

FALL MEETING MINUTES

September 28th 2013 Marquette Township Fire Department

1. Meeting called to order by President Caudill at 1005 hours.
2. **Membership present by the sign in sheet:** Alpha-Mastodon FD, Tri County FD, West Iron County FD, Wells Township FD, Munising City FD, Republic Township FD, Rock River Township FD, Skandia-West branch FD, Wakefield FD, Breitung Township FD, Spaulding FD, Chocolay Township FD, Ironwood Township FD, Marquette Township FD.
3. **Pledge of allegiance said aloud**
4. **Introduction of quest's:** A representative from the MSFA was planning on attending but fell ill at the last moment, he had information on the NVFC in Washington. Dan Hammerberg will be stopping in from the EMS conference.
5. **Roll call of board members:**
 - a. **President Caudill** X
 - b. **Vice President Malone** X
 - c. **Secretary/Treasurer Seppala** X
 - d. **Trustee Yon** X
 - e. **Trustee Koski** X
6. **Approval of the agenda:** There was no agenda presented as the Secretary was ill prepared and apologized.
7. A motion to accept the Annual meeting minutes was made by Chief Peite of Ironwood Township with support from Chief Vandorn of Tri County, all were in favor.
8. **Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer stated that No report was mailed as there were no changes since the annual meeting and was a waste of paper and postage.
9. **Communications:** No communications were received
10. **Unfinished business:** There was no unfinished business discussed
11. **Training:** President Caudill mentioned the two upcoming classes in Iron Mountain at the Elks lodge but would let Dan provide more details.
12. **New Business:** A motion by Chief Yon, Wakefield FD, with support from Chief Iverson, Breitung Township, to pay a stipend of \$10.00 per member attending the classes this spring to provide a head count at least. All were in favor.
13. **Reports:**
 - a. **Fire Marshal**
 - b. **OFFT:** Dan Hammerberg mentioned a letter was sent to all County training coordinators on funding for training next year. The total funds per County will be \$10,000.00 coming from the fireworks legislation. The memo also listed the available classes and their fund limits per class as well as an invoice to submit for reimbursement of funds. The State wants each County to become a vendor and

keep track of its training funds. Bills for classes will be submitted to the State for payment. There will be an increase in fees for classes. It was asked were the \$2,500.00 from the regular funding was going? Funding and training classes were discussed in length. Dan touched base on the two spring training classes hosted by the Chief in Iron Mountain this spring at the Elk's Lodge. Instructors from the National Fire Academy will be coming to put on the class with no cost to the Chief's. The first class will be February 17th & 18th 2014 and will start at 8:00 am each day. The class is "Politics and the White Helmet. The second class will be March 15th & 16th 2014, same place and time, titled "Training Operations in small departments". Information on these classes will be put on the website.

- c. **FFTC:** no report
 - d. **MSFA:** No report
 - e. **NVFC:** No report
 - f. **MFCA:** No report
14. **Comments:** A round of applause was given to Chief Caudill for all of hard work as president, Chief Caudill term limited out.
15. **Election of officers:**
- a. **President:** Nomination for president, Dan Malone made by Chief Vandorn with support from Chief Seppala. Motion to close nominations by Chief Caudill with Support from Chief Peite, nominations closed, Chief Malone is the new president.
 - b. **Vice President:** A motion was made by Chief Iverson with support from Chief Peite to move all officers up one notch, all were in favor making Chief Yon the new Vice President.
 - c. **Secretary/ Treasurer:** With a unanimous decision and no vote Chief Seppala retains the position.
 - d. **Trustee:** With the above motion Chief Koski moves up to first trustee.
 - e. **Trustee:** Chief Vandorn was nominated by Chief Seppala with support from Chief Peite. Moved to close nominations by Chief Caudill with support from Chief Seppala. Chief Vandorn is the new second trustee.
16. **Next meeting, the spring meeting will be at Chocolay Townships new fire hall, 5010 US 41 South. April 19, 2014 at 1000 hours local time.**
17. **Adjournment:** Motion by Chief Perlongo with support from Chief Vandorn to adjourn at 1056 hours, all were in favor.