

Minutes for the March 26, 2019 Meeting of the Ct Fire Chiefs Association

Maneelys, South Windsor, CT

Training prior to the meeting provided by Scott Adams from CONN_OSHA on workplace safety as it relates to fire departments and FD operations.

Meeting called to order at 1945 by President Wallick.

The February minutes were read into record by 2nd Vice President Robert Duval. The minutes were approved and seconded with a minor revision.

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

CFPC and CT Fire Academy – Director W Higgins reported that the June Fire School brochure will be out shortly so be on the lookout.

Flanagan Scholarships: 7 scholarships will be awarded out of 11 application received. The deadline to submit transcripts is June 3.

Legislative Report (L Collins) – Collins reported that several fire service related bills were voted “Joint Favorable” and proceeded out of committee in the past few weeks. A complete list of the bills is included in the weekly Legislative Update report.

Discussion was held on several particular bills as follows:

- PTSD – awaiting complete language
- Red and Blue Lights for Fire Fighters – discussion held on the use of lights for fire fighters responding to calls for service. There is much confusion on the stipulations in this bill. A clarification will be forthcoming in the coming days.
- Fireworks Bill (SB664) – was not voted Joint Favorable.
- Mobile Fueling (HB 7299) – refer to Section 4 with refers to current Fire Code (which does not allow such operations).

It was recommended that if/when you submit testimony on a bill that you send a copy of the testimony to L. Collin and/or President Wallick to maintain continuity.

The agenda for the Bond Commission has been published, and the regional fire school funding was not listed.

FIRE2025 – Project – President Wallick spoke at length on the current status of the project. He attended all six of the informational “town hall meetings”. The last meeting was held on March 25 in Dayville FD. He also indicated that over 800 on-line surveys were completed. The online survey ended on Thursday 3/28 at 0800. The data gathered from both the meetings and the survey will be compiled and released in the near future.

CT Fire Fighter Memorial: Fundraising continues for the rehabilitation of the memorial at the CT Fire Academy. Information on the ballgame fundraiser will be released shortly.

NE Fire Chiefs Association/ NE Division of IAFC: Chief C Flynn reported that there are still scholarships from VWS and ACOS available to attend training, but the deadline is tomorrow (3/26) to submit an application. Awards will be announced shortly. A very small number of applications were received.

VWS – The 4th year grant has been applied for. Awaiting word on the success of the application.

There is planning underway to present two Fire Chief 101 classes in the NE and NW corners of the state in the coming weeks.

VCOS – there will be a whitepaper for Interim Chiefs which will be released shortly.

Talks continue between the Association and the Division regarding merging the two groups.

IAFC-NE Division conference is being held in Providence, RI on April 2-3.

Hotel rooms for the June NEAFC show at Foxwoods open on April 15.

Membership: 1st VP Dixon reported that approximately 130 letters were sent to perspective chiefs throughout the state on the benefits of joining the CFCA. He is working on getting additional data in order to fill in any gaps in reaching more chiefs.

Website: Vice President Dixon reviewed the current status of the new website. We are very close to seeing the finished product.

Old Business: None

New Business: One new application for membership: Chief David Deskis of Thomsonville, CT. Motion for it to take the normal course.

A motion was made and seconded/approved to donate \$200 each to the following events:

- IAFC-NE Division Education Conference (April 2-3)
- NEAFC June Expo at Foxwoods
- IAFC-FRI in August

Chief McDonough is home and doing much better.

Correspondence: None

Good of the Association: None

Next Meeting: March 23, 2019 at a location to be announced shortly.

Meeting Adjourned at 2036 hrs.

Submitted by 2nd Vice President Robert Duval