



CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association meeting for April 27, 2021 was held at Grille 37 in Pomfret.

Meeting was called to order by Chief Duval at 18:30.

Chief Duval introduced his family and welcomed everyone to Grille 37.

Meeting was recessed for dinner at 18:40

Meeting was reconvened at 19:30.

Chief Duval introduced Representative Pat Boyd who made comments about the current legislation. Representative Boyd is the co-chair of the Fire and EMS Caucus.

Chief Duval held a moment of silence for 123 fire fighters and 56 EMS members who had died from COVID since the beginning of the pandemic.

Motion was made and passed to accept the Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report was given as follows. Starting balance was \$9,968.83 ending balance was \$16,008.83, dues collected were \$6,040.00. Motion was made and passed to accept treasurer's report.

President's report: Participated in numerous meetings on behalf of the association. Continued to work on re-establishment of our non-profit status. Worked with Rhode Island and MA Fire Chiefs Associations. Free training based in the new NFPA 1700 -Guide for Structural Fire Fighting is available on the NFPA web site for all fire fighters, it takes about 3 hours to complete the course. This year's NFPA conference program will be on line. Information on Electric and Alternative Fuel vehicles is available on the NFPA website as well.

Committee reports:

Legislative: Chief Duval gave the legislation report for Ted Schroll, who was unable to attend this evening. Please refer to the latest legislative spreadsheet shared by Ted via the Fire Commission's Listserv.

Legislative Representative Search Committee: Chief Wall reported that the group would like Chiefs to submit questions to be asked to potential candidates for the position of fire service lobbyist firm. A decision on a firm to represent the state fire service on capitol hill will be made later this year.

Flanagan Fund: Five awards were given out by the committee and one from the Instructors. \$200.00 was collected for the Flanagan Fund.

New England Association/Division of IAFC and VCOS: Chief Flynn and Chief Starkel reported that, the annual meeting will be held in Portsmouth New Hampshire on June 23 and 24. Fire Rescue International is to take place this year in Charlotte North Carolina, registration will be open for both Hotels and the Conference on May 28. Chief Flynn said the reason the annual Expo will not be held in Worcester this year is that the DCU center remains a field hospital and would not be ready in time for the June program. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$200 for the New England Division annual meeting program in June in Portsmouth, NH on behalf of the CFCA.

Foam Takeback: Chief N. Wallick reported the state should have a contract tomorrow for take back of pails of foam. The foam takeback in is 3 phases, the first phase was refitting the state foam trailers, the 2nd phase will be taking back containers of foam from each FD Clear Harbors was awarded the contract for the program. The 3rd phase will be emptying and cleaning of foam cells on apparatus. The last phase has yet to be approved.

Technical Advisory Committee: Chief Duval reported that the CFCA and CSFA are looking to form this committee again. This group has not met in at least four years. A letter requesting members for the re-constituted committee will be sent out to the state's fire service in the coming days.

Old Business: A motion was made and passed to accept William Higgins as a member of the association.

New Business: A motion was made and passed that the following applications take their usual course Norman Bird, Chief of the Riverton Fire Dept., Mark Elliott Deputy Chief Lebanon Volunteer Fire Dept., and Shawn Wheeler Asst. Chief of the Shelton Fire Dept.

A motion was made and passed to approve the spending of \$490.00 but no more than \$980.00 to move forward with the non-profit status. President Duval will pursue the process with a CPA firm.

A motion was made and passed to support: Steve Hoffmann, Town of Farmington (CT) Fire Department and Ken Morgan, Meriden (CT) Fire and Emergency Services for the board of the Safety, Health and Survival Section and Ken Richards, Chief of the Old Mystic Fire Department, for the VCOS Board of Directors.

A round of applause was given to Chief Flynn, for all his work as he completes his term as President of the NE Association of Fire Chiefs, A Division of the IAFC.

A motion was made and passed to give Chief Worsman for a down payment of \$500.00 for our Annual Meeting and Installation dinner in November.

The May meeting will be held in a fire house or a hall. Any department interested in sponsoring the meeting and supplying light fare are requested to call the President.

There will be no June meeting.

The September meeting will be held at the Flanders Fish House on September 28th.

Good of the order: OSHA is inspecting fire houses. The key points they are looking for include training and record keeping. Chief Flynn has resources to assist any FD in what to have on file and how to plan for an OSHA inspection.

The CT Fire Service Instructors meeting in June will be held at the Litchfield training school. Stay tuned for more details. Chief P. Buonome joined us this evening. The Instructors and Fire Chiefs Associations continue to partner in sponsoring fire service educational opportunities regularly.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 20:45Hr.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard McDonough, Secretary
44 people attended the meeting
3 people were on line via the ZOOM app.
