

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

Meeting called to order by Chief Merritt at 1001 hours at Northern Lakes Fire, Hayden Station 1  
In attendance were:

Chief Merritt, KCFR  
Steve Isaacson, KCFR  
Chief Richel, Tensed Fire  
Chief Ryan, KCFR  
Chief Riley, Northern Lakes  
Chief Smith, CCBFPD  
Greg Wetzel – 1800 Board Up  
Kiell Teuesdell, IDL

Jason Blubaum, State Fire Marshals  
Chief Steele, Timberlakes Fire  
Chief VanErt,  
Chief Mather, Northern Lakes Fire  
Chief Rowrohasser, South Boundary  
Chief Simms, Hauser Lake Fire  
Chief Devon Riske, Mica Kidd Island

**Pledge**

Approval of minutes:

- September & October minutes approval. Motion to approve Chief Riley, seconded by Chief Steele - motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Chief Simms reported out of report handouts.

- We spent \$2,000 last year on the Legislatures Meeting
- Chief Simms will buy some office supplies

Motion by Chief Ryan, seconded Chief Richel - motion passed

Committee Reports:

- Membership: Chief Tony indicated that we are splitting up the Counties to do recruitment. Chief Tony will send out a list with membership form application attached. Merritt has Kootenai County, Tony has Boundary and Bonner, Chief Richel has Benawah County.
- By-Laws:  
Chief Merritt informed us that all officers come up reelection at the same time. He suggests we cut and paste out of the Idaho Fire Chiefs and have the odd or even years to correct this. Chief Merritt will bring the language back to the group.
- Legislative Report:
  - No report
  - Chief Merritt indicates there is changes to the Public Works Projects. Law changed in October 2017. Discussion.

Old Business:

- Appendix D of By-Laws – No appendix D as per Chief Merritt
- Election Committee – Blubaum & Chief Mather
  - Chief Mather reported nominations as: Chief Merritt as President, Chief Richel Vice President, Chief Simms Treasurer, Chief Smith Secretary, Chief Rohrwasser, Director at Large.
  - Motion by acclimation for all five position by Chief Steele, Seconded Ryan, motion passed

#### New Business:

- NIFC's Legislative Night – January 20, 2018 – 6:00 pm
  - Chief Merritt read and email from Chief Gabriel. Mid-December Chief Merritt will send out a request for RSVP.
  - Budget – based on last year \$2000 expenditure – proposed \$2500?
  - Chief Simms – Are we going to pay for member's attendance and spouses/guest pay their way. Historically we have paid for members only. We comped the Legislatures
  - Gift exchange will be similar format.
  - Chief Merritt said he could invite the Chaplan to do an invocation?
  - Motion made by Chief Ryan that we pay for members and a budget to up to \$2500 for the event. Seconded by Chief Riley. Motion passed
  - Chief Simms wondered if we are staying with the \$15 gift cap? Chief Merritt said it ends up being \$15-\$20.
  - Send your topics to Chief Simms
  - Chief Riley – Cooperative purchasing ability for Fire Districts – He will be working on this topic to bring forward.

#### Roundtable:

- Chief Merritt – Chief Gabriel asked what happens if we get asked to endorse a candidate? The consensus is to not endorse candidates. We can check the By-Laws
- Breakfast with Santa is December 10, Hauser Fire.
- Chief Riley – State Chiefs update – invited to Montana State Fire Chiefs meeting in Helena, MT. Idaho will reciprocate the invitation to Idaho Conference in the future and to other neighboring states. It was a worthwhile experience.
- Chief Steele – Formally thank everyone for the response to the Site Solutions fire.
- Holiday and Heros on Dec. 10, 104 children being shopped for. Flyer is out. There are a few spots left. Let Chief Merritt know and he will connect you with the police department organizing.
- Benefit lunch for Jeanna Miller, Fernand Ranger station today. Struggling with Breast Cancer.
- Chief Richel – CDA Tribe donated \$10,000 to the Tensed Department. Spending it on turn-outs
- Jason Blubaum – FST advisory. Scott McGuire is a new hire and working on a 3 day testing result turnaround and other turn around goals. Working on a central computer database for all certificates. People can look on the database and see their certificates. Working on Instructor Conference perhaps hosted in the Boise area.
- Chief Steele – FST equivalency for a firefighter– Scott McGuire removed roadblocks and made it happen.
- Evaluator program roles out January 2018.
- The driving simulator – AFC grant approved – in service in March- April 2018
- Chief Simms will present evaluations from the Fall FODA
- Ice Rescue at Hauser around January 26<sup>th</sup> – tentative on ice
- Chief Merritt – Gave a summary of Academy courses and items being discussed at NIFC Training Officers meeting.

- Chief Rohrwasser asked about Spring FODA – Not finalized due to finding an instructor.
- Blubaum – Is there an interest in an Inspector boot camp? Depends on the day. There is interest
- 14 probationary firefighters at Mica Kidd Island – starting a FF1 and Hazmat in spring
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Presentation:

Next Meeting:

January 20, 2017, Coeur d'Alene Resort Events Center

February 2018 NIFC's Training Topic

Meeting adjourned. Motion Chief VanErt, Second Chief Richel – Adjourned 11:02 pm