasurer John Wood

Guest

Fred Stanley

International Director

Roger Bradley

Exhibitors

Judy Marshall

Brad Preston

State Vice Presidents

Gerard Dio, MA

David Sayles, RI

Michael Varney, CT

Michael O'Neil, VT

John Woulfe, ME

Immediate Past President

Brian Thibeault

President Brian Hoxsie opened the meeting at 8:50am.

Pledge to the flag followed by invocation.

Secretary Report

Motion by Chief Thibeault to accept the minutes of the prior meeting as written, seconded by Chief O'Neil. Motion passed

Secretary Wood requested permission to continue the On Scene for the president of the New England Maintenance Association. A motion was made by Chief Thibeault, seconded by Chief Sayles to continue the On Scene at the cost of \$60.00. Motion passed

Treasurer Report

Chief Wood distributed the treasurer's report showing that the checking account had a balance of \$27,324.66 as of September 30, 2006. The two CD's and the money market account had a combined value of \$38,351.02, making the total cash available at \$65,675.68. A more detailed account of the records is attached. Motion was made by Chief Michael Varney and seconded by Chief Michael O'Neil to pay all bills and to accept the treasurer's report. Motion Passed

Chief Wood discussed the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2007. After some discussion a motion was made by Chief Thibeault to accept the proposed fiscal budget, the motion was seconded by Chief O'Neil. Motion passed

President Report

Chief Hoxsie reported that the annual conference at FRI went well thanks to all the officers for their help with the functions. The membership voted to keep the luncheon meeting at FRI. The annual meeting of the division will continue to be held in Springfield at the annual conference of the NEAFC.

Chief Hoxsie reported that there are discussion regarding changing the format at the June conference possibly having a day prior to the conference for educational seminars and moving golf to Wednesday. They are considering a two-day Expo for 2008 including opening another building. Concern about increase cost by doing that without having tenants already to move in. The exhibitor's chair is retiring after this year and NEAFC is putting together a process to replace him. Committee appointments have been made, if you have question or concerns please express them, there are no question or concerns at this time. The conference made \$68,000.00 last year after all bills were paid.

President is working on a blast email list for the division members. He is asking all officers to promote the Fire Act Grant program in their States.

International Directors Report

There were three issues at FRI this year they are all being resolved. The Rusty Wallace presentation sponsors are refunding some of the monies. There will be no more beer on the floor, and vendors will have to follow the rules. Chief Wall wants to know if the \$20,000 refund for the Rusty Wallace show will be refunded to the participants or attendees. Chief Bradley thought it would be difficult to do that, but in any event would inquire. Chief Bradley reported on member alert and near miss programs (see attached documents).

Report of Committees

Seminar committee reported that the seminar planned for October has been canceled and rescheduled for March. Looking at a joint seminar with the RI and other organizations. There was discussion about the division running a seminar as a sole adventure. Chief Bradley suggested the committee contact Fire Team USA. Chief Wall will contact this group. Who are the target groups you are encouraging to attend? This information will help to identify the speaker and topic.

Chief Varney reported the website is still being developed. It is up and running and is much better then in the past but additional work is needed. Chief O'Neil report that the GPO website is now a link on the division's website.

Chief Thibeault is the new committee member for the election committee.

Chief Hoxsie attended the by-laws committee meeting at FRI. The committee reviewed division by-laws. He has been approached about taking the chairs position in the future.

Unfinished Business

Chief Sayles would like to organize the New England Chiefs at one hotel if possible. The dinner is March 27-29, 2007; he would like the division to sponsor the division secretary for attendances. He would like the division to take the lead on organizing dinner tickets and getting the group to sit together during the program. Chief Sayles will take this responsibility for coordinating the six states for the dinner.

Chief Wall would like to have a group photo of the division officers at the February quarterly meeting; this photo will be taken in Class A uniforms. Please remember to bring and wear your uniforms.

Chief Bradley reported that conference calls could be used for the meetings using the IAFC conference line. Chief Bradley will email the directions and the numbers to all the officers. The president will determine dates and times for the meeting conference calls.

Exhibitors Association

Brad Preston handed out the EXPO questionnaire results for everyone. There was discussion regarding the results and some of the feedback received from the vendors (see attached).

Other

Chief Wall made a motion to sponsor/support and donate no more than \$500.00 to the RI Fire Chiefs for their fire safety seminar in March. Chief Thibeault seconded the motion. Discussion included issues such as; how should the division show support for the seminars in each State, there should be a process in place to before donating monies, and which association would we support if there were two different chiefs associations in a State. After discussion about the motion it was defeated with 2 yes and 6 no votes the two RI chiefs did not vote. President Hoxsie appointed Chiefs Wall, O'Neil, and Allen to look into a process for this type of activity.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

Respectfully Submitted,
John G Wood Jr., Secretary