



King County Fire Commissioner Association Board Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2016 6:30pm

Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue, WA

In attendance: Chris Elwell, Mark Thompson, Kevin Coughlin & Julie Hiatt

Due to vacations and other conflicts there was not a quorum, there was not an official board meeting but there was discussion as noted below.

The unofficial meeting began at 7:00pm by President Chris Elwell

I. Committee Reports

A. Treasures Report – Camille Staczek

- Chris reported that Camille informed him that she sent invoices to districts that attended the banquet and haven't paid yet
- The bookkeeper is in process of sending out membership renewals this week

B. WFCR Region 6 Report – Chris Elwell

- They had a meeting in July – health care is doing well, they are at 94% and under budget by \$500,000, they have had fewer claims but the claims they did get were more expensive, they are recommending for 2017 no premium increases, there was a small increase on the dental program but they chose to cover this with their reserves instead of raising premiums
- Two motions passed by health care committee, benefit expansion for autism spectrum disorder and the second provider network consolidation (mostly pertains to SW Washington and their network providers)
- WFCR is going through a salary survey to make sure they are paying their staff appropriately
- WFCR owns their office building, they just had the roof replaced, building is in good condition
- They are currently working on 2017 legislative issues
- Firefighter technical review, 1 case reviewed was large city that had a large natural gas explosion with one minor finding
- On the WFCR web site there is now a page for best practices, they are encouraging departments to send in their best practices
- Roger and the president will be meeting with L&I to try to reduce the L&I premium amounts including a return to work program
- Conference coming up in October in Yakama

C. Emergency Management Report – Jim Fossos

- Mark went to emergency management meeting, they had communication issues during Cascadia Rising, a city can circumvent the county when requesting resources, trying to get the cities to work through the county for request for resources.
- Had a discussions about the budget short fall for King County air and dive teams and it was determined that KCFCA should not write a letter on this issue. If they have a real need they will let us know and we can send a letter later if determined.
- They sent out a survey about Cascadia Rising but a large portion of recipients couldn't open it. They are going to resend it, Mark will send it to all our members. They want everyone to fill it out even if they didn't participate.
- Need an additional representative from KCFCA for Emergency Management

II. Old Business

A. KCFCA Web Site update – Mark Thompson

- Mark is looking for someone who is experienced and knowledgeable with websites to take over the maintenance of the website. He will continue to give guidance for content. Please contact Mark if you are interested or know someone who might be,

B. Strategic Planning Committee – Julie Hiatt

- Julie said that they are working on setting up another committee meeting but having trouble finding a time that works for everyone. Will keep everyone updated to the progress.

C. Listing of Association positions – Julie Hiatt

- Continuing to work on completing the listing along with more details of each position, meeting times and resources needed.

III. New Business

a. Future General Membership Meetings

- i. Trying to set up October's meeting at Maple Valley– Possible topics Seattle Fire Gas Explosion or a report on Mutual Aid/Mutual Response between zones
- ii. November's meeting will be in Woodinville – the topic will be the legislative agenda
- iii. There will be no General Membership meeting in December
- iv. Looking to host a Saturday seminar in February on Fire Benefit Charge
- v. Ideas for a tour – MARCOM in Bellevue – maybe March Meeting
- vi. Will be sending out a call to all members for districts to host meetings in 2017 and to survey what topics are desired

IV. Good of the order

- The 2016 Medic One Golf Tournament August 22nd Bear Creek Country Club in Woodinville
- All members are encouraged to bringing door prizes to all the general membership meetings

V. Next Meetings

- A. General Membership: August 17, 2016 – Skyway, Trauma Council
- B. E-Board: September 7, 2016, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- C. General Membership: September 21, 2016 – Fall City District 27, IT challenges and issues – Nomination for officers
- D. E-Board: October 7, 2016, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- E. General Membership: October 18, 2016 - location and topic TBD
- F. E-Board: November 2, 2016, 6:30pm Angelo's Restaurant, Bellevue
- G. General Membership: November 16, 2016 - Woodinville Fire – Legislative Agenda - Elections of officers

Meeting ended at 8:20pm (there was not motion since there was no quorum)