IAAI Idaho Chapter Spring Board Meeting

19 April 2017, 11:30 AM Skype

Present;

Ron Johnson Ivan Hibbert

Brett Campbell Glen Powell

Scott Buck Tim Lauda

Jim Lyons Verl Jarvie

Corey Dennert

Minutes shown on screen and read by Ron. Hibbert made motion to accept and Buck seconded.

Johnson brought up that during the general membership meeting Knute Sandahl made a request we change the date so it did not fall on the Veterans Day holiday. Johnson made a request to Wyndham to change the date and has not heard back. Hibbert suggest we not change dates at this time and the group agreed.

Powell asked why we have conference on Tuesday thru Thursday. One answer was so department did not have to pay overtime for travel to or from. Lauda stated it also made travel for instructor easier.

Powell stated he picked up 48 shirts at national for a good price that they was discontinuing. He stated that 30 of those shirts would be available if we wanted to have the state logo embroidered on the front and sell them at the conference. Lauda made a motion we move forward on the shirt sale and was seconded by Jim Lyons. Passed

Ron Johnson reported that some of the western states IAAI chapters wanted to set up a Facebook network so we could share training opportunities. There was discussion whether this would be a private or public account. The concern was with a public account to many people would post comments flooding the page; if it is a private account not enough persons would post comments and the site would become stale. It was agreed that it would be a private account with all board members having access. Ron Johnson will look into setting up the account and Cory Dennert will be in charge of updating post.

Ron Johnson reported that Columbia Southern University has partnered with IAAI national to provide online training for Bachelors and Masters Programs. Online credits cost $198. They are wanting to come to the conference and have a vendor booth. The group agreed that would not be an issue.

Johnson asked if we thought we needed to raise the cost of conference registration with doing dual training tracks we might not be able to handle the cost. Several persons discussed they had attended conferences which cost $300-$400 so increasing the cost $25 or more would not be unreasonable. Jarvie was asked what the cost of the last two conferences was. 2015 instructor was $6077 and the venue was $6487, in 2016 the instructor was $3000 and the venue was $7668. There was discussion on raising it to 225 or 250. Lauda made motion we charge $225 this year for conference Seconded by Powell and passed.

For a finance report a spread sheet was made available which showed all transactions for the years 2015 and 2016. Jarvie gave a short verbal report on present figures. There is 5,218.06 in Checking and 4,595.21 in Savings for a total of $9813.27. Verl reported that typically in March we receive check from national for money collected from conference, we have yet to see that money which may be as much as $15,000.

Discussion on this year’s training

Johnson reported he had talked with IAAI about them presenting their Youth Set Fire Investigation class. They reported normal cost is $150 per student, Ron further stated they might reduce the individual cost or negotiate for a set fee. The 150 for 50 students would be $7000

For PACT to do a class on NFPA 1033 the cost would be a set fee of $7100

For Dr. Gorbett to do Fire Dynamics the price is negotiable. Several persons who have taken classes from Gorbett, they reported he is an excellent instructor and explains fire dynamics in layman’s terms; thus he would be good for new and experienced investigators. The group decided to prioritize Dr. Gorbett and first choice and youth Fire Setter as second.

Tim Lauda pointed out both classes are only two days long which would leave us the ½ day on Thursday. He suggested we get a technician from state lab to do a ½ day class on fire evidence collection and how the lab works. There was discussion on covering changes in NFPA 921 as the ½ day class. The general consensus with the group was to go with the lab class. Lauda stated he knew several people who would attend the Lab class and not attend the rest of the conference, he asked that we do a reduce price for those attending the ½ day class. After some discussion Lauda made a motion we approve a $75 fee for those attending the ½ day class, motion was seconded by Scott Buck and passed.

The discussion went back to the training track, if we could not get Dr. Gorbett then a track would be needed for the basic class. Dennert reported he was attempting to get his IAAI instructor certification and thus may be willing to teach that class, but expressed concern about having enough time to set up a curriculum, Hibbert reported he had a class curriculum already that might be useful.

Johnson asked for input concerning the venue for the conference. Wyndham has 40 rooms blocked out for $84 each, the convention center cost $750 plus meals and snacks. The group reported the meals where appropriate last year and not to get any more costly than those, Ron will pick meals. The group felt the cost on the snacks last year was exorbitant, we want coffee and water but to cut back on the other snacks. There was discussion on a host bar after hours similar to what Blackfoot did last year, there was discussion but no decision made.