

**Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2007**

- I. Members present** – Ury, Morgan, Forsman, Cooke, Mullin, Klein, Mygatt, Marsh, Pistor, Morrell, Jones, Eveatt, Reilly, Parmley, Milan, Montoya
- II. Hans Kallam** – Director of the Office of Emergency Management
 - a. Mr. Kallam was introduced to the Board of Directors
 - b. Role of OEM to support locals in their management of emergencies
 - c. We all need to set realistic expectations of what can be done with given level of resources.
- III. Approval of minutes of last E-board meeting** – Motion by Mygatt/2nd by Mullin to approve minutes. Motion approved.
- IV. Financial report**
 - a. Treasurer Marsh has reviewed the financial records and found them to be in good order.
 - b. The Profit and Loss statement indicates a loss, but this does not reflect the anticipated income from the Leadership Conference. There should be a positive balance at the end of the year.
 - c. ED Cooke is looking for a higher yield investment than our current savings account.
 - d. Motion by Mygatt/2nd by Ury to approve financial report – Motion Approved
 - e. Motion to pay bills presented by ED Cooke by Morgan/2nd by Mygatt – Motion Approved. Motion included authority to pay up to \$150 for the meeting room in La Junta in September
- V. President Forsman’s Report**
 - a. The meeting he had with Hans Kallam was very productive.
- VI. Executive Director Cooke’s Report**
 - a. Membership – 21 new members, 30 corporate sponsors, 144 total regular memberships
 - b. Review of the proposed budget and analysis.
 - c. Correspondence –
 - i. White House responded on our letter concerning the PSOB benefits – they referred us to the DOJ.
 - ii. Bent County sent the State Chiefs a letter stating their opposition to a State Fire Marshal and a Fire Code in general.
 - d. We need a presenter for the Membership meeting at the Leadership Conference. The State Fire Marshal White Paper would be a suitable topic. There was discussion on developing an implementation plan.
 - e. There was a good meeting of the Volunteer and Combination Sections in La Junta following the General Meeting.
 - f. The IAFC/VCOS Educational Workshop “Beyond Hoses and Helmets” held in LaJunta on September 15-16th was successful with 30 participants and positive feedback.
 - g. VFIS has sent us an insurance renewal. The cost is \$2,277. Motion by Ury/2nd by Mygatt to renew policy for 2008. Motion approved.
 - h. Pending Collective Bargaining Bill in Congress S.2123. After much discussion, it was agreed to take no position.
- VII. Old Business**
 - a. Implementation of HB 1158 – School Inspections
 - i. We support mandatory delegation to local department that have qualified inspectors and want the responsibility.
 - ii. If DOL or the School District objects they can appeal to the Board of Appeals.
 - iii. School districts still want to have their say – they are supporting Dick Piper’s position.
 - iv. DOL is developing list of 3rd party inspectors.
 - v. Much discussion of whether the state chiefs should compromise with the DOL and the schools or stick with our current position. We decided to stick to our position.
 - b. State Fire Marshal White Paper

- i. FMAC is meeting with the Building Officials.
 - ii. DFS is the equivalent of a State Fire Marshal – except for the lack of legal authority or the resources to actually enforce anything
 - iii. We need to validate and support our current programs and services.
 - iv. Discussion on what level of appointment and where the office would fit in the State Government. Also discussed consolidation of fire safety functions.
 - v. The draft paper was presented to the E-Board.
- c. Certification Database – Milan
 - i. DFS needs \$80K to implement a certification only database.
 - ii. The majority of participants are willing to pay increased fees if it will improve the effectiveness of the program.
 - iii. The Training Officers want some kind of action from the State Chiefs.
 - iv. Discussion followed – it was decided that this would be a topic for a meeting with the JBC.
- d. Fire Safe Cigarette Legislation – discussion on whether we should run the bill. It was decided that we would support the bill.
- e. Trauma Care Coalition – is being studied by the Governor’s office.
- f. Leadership Conference Update – Morrell
 - i. Strong registration to date
 - ii. Good corporate sponsorship

VIII. New Business

- a. Schedule of meetings for 2008
 - i. E-Board = Jan 4, Feb, April 11, May, July, August, October, November
 - ii. General = March – South Metro, June – Montrose, September – Pueblo, December – Leadership Conference.

IX. Section reports

- a. Combination Meeting will be October 19th in Lake Dillon
- b. DFS
 - i. GEM study will be released in February
 - ii. NFIRS – Marlinda is moving to ROSS
- c. South Region – they are hosting a Company Officer Tactical Class
 - i. Pueblo CC is starting a Fire Science Program
 - ii. Workshop on pipeline safety
- d. Training Officers – 1403 class in Parker – Train the Trainer

X. Next Meeting – November 2, 2007