



New Hampshire Fire Prevention Society

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MINUTES

8/4/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* President Stephen Gallagher

In Attendance

President Gallagher, Treasurer Richard Wood. Director Sean Toomey, Members: Audrey Cline, William Mckinney, Kurt Ruchala, Guest Speaker John Swanson

Approval of Minutes

Secretaries Report- Helen Burke was not in attendance at the meeting.

Sean Toomey motioned to accept the minutes from last meeting as posted on the WebSite, Bill McKinney seconded, all were in favor.

Board

Committee Reports:

1st Vice President Carl Roediger- Appointed to the Maine IAAI chapter as liaison to coordinate training between the Maine chapter and our chapter. More to follow

2nd Vice President Ed White- Bylaw submissions in accordance with the minutes from the past meeting. Any other By-law change suggestions need to be submitted in writing to Ed, Before the October meeting, where changes will be voted on.

Treasurer Richard Wood Reported-Total funds are \$27,656.66.

Mr. Wood stated that this was very much on track with prior years.

He suggested that shortly it will be time for a new fire law book to be published and that is always a good generator of income for the Society. Follow up with Mitch Cady Required.

The Youth Fire Task Force (YFSTF) received a Grant of \$5000 and is available for program development.

The Sprinkler Coalition grant of \$5000, for the creation of a portable side by side transportable burn trailer, is available for furthering the educational mission of the NH Sprinkler Coalition. The Stipulations of the Grant require minimum of three more, educational displays that need to be scheduled preferably during 2016, but not much later than the beginning of next year. Looking at Milford/Keene area, Rochester area, and Hopkinton/Warner area.

Sean Toomey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report seconded by Bill McKinney, all were in favor.

NH Chiefs / Code Review Board- Sean Toomey reported no change or updates since last meeting. The 2015 Life safety Code 101 was approved and the state chose to not update from the 2009 Life safety Code.

ICC / NFPA Liaison- Pete Cutrer was not in attendance and had no report submitted. Stephen Gallagher mentioned we still need to schedule the one day ICC Training.

Commission / Awards- Peter Lennon was not in attendance, but submitted that the money for the Committee award of Merit had again been made as a donation of \$500 as in past years. Nothing new to report from the Commission.

Legislative – Jeff Emanuelson was not present and no report was submitted

Educational- Mitch Cady submitted that there was an attempt to host the Expert Witness with not enough interest. Looking to reschedule in the spring. Stephen Spoke on the need to establish a committee to ensure that the 2017 training schedule can be completed and posted at the October meeting. 2016 Training has been consistent and have managed something every month. NFSA, PATC and the other partnership training agencies have contributed to our success in the training area.

Youth Fire Setter Task Force / Fire Marshal- Sheryl Nielsen was not in attendance but submitted that YFSTF has received an FM Global Grant and those funds have been received. Soon the YFSTF will again be working on programming to move this agenda.

Membership- Scott Hunter was not in attendance and had not submitted report.

Communications and PR- Brian Johnson had nothing to report

Presidents Report-Steve Gallagher reported that he has resigned from the fire academy as Program Coordinator for the Inspector, Investigator and Fire Life Safety Educator role and starting in the fall, will be teaching at the Lakes Region Community College focusing on fire investigation and fire life safety educator.

Serving as president of the IAAI chapter- made contact at their April International Training Conference (ITC) meeting in Orlando. IAAI is accepting members and all interested in investigation side of the house should think about joining. The Next ITC is April 9th through 14th 2017. Stephen and Carl Roediger plan on attending and would like to see a contingent of NH IAAI members attend as a contingent. There are classes available for State Chapters to schedule ie. evidence collection. Photography, and Expert Witness. Hopefully through Educational initiatives we can bring some of those programs to NH.

Serving as President of the ICC Chapter- It is time for the annual report to be submitted and all committee chairs should submit a report as soon as possible for end of year wrap up. Also still need to schedule our one-day training.

Serving as Chairman of the Sprinkler Coalition- Have been meeting regularly. Had a successful Side by Side demonstration at the Eastern States Building Officials conference. Applied for and received a \$5000 grant to build a transportable side by side prop for NH Departments to use at their Pub Ed events. Next Meeting is Monday August 8th at Cornerstone Management 53 Regional Drive,, Concord NH.

Old Business

- By Laws are open for presentation of changes- Need to be done in Writing and forwarded to Ed White
- Membership Pins and Certificated were supposed to go out in July, Need to follow up on that.
- Annual Dinner Meeting- Low attendance how to overcome the low numbers

New Business

- Rick Wood made a motion for NHFPS to contribute monetary funding for two representatives from NHFPS (President and 1st Vice President) for a total amount of \$500 to assist in their attendance to the IAAI ITC conference in 2017. Bill McKinney second, all were in favor. Steve Gallagher abstained.
- Sean Toomey made a motion to post the by-law changes as submitted through the June meeting minutes to be voted on at the October Meeting. Seconded by Mckinney- Motion approved
- Rick wood motioned to open nominations for the slate of officers due to expire 2016-year end. Seconded by Cline. Nominations will be accepted until the day of the October Meeting. Submissions should be sent to President Gallagher or 1st Vice President Roediger for posting. Motion voted on an approved
- Motion by Toomey seconded by wood, to establish an Educational Committee to work on the training calendar. To operate under the BOD in charge of training and or the President. Motion passed.

Good of the Society

New Fire Investigator to be held at the Fire Academy September 7-9, 2016. Sign up at the PATC website.

Motion to Adjourn at 2000 hours

John Swanson facilitated a lively discussion on NFPA 72. The diverse backgrounds of the audience made for educational conversations with many issues raised and many resolutions. Recommendation that a panel of experts be called to hold a question and answer at one of our events.



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