

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2015

Meeting called to order by Chief Malone at 100 hours.

Pledge of allegiance said aloud, Fireman's prayer was recited by Crystal Falls FD Steven Fabri.

Members present as represented by the sign in sheet: Tri-County FD, Wakefield FD, Breitung Twp FD, Richmond Twp. FD, Ironwood VFD, West Iron County FD, Republic Twp. FD, Forsyth Twp FD, Munising City FD, Champion VFD, Bruce Crossing FD, Ironwood Twp FD, Ishpeming City FD.

### Roll Call Of Board Members

- 1) President Malone            X
- 2) Vice President Yon         X
- 3) Sec/Tres. Seppala         X
- 4) Trustee Koski               X
- 5) Trustee Van Dorn           X

Introduction of Guests: Paul Wayco MFFA, Ed Anderson, Red Cross

Approval of agenda: Approved

Motion to accept the spring meeting minutes as printed by West Iron FD with Support from Norway FD, motion carried.

Motion to accept treasurer's report as printed by Breitung Twp FD with support from Ironwood City FD, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Dan Hammerberg talked about the rewrite of PA291 on the Governors order to follow the act as written until the rewrite. Dan talked about the new SMOKE program coming into effect Tomas Richardson that was hired also the changes in staffing at the State level. Dan informed all present of his new office telephone number, 906-399-4399. Questions were asked by Chief Anderson about the FFI & FFII training and the 2 year requirement to take the classes for members who had failed the written test. He was losing members because of the time frame to take it again. Dan introduced Blaine Howell who talked about the experimental online classes for a department down state who was running out of time frame limits for taking the class. The book work portion was ok but the hands on portion didn't go so well. A test was run on the scanners and some were found not scoring properly, that problem was corrected.

Paul Wayco passed out the NVFC legislative report, and urged departments to become members. Paul talked about the fall conference and the instructors Assoc. Conference, the memorial and golf outing, Workshops and Ice rescue training. He introduced past Presidents of the MSFA. Paul has handouts for the fall school applications and challenge coins for sale and other items as well as the Fireplug magazine.

Ed Anderson talked about his role as manager for the Red Cross in the UP and getting the volunteer base to expand throughout the UP Counties. There is funding to help families in need as well as programs for smoke detectors for fire departments to install. Ed provided his contact information for all the chiefs.

Bill Thorbush was introduced; he was a past MAFC president, Current President of the Northern Fire Chiefs Assoc. and current Alpena Fire Chief. Gave an update on the rewrite of PA291 and moving forward and spoke of fireworks funding and the joint effort of all the Chief organizations at the summit to move forward with a funding and training plan.

Al Dagostini gave a hat's off to Bill, and presented his services.

Member comments: Chief Iverson asked if there would be training classes this year and we are working on it. Chief Van Dorn wished everyone a safe time, as well as Chief Koski, Chief Yon and Chief Seppala. Chief Malone mentioned the uniform Bereavement program.

Next meeting will be held at Brietung Township October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015, 1000 hours local time.

A Motion to adjourn was presented by West Iron County with support from Breitung Twp at 1105 hours.