



Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association Area 2

(Columbia, Dane, Green, Jefferson, Rock and Sauk Counties)

Meeting Minutes: Fort Atkinson Fire Department September 23, 2009

Meeting Called to order: 1:35pm

Motion to approve meeting minutes from 5/14/2009 meeting. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Special thanks to J. Bateman from Ahern Fire for a great presentation on High Piled Storage and to Fort Atkinson FD for the hospitality.

Conference Info:

- Next Area 2 meeting to be held at the conference-exact time/location TBA
- Check out WSFIA Website-focus on education...but always looking for website content
- Flyers/mailers went out-everyone should have received but does anyone need anything?
- Scholarship opportunities-Scott is reviewing (he is chair of scholarship committee). He is asking the conference committee to help with decision making on award. If you need a scholarship-apply by next Wed.
 - Scholarships fundraising—need MORE applicants. Board needs about \$1000 to help fund from each area to help fund it. Scott has requested some sort of gift from each area
 - This can be in-kind gifts and Area 2 is taken care of (last year's lost football has been found)
 - Mike Nells (photographer) to be at conference to help out by donating his pix-anything above and beyond his costs to go to conference
 - If anyone has anything that can be donated...or company contacts of companies that might be interested in donating...let Scott know.
 - Looking to add people to the conference so scholarship is one way help bolster

Website Changes:

- Anyone going to the website to check it out? Big changes made—looking sharp and should get even better.
- Design provided by someone in Kenosha-almost done with initial “Free” part of website set up.
 - Anything missing or wanted—let Scott know.
- Yahoo Group—is anyone using it?? Some bugs—but not sure what?
 - Use as much as possible. Contribution is what makes it work.
 - Let someone know if you are on it and it isn't working....

Minutes and info from 8/31 Board Meeting:

- Mission Statement update-if ideas—forward to Dave Lind (NSFD)
 - Also look for posting at conference (possible voting?)
- Board looking at changes in record keeping etc...
 - Burn camp donations question brought up how electronic voting can be done (if at all)
 - Motion made and 2nd to have an audit of treasurer.
 - Board also looking toward having an “assistant” treasurer to keep



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- This comes from past indiscretions by a treasurer
 - Now each treasurer will be audited at least once per term (before it was possible for a treasurer to never be audited)
- Not a lot of people signed up for conference yet...money is short
 - Currently \$ 1560.43 in Checking; \$ 27,956.38 in Saving
- Joe Hertl reported on safe cigarettes—supposed to go into effect Oct. 1
 - Most of cigarette mfg had already put into effect (knowing it was coming)
- Bob Dupont is retiring—but will speak at conference.
 - Some details being worked out regarding the timing of his retirement and the speaking engagement
 - As yet-no successor named. TBA—stay tuned
 - Any other questions?
 - Is treasurer bonded? Yes-Scott thinks so. Big improvements already being seen
 - Area 16 interested in taping or recording presentations (at conference) for future reference? Anything happening at board level?
 - Build into contract?
 - Working on addressing that question
 - Copyright questions regarding content ownership?

Anything else from the floor?:

- Beloit (and other issues) ongoing. Some of these questions are hopefully working their way up the chain at DoC-no change or action as yet.
- Commerce update
 - Code council will have new Fire Protection Zones
 - July 2010 is target date for adoption of new NFPA codes
 - Does fire code mirror state statute? (“To abate any and all possible hazards”) Hopefully addressed soon.
 - LP Gas definition will be expanded
 - Haunted houses/crop mazes info passed around
 - Carbon Monoxide question on listings of products being allowed near combustible furnaces...who supersedes...listing or code? Listing.
 - Clarification on home business (1 & 2 family business) including CBRFs and childcare.
 - Question from floor about all types of inspectors being on same page (question in relation to LP dispensing) this will be an ongoing “change of culture” but they are trying to get better..

Motion to adjourn:

Motion made and seconded @ 2:06pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by:

Area 2 Secretary
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