

Annual Meeting minutes July 28, 2016

1. Meeting Called to order by Chief Malone at 1006 hours in Iron River.
2. Pledge of allegiance was said aloud and Fireman's prayer recited by host Chief Gagnea.
3. Roll Call of board members
  - a. President Malone XX
  - b. V.P. Yon XX
  - c. Sec/Treas Seppala XX
  - d. Trustee Koski XX
  - e. Trustee Van Dorn XX
4. Introductions of guests; Mike Carey gave presentation on his run for State Senate position. Al Dagostino R&R fire truck sales and repair gave his presentation.
5. Approval of agenda; so approved
6. Motion to approve the spring meeting minutes as presented, motion by Breitung Township with support from West Iron, all in favor, motion approved.
7. Motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed made by Skandia with support from Ironwood Township, all in favor, motion approved.
8. Communications: NONE
9. Unfinished business: Chief Seppala Acknowledged the board forgot at the spring meeting to support the host department with an ad for their tournament book and made motion for the price of a full page to contribute to the host department tournament fund with support from Chief Yon of Wakefield all were in favor, motion carried.
10. New Business: None
11. Reports:
  - a. Fire Marshal Report: Chief Malone introduced newly appointed State Fire Marshal Julie Secontine and her father Al Chapman who have roots in the Upper Peninsula, they are from Negaunee. Julie gave her report about training, the funding available and opened her office and coworkers to help get the training accomplished for all fire departments. She also spoke about the MABAS system and how well it works. She and her department are available to make presentations to your area and assist in creating your department in implementing the MABAS system in your area and training possibilities with a MABAS system. She started a committee to "fix everything", this group of individuals is proactive and will gather to try and fix issues within the state fire service. She is also trying to get the Michigan FFI & FFI pro board certified. She spoke about FirstNet a nationwide broadband connectivity system for police and the fire service. The fire service needs to be involved in its implementation so please get involved. She

emphasized to Please update your NFIRS system contact information; it is very much out of date throughout the state.

- b. MAFC: Chief Malone introduced past and present members of the association and current President Mike O'Brian gave his report. Conference in Traverse City this year, you can find info at [michiefs.org](http://michiefs.org). Spoke about changing lobbyists, Dave Peterson is retiring from the fire service. Mike informed those in attendance of the legislative issues they work on and if we are having any issues to get in touch with the MAFC for help, they would like more membership from the Upper Peninsula.
- c. Firefighter training division Report: Dan Hammerberg; gave his report and passed out a printed version of it. Official version attached to the record minute file. SMOKE system, training, funding, non-smoke courses (NFA) offered in Michigan and upcoming NFA classes coming to Iron Mountain February and March 2017. He also gave his experience with the MABAS system and a report of personnel changes in the FFD. Dan informed the members present of Dick Caudill's health condition; he is in our thoughts and prayers.
- d. Michigan State Firemen's Assoc. Report; Blaine Howell introduced past presidents in attendance today. Now have a new online bookstore and he encouraged all to check it out.
- e. Comments; Van Dorn, Koski & Seppala wished all a good safe tournament. Chief Malone mentioned to all that any concerns could be directed to him and he will forward to the committee that he is on. He also thanked Julie for coming to our meeting. Hammerberg also stated he has access to reset passwords in the NFIRS if need be.
- f. Next Meeting, fall meeting at Caspian Gaastra Fire hall October 22<sup>nd</sup> 100 hour's local time.
- g. Motion to adjourn by Munising with support from Wakefield, all in favor at 1059 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Seppala