

Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Association
Steven Spaeth, Secretary
Board Meeting, June 9th 2017 at Brainerd, MN

The Summer Board Meeting of the VFBA was called to order by Pres. Tom Linhoff at 1:00 on June 9th, 2017 in Brainerd, MN. All Board members were present except Ray Carlson was absent because of attendance at funeral. Agenda was approved with no additions.
Motion by Chad Rasmussen to Approved Consent items, 2nd Ross Martin, passed.

Reviewed open claims. There were 5 open claims that had been received. Jacob Lane filed the first report of Injury late on 11/16/16. The incident was on 7/5/2016. Steve sent letter of denial for late filing. At the January 2017 meeting it was reviewed and was noted by Director Chad Rasmussen that they verbal communication with him on July 26, 2017 and it was decided to open the file for further review at January 2017 meeting. It was noted that the file was being handed by a new director who was dealing with an inexperience chief and was getting delayed. The board opinioned that we won't penalize the insured for the delays. It was motion by Barry Nelson to pay Jacob Lane \$18,000, 2nd by Todd Blomme. Passed

Michael Meiners of Caledonia was closed for late filing of first report of Injury and No Drs. Report.

Claim of Devin Sonnek of Rice Lake does not appear to be a claim as the first report of injury states was assisting in repair of emergency lights and there was no fire call.

Claim of Jeremy Shierts of East Bethel will be another month being laid up.

Claim of Dominic Jara of Lake Elmo is back to work and Tom Linhoff has not received Drs. Report.

Claim of Brian Bigham of Cottage Grove, his chief has talked with Tom. Tome reported the he is waiting for a first report of injury from Montevideo.

Committee Reports:

Benefit Committee reported by Gary that they are discussing and reviewing officer salaries and are looking for comparable to salary. They want to continue review and report at August meeting when Ray is present.

By-Law Committee has no suggested changes.

Investment Committee has no changes recommend or changes to investments.

Executive Board had discussion on changes to agenda. Discussion on board members' attendance at meeting and regionals. Claim reports need to be followed up on and mail complete report file to Greg for payment. Complete report includes 1.first report of injury 2. Claim Report 3. DRs report. 4. Directors report 5. Voucher for payment signed by director.

Recruitment Committee was moved to the August meeting for further discussion.

Investment report was given by Greg Taylor. We are doing well with return and less risk than the bench mark.

Treasures report was given by Greg Taylor and reviewed the Audit report completed by Glorvigen, Theis, Lind & Company. It was motion by Todd and 2nd Barry to accept both reports. Passed

Unfinished Business: Chad reported that we are on face book.

Officer raises are tabled to July. Hand out for State and regional meetings.

New Business

Tom, Greg and Steve were at Chief's training work shop in Alexandria the 1st weekend in February. They talked with 64 different fire departments. In 2018 there will be two Chiefs officer training one in February at Alexandria and the 2nd in Duluth in March.

Chiefs' annual meeting at Rochester on October 2017. It was motioned by Chad to register as a vendor at MSFCA annual meeting in October 2017. 2nd by Ross. Passed Tom, Chad and Ross said they could attend.

There are 3 directors up for reelection from District 6, 8 & 9 at the annual meeting. Barry Nelson, Greg Taylor and Steve Spaeth are the only ones to have filed for the positions.

Steve Spaeth will give the power point presentation at annual meeting in Ray Carlson absence. Steve also stated that he will do a presentation at the MSFDA annual meeting.

Fall Meeting, Brain Storm.

Strategic Planning; What are we looking for in a director? How do we replace Investment person?

It was motioned by Chad and 2nd by Gary to pay bills. Passed
Motioned by Todd and 2nd by Ross to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Steven Spaeth
Secretary VFBA