



NORTH IDAHO FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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EDUCATION

PREVENTION

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Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2006

Opening:

The regular meeting of the North Idaho Fire Chief's Association was called to order at 19:00 on 22 June 2006 at Mica-Kidd Island Fire.

Members Present:

President - Chief Kenny Gabriel, Coeur d'Alene Fire
Vice-president – Chief Jim Shubert, Potlatch Corp.
Secretary – Chief Larry Simms, Hauser Lake Fire
Treasurer – Bill Cowin, Idaho Dept. of Lands

Chief Lynn Borders, KCEMSS
Deputy Chief Dan Cochran, Coeur d'Alene Fire
Chief John DeBernardi, Spirit Lake Fire
Chief Ken Good, Mica-Kidd Island Fire
Training Officer Bob Maines, Northern Lakes Fire
Deputy Chief Dan Ryan, Kootenai County Fire & Rescue
Chief Robert Tyler, Sandpoint Fire
Chief Jim Walton, Eastside Fire
Chief Bob Wathen, Sam Owen Fire

A. Jim Shubert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bob Maines, seconded by Chief Tyler to approve the minutes from the May meeting was passed.

C. Treasurer's Report

Bill Cowin gave the Treasurers report. Motion by Chief Borders, seconded by Chief Cochran, to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed by members present.

D. Correspondence –none

E. Fire Officer Development Academy – Bill Cowin gave a report on the finances for the Fire Officer Development Academy, expenses - \$10,113.81; income - \$5,690.00 with some payments still pending. IESTs payment to NIC still pending. A change of date for next year was discussed in order to not have a conflict with other events.

F. Committee Reports

- a. North Idaho Emergency Services Academy – Bill Cowin reported that there were 309 registered students with very few “no shows”. Expenses were \$14,842.10; Income \$14,619; leaving us \$223.10 to the negative with \$800 still in outstanding tuitions. The academy was reviewed at the Training Officer's meeting and it was agree that we need to confirm instructors earlier. We did not receive any grant funds from the BLM as the grant was not approved until after the academy, \$8,700 is still available to us but must be

- used for NWCG training and may possibly be available for next year. There were some conflicts with the Forest Service over class hours for Engine Boss and Crew Boss. The BBQ numbers were way off and some thought need to be given to possibly a better way to run that, maybe a bus for RIT and Engine Company Ops classes. If possible we need to get the flyer out earlier and post it to our website. We could also post class rosters to the website rather than send out confirmation letters; registrations received by internet would have to require a purchase order. Next year's dates are April 13 – 15, 2007 and several suggestions for classes have been made. Bob related that our academy is doing very well compared to others in the state. Maybe the State Fire School needs to take a more regional approach (next year's school is in Salmon).
- b. FODA – Chiefs Sampert and Gabriel are already working on the 2007 FODA and are looking at Gordon Graham although he is only available on one date, his cost would be \$6,000 plus expenses. Having a one day and a two day registration was discussed, with the second day's topic being more of a "bread & butter" tactics approach. Here was discussion of an alternative location (i.e. Lake City High) and having Woody do the lunches. The Chamber of Commerce has offered to do the mailing at no cost. Members passed a motion to go with the "two registration approach". Dates are February 24 and 25, 2007. Members agreed that we need to look at grants for the FODA.
 - c. Training Officers – Chief Maines gave a brief report from the Training Officers Committee.

G. Old Business – The website was discussed along with finding a place to archive Association records.

H. Open Forum

- Arson investigators conference is November 7-9, 2006 in McCall.
- Chief Wintermute is looking into the possibility of a residential sprinkler ordinance and information seminar.
- Jamie Adams of Spirit Lake Fire was selected as PFFI's Firefighter of the Year.
- Bill Cowing discussed the BLM Ready Reserve funds for training and the possibility of running a series of classes through the National Fire Academy.
- Northern Lakes Fire will host an IFSAC FFI and FFII evaluator update on July 11.
- Chief Gabriel would like to see IEST support biannual live fire training.
- Coeur d'Alene's training facility may be ready sometime in November.
- Other general discussion regarding IEST.

Thank you to MKI Fire for hosting the meeting. Next month (July) we will meet at Coeur d'Alene Fire Station 3 on 15th.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Larry Simms