

Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Chiefs Meeting

August 16, 2012

- 1 Meeting called to order by President Morris at 13:04 hours
- 2 Roll call / Member sign in
 - 17 members and guest present
- 3 Motion to approve minutes from the July 19, 2012 meeting – Chief Neil
 - Seconded – Chief Jenkins
 - ❖ Motion passed
- 4 Motion to approve the financial report (current checkbook balance \$2,953.13 – Sec Cripps) – Chief Cunningham
 - Seconded – Chief Jenkins
 - ❖ Motion passed

New Business:

- 5 Discussion in reference to excess Haz-Mat equipment opened by Chief McDonald
 - Group discussion about equipment that had been in storage and should be sent back to the two counties
- 6 Motion to return the excess unused equipment to the counties – Chief Jenkins
 - Seconded – Chief Cunningham
 - ❖ Motion passed
- 7 Discussion in reference to when the Haz-Mat Team would end and how the equipment would be dispersed
 - After much discussion it was decided to have DEM John Luther ask the Washington County Attorney to attend the next meeting to answer some questions about dissolving the team
 - Everyone was asked to send questions to John in advance in order to give the attorney time to research the answers
- 8 Changes to the Student Manual to better fit the AFA guidelines before the upcoming Standards Academy presented – BJ Hyde
- 9 Motion to approve changes to the manual pending the approval of the AFA – DEM Luther
 - Seconded – Chief McDonald
 - ❖ Motion passed
- 10 Physical Endurance Benchmarks for the upcoming class from the Training association presented – BJ Hyde

- Benchmarks would not be required of students before starting the class, but would be guidelines for them to know what they would have to compete by the end of class.

11 Motion to approve Benchmarks – Chief Jenkins

- Seconded – Chief Dayringer
 - ❖ Motion passed

12 Jeff Sprott with Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) was present to address the Chiefs, proposing that NWACC become a partner for the upcoming Standards Academy classes starting in 2013. Since the college does Firefighter I and Firefighter II classes, Mr. Sprott stated that it might be a better fit for both groups to combine forces in the future to help control costs for both groups and conduct a better class.

13 Motion to approve accepting NWACC as a partner for future classes starting in 2013 with details to be worked out between NWACC and the Training Association – Chief Neely

- Seconded – FM Trollinger
 - ❖ Motion passed

14 Haz-Mat response discussion for 2013 – Tabled until September

Old business:

15 Letter to IGC from President Morris will be sent on August 17, 2012

16 NIMS, Website, Battalion Chiefs meeting update – Tabled until September

17 Other business:

- XNA Full Scale Drill August 18, 2012 – Chief Neil
- Fire Conference Update given by Chief Jenkins

18 Motion to adjourn – Chief Neely

- Seconded – Chief Jenkins
 - ❖ Motion passed at 14:30 hours