



# MAFFA MARCH MEETING MINUTES

3/2/2024

Held @ Brockton MA Fire Museum

Call to order 1005, pledge of allegiance, moment of silence for departed members

President unable to attend, Vp Kelly ran the meeting.

President Report: MAFAA awarded bid to host Summer '26 Convention. Host hotel will be Devens Common Center, we are looking at a few diff muster sites to try and accommodate pumping if possible. Committee will be meeting to start the planning of trips and events.

Secretary Report - (provided by Treasurer in his absence) Feb '24 meeting minutes read and approved. Approx half of members have renewed dues thus far, per bylaws they have until May 1st or will be considered delinquent. 13 members in attendance today, 1st Sunday seems to be working out for meetings.

Treasurer Report - Application pending for 501(c)3, could take a few months to get a determination letter. March 1st checking account balance: \$13,696.78. Online dues working well, about 50% pay online. Report accepted as read.

Muster Committee: This years annual show date locked in for June 29th 2024 @ Wilmington Shriners. Same parade route as previous years. Staging on Jewel Dr. Additional Info to be released soon.

National Report : Trustee not in attendance. Rumor that winter meeting in Memphis went well.

Old Business: Further discussion on mailing of newsletters and the cost. Board will consider raising the cost of dues for members who want a mailed copy for next year similar to SPAAMFAA. Final decision to be made in the fall.

New Business:

Mike Zarella looking for articles for the next newsletter. deadline around 15th of the month. May need to start quarterly if not enough info is available to publish.

Upcoming Events:

April 7 - Mafaa Meeting - Townsend Fire HQ

April 20/21 Allentown PA "Spring Melt"

May 5 - Mafaa Meeting (No Location Yet)  
May 19 Tri State Show - Webster  
June 2 - Mafaa Meeting - Wilmington Shriners  
June 4-8 SPAAMFAA Summer convention York PA  
June 15 Boxborough Fifer Day Parade  
June 29 - Mafaa Parade & Muster - Wilmington Shriners

Bob Mackendrick reports he is selling off his collection of toy trucks. His collection will be featured in an upcoming edition of "Toy Truck & Contractor" Magazine.

Jim McGonagle reports Shriners are hosting a Boy Scout event on June 30th, looking for antique trucks to display along with local and state first responders. Additional details coming.

Motion to donate to Brockton Museum for hosting meeting. Amended to gift Affiliate membership. Museum director Galligan reports the museum is in strong financial shape and wants to donate back to the club to offset mailings of newsletters.

Presentation on history of Brockton Fire Museum, and how they acquired many of their pieces. Museum is open on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. They are always willing to host us, and have our trucks on display outside if we want at some point.

Motion to adjourn at 1108.