

Summer Annual Meeting Minutes August 1st 2013

1. Meeting called to order by President Caudill at 1030 hours.
2. **Membership present by the sign in sheet:** Alpha-Mastodon Township FD, West Iron County FD, Forsyth Township FD, Chassell FD, Skandia-West Branch FD, Republic Township FD, Breitung Township FD, Richmond Township FD, Wakefield FD, Munising FD, Duncan Township FD, Tri-County FD, Watersmeet Township FD, Marquette Township FD, Negaunee City FD, Negaunee Township FD, Spaulding FD, Crystal Falls FD, Baraga FD, L'Anse FD, Ironwood City FD, Ironwood VFD, OFFT, State Fire Marshal.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance said aloud.**
4. **Recital of the Fireman's Prayer.**
5. **Roll Call of Board Members:**
 - a. **President Caudill – Present**
 - b. **Vice President Malone – Present**
 - c. **Secretary Seppala – Present**
 - d. **Trustee Yon – Present**
 - e. **Trustee Koski – Present**
6. **Introduction of guests:** MSFA, Paul Wayco, MSFA, Blaine Howell, MSFA, Jim Rose, MSFA –Arson Prevention Committee Les Rodwell, OFFT, Dan Hammerberg & Chuck Bouth, State Fire Marshal Rich Miller, R&R Truck Repair, Al D'Agostino, Instructor Joe Farago.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Chief Iverson, Breitung Twp. With support from Chief VanDorn, Tri – County FD, all were in favor, motion carried.
8. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the spring meeting dated April 20th 2013, Motion to approve as written by Chief Jacobson, Ironwood VFD with support from Chief Perlongo, West Iron County FD, all were in favor, motion carried.
9. **Treasurers Report:** was read aloud by Secretary Seppala, a motion to accept the treasurers report as written by Richmond Twp FD with support from Tri-County FD, all were in favor, motion carried.
10. **Communications:**
 - a. **No communications from other groups.**
 - b. Al D'Agostino from R&R Truck repair presented a small presentation about what his company had to offer to this area.

- c. A little later on Joe Farago, as a retired instructor from out west summering in the area offered his help and knowledge to the area. His specialty is in disaster preparedness, ICS and NIMS.

11. Unfinished Business: None

12. New Business: None

13. Reports:

- a. **State Fire Marshal Rich Miller** touched base on the hot topic of Fireworks. The distribution of monies has been set, the safety fees and fines from tickets will go to the OFFT Division and the money from registration certificates will go to LARA. It is unknown at this time how much funding there will be for training this next year. There are currently 149 permanent and 578 temporary fireworks facilities this year. There were 5 incidents with fireworks this year in the State, one of them fatal. He spoke about on-line training and would like to see that move forward in the future. Touched base on Chinese lanterns and a fireworks reporting system. Mentioned that there is still a Fire Inspector job opening in the UP. He reiterated to please report to the NFIRS as it represents what we do and why we exist. He said he would personally try to get representation in attendance at our meetings from the Michigan Chiefs. Fire Marshal Miller spoke of the traveling he has done this year and the numerous boards and groups that he participates in. Touched base on CO2 tanks not being hydro tested. Talked about the S.A.F.E grant and mention the State is looking to adopt a single fire code.
- b. **OFFT Division Dan Hammerberg:** Dan stated Joe couldn't make it due to the date change of the tournament. The State fire Division has standardized the names of its offices such as the OFFT is now called the Office of Firefighter Training Division. The Fire division is going through audits and stated we need to justify our training monies with class sizes and that all eyes are on the fireworks money. All members need to register for training classes on the IMS system themselves or the Chief of the department can register them as well. There will be two NFA classes offered in the UP at the Elks lodge in Iron Mountain. One will be a Chief Officers class and a Training Operations in small department's class in February and March. Dan also thanked all the training coordinators for what they do.
- c. **FFTC: No Report**
- d. **MAFC: No report**
- e. **MSFA Paul Wayco** Thanked us for the invitation to attend and introduced the new directors of the MSFA. Mentioned the fall fire school that will be in Alpena this year, mentioned the September Memorial in Roscommon and the memorial

wall applications as well as statues for sale to raise funds for the memorial. Mentioned the MSFA Past Presidents Golf outing September 20th as a fundraiser for the Max Brandt scholarship. Past president Les Rodwell spoke on behalf of the Arson Prevention committee. He stated that over \$8,200.00 in rewards have been given out this year. He mentioned two training programs this fall; the Juvenile Fire starter Prevention Program in Midland and Vehicle fire arson investigation training. He would like to hold the later class in the UP if there is a willing host department.

f. NVFC: No Report

- 14. Board Member Comments:** Chief Seppala thanked everyone for coming and wished all good luck at the tournament. Chief Caudill mentioned his current health issue and not saying it caused his condition because he was also a smoker for 28 years but the leading cause of bladder cancer among firefighters is breathing in smoke and other gasses during mop up on a fire scene. Dick asked all to be aware of this and to ensure everyone wears the proper PPE during mop up and overhaul of a fire scene. With no other comments.....
- 15. Next Meeting:** Fall meeting will be held Saturday September 28th 2013, 1000 hours local time (Est.) at Marquette Townships new Fire Hall.
- 16. Adjournment:** A motion by Wakefield FD to adjourn with support from Spaulding Township FD, all were in favor.