



Upper Peninsula Fire Chiefs Association

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Spring Meeting Minutes April 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:04 local time

Roll call

President Mike Yon, Absent

Vice President Dan Malone, Present

Secretary Treasurer Jeff Seppala, Absent

Trustee Rocky VanDorn, Present

Trustee Al Koski, Absent

Membership Present representing: Ironwood Twp FD, Tri County FD, Munising FD, Rock River Twp FD, Mathias Twp FD, Wakefield FD, Spalding Twp FD, Iron Mountain FD, Breitung Twp FD, Munising Twp FD, Autrain Twp FD.

Minutes of previous meeting: No minutes were taken as there was no quorum for the October 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: No report as the secretary treasurer is absent.

Old Business

VP Malone led a discussion on officers of the organization.

President Yon is no longer able to serve as his job had been transferred to the east end of the UP and he feels he can no

longer serve. Secretary Treasurer Seppala asked to step down as he is no longer a chief of a department and he finds he doesn't have time to dedicate to the job. Discussion ensued on replacing the officers for the remainder of the term. Chief Malone asked for nominations for president. Dan Malone was nominated for president. Further discussion to fill the Vice President position. Rocky VanDorn was nominated to fill the Vice President position with no opposition. Dan Hammerberg was nominated to fill the secretary treasurer position with no opposition. President Malone will have access to view the treasury account as needed. Scott Carlson was nominated to fill the vacant trustee position with no opposition.

New Business

It was stated that dues notices need to go out ASAP.



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Rocky reported that George Whitehead will be the new fire chief at Tri County FD in June replacing Ken Hanson.

Chief Friedenstab asked how many other departments/chiefs are considering adopting MABAS. A group discussion was held regarding the benefits and workings of using MABAS.

Discussion was held on the Region 8 hazmat team and how to call the team if needed.

Question was asked about what to do with the AFFF foam (with the pefas) that cannot be used. Dan Hammerberg stated the fire marshal is working on something for collection however nothing additional to report at this time.

FFTD Report

Dan Hammerberg reported on the following items:

- Cathy Carson departure.
- NFA class held in March 2019
- NFA classes to be held in 2020 in Spalding and Sault Ste Marie.
- Adoption of the IFSTA 7th edition and J&B 4th edition for FF I, FF II, and FF I & II training starting October 1, 2019.
- Questions were asked about the FF test and why publisher tests can't be used instead of vendor tests. A lengthy discussion was held on testing and Dan stated he will bring the concerns back to the Bureau.

Next meeting Thursday, July 25, 2019, 10:00 eastern time in Calumet in conjunction with the UP Firefighters Tournament.

Meeting adjourned at 12:09.