

**North Idaho Fire Chiefs' Association**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**March 16, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Chief Merritt at 1001 hours at Pinehurst Golf Course, Pinehurst, Idaho  
In attendance were:

Chief Merritt, KCFR  
Chief Van Ert, NLFDF  
Tim Whitehurst, TLFD  
Tyler Drechsel, Norther Lakes Fire  
Chief Ray Lackey, MKIF  
Frank Waterman, IDL  
Aaron Cagle, SCFPD#1  
Jim Shubert, Retired  
Marcus Richel, Tensed RFD  
Chief Simms, Hauser Lake Fire

Chief Aaron Cagle, Shoshone FD # 1  
Mike Decker, PMVFD  
Heath Sheppard, KCFR  
Patrick Nolan, MUFD  
Kjell Truesdell, IDL  
Scott Hayes, IDL  
Lynn Borders, Retired  
Bill Cowin, Retired  
Chief Smith, CCBFPD

Pledge

Approval of minutes:

- Motion by Chief Van Ert, Seconded by Sheppard, passed

Treasurer's Report:

- Simms reported NIFCA must change signatory on the Association's checking. Removing Chief Way and adding Chief Richel. Motion made by Chief Cagle seconded by Chief Dreschel, passed.
- Simms reported the need to remove Lynn Borders from the Credit Card holder list and add Chief Merritt. Motion made by Chief Lackey seconded by Chief Van Ert, passed.
- FODA netted \$1,825.00 (includes FST \$1,000)/ Big thank you to Greg Wetzel for coordinating.
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Van Ert, Seconded by Chief Lackey, passed

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- Chief Rorhwasser provided Chief Simms with List of Members for recruiting.

Bylaws - No report

Training - Officer Appointments:

- Bylaws state NIFCA President appoints Training Officer Committee Appointed: President Chief Sheppard, Vice President Chief Mather, Captain Deruyter and Jones Secretary
- Chief Sheppard reported their focus has been on the NISA. Classes are filling up. They will need help with registration. There are no nominations for Firefighter of The Year, March 17, 2017 is the deadline.
- NISA – Friday night there is a presentation by Jeff Griffin on Heart Disease, suicide and Cancer. Recommend we try to attend.

- Scholarships for Academy: A request for 14 scholarships was submitted. The Chiefs need to put a cap on scholarship awards. Motion made by Cagle to cap it at \$500 with a request of the Training Committee to preset suggested language for next year's academy. Chief Lackey seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Idaho Fire Chief Conference: Lynn Borders presented an awards package from 5 Star Golf for the golf tournament. The package costs \$495 plus shipping. 1-800 Board Up pledged \$100, Creekside Construction pledged \$100. The CDA Resorts limits our fundraising ability to a sign on each "T". Chief Cagle motioned to approve purchasing the package from 5 Star Golf, Chief Van Ert Seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

- Chief Merritt introduced IDL Fire Warden Scott Hayes.
- Kootenai County Fire & Rescue is hosting three training sessions with IDL, they are March 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at KCFR Fire Station 1, from 1000-1200, 404 N. Idaho Street, Post Falls
- Kjell Truesdell presented a video showing the evolution of drone acquisition for wildland firefighting.
- Chief Merritt presented a Legislature report. (report attached)
- Next meeting educational topic: National Fire Cache

Next Meeting: April 20, 2017 – IDL CDA Cache, 1000  
Meeting adjourned. .