



**Great Lakes Division (GLD)-IAFC
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting, June 24, 2014
10:30AM CST**

Present: Baus, Holland, Kluck, Peterson, Schabbel, Sink, Skeldon, Zikmund

Absent: Howell, Esbensen

1. **Call to Order:** by President J. Baus 10:36AM CST
2. **Additions/Changes/Accept Agenda: Motion** by Kluck **Second** by Peterson to accept today's Meeting Agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of previous minutes: Motion** by Sink **Second** by Kluck to **approve and file minutes** of April 29, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting. Passed unanimously.
4. **Secretary-Treasurer Report:** Chief Dean Holland provided the following Financial Reports electronically to each board member, as of May 31, 2014:
 - a. The Total Liabilities & Equity - The Folio Account Summary for May 01-May 31, 2014 reflects an account value of \$46,307.92 with a cash value of \$2,713.66.
 - b. Checking account balance as of May 31, 2014 is \$15,605.34.
 - c. Chief Holland provided information on incoming dues from IAFC. He anticipates this funding to continue for the next several months, possibly bringing in \$11,000 just in dues.**Motion** by Skeldon **Second** by Peterson **accepting the Secretary-Treasurer's report.** Passed unanimously.

Chief Holland mentioned that he will send invoices ASAP to vendors who provide funding to support the events at 2014 FRI. Holland reminded the Board that they should continue their relationship with these sponsors, as their partnerships with the GLD is vital. After much discussion, Holland will ask if Chief Jim Peterson & Chief John Schuldt will make a phone call and reach out to these sponsors to see if they're interested in continuing their support. More to come.

5. **International Director's Report**, Zikmund sent an update via email to all Board Members. He had nothing new to report.
6. **President's Report**, Baus had nothing to report at this time during the call.

7. **Vice President Report**, Sink, Had nothing to report
8. **Fire Rescue GPO Report**, Schuldt – N/A. President Baus will contact Schuldt and request a written report prior to FRI, so we can inform the membership. Baus reminded the board members to suggest an active chief to represent GLD on the GPO Board.
9. **State Directors' Reports:**
 - a. **Illinois Report**, N/A
 - b. **Ohio Report**, Skeldon, 1) Membership continues to improve. 2) Moving forward with a partnership with the educational side of Ohio Fire Chiefs. 3) He also provided legislative & grant funding updates. 4) OH Executive Director will officially start July 1st.
 - c. **Indiana Report**, Sink, 1) Indiana's conference is coming up right after FRI.
 - d. **Michigan Report**, Peterson, 1) Cancer presumption has passed out of the Senate and will most likely be passed by the House. More to come. 2) Fireworks funding update – rules have changed.
 - e. **Minnesota Report**, Zikmund, 1) Chief Zikmund provided updates on the State's legislative issues and appropriation of grant funding. 2) MN fire chiefs are looking to hire a new Executive Director. RFP has been posted.
 - f. **Wisconsin Report**, Kluck, 1) Governor election coming up. 2) Conference begins Wednesday in Milwaukee. 3) New Sergeant at Arms/IAFC WI Rep election results will be announced ASAP. 4) Incoming president is Paul Nelson from DeForest FD. 5) 3rd annual training event in October.
10. **Old Business**
 - a. IAFC - 2nd Vice President Endorsement Resolution: Baus reported that this is complete. Baus suggests that we mention the process to the membership in Dallas. Baus stated that Jim Grady was instrumental in communicating with the IAFC in drafting the resolution, therefore he'll ask Jim to do a short presentation to the membership.
 - b. Bio Nexus – Baus reminded the Board that a meeting with Bio Nexus occurred back in Chicago last year. President Baus provided details surrounding the complexity of the requested Pilot program. He further explained that participation in the pilot program was at a minimum cost of \$135,000 for Menomonie FD. This price was too expensive for Menomonie to become involved with.
11. **New Business,**
 - a. Treasurer Appointment Policy/Guideline – Baus provided details on this new guideline and the expected responsibilities. They will be reported to the membership in Dallas.
 - b. FRI Dallas – Holland 1) GLD is awaiting confirmation of a meeting room at the conference, but the IAFC understands our needs. Due to changes in staffing at IAFC, the system isn't running as smoothly as in the past. Dean will keep everyone informed, as confirmation is expected as the conference gets closer. 2) Zimund reported that GLD is the only division that is having a meeting in Dallas. 3) Holland discussed the Membership luncheon headcount system. 4) Linda's hotel room is confirmed at the Omni, as Dean will not need a room as he's staying with family. 5) Baus mentioned that an invitation should be extended to Terry Monroe & Hicks to the general membership

meeting in Dallas. Nyle will handle. 6) Holland mentioned that Terry Monroe will provide a report to the Executive Board while in Dallas.

- c. Social Media Opportunities – Baus has had some discussions with Esbensen regarding new technology (i.e. blog, twitter, FaceBook). Ken LaSala offered to provide GLD some blurbs. Linda will contact LaSala and ask for information to send out to the membership. Baus will follow up with Esbensen regarding the blog. Maybe it could be rolled out at the membership meeting in Dallas.
- d. Give away inventory items – Skeldon provided a current inventory list to all board members electronically. Chief Skeldon provided the history on the GLD poker chips & Apex poker chips, VIP cards. Discussion of new & past items followed (i.e. luggage tags, iPad covers, thumb drives, business card holders, mouse pads, etc). Baus reminded everyone that GLD will not have a booth at FRI this year. Items can be given to members during the membership meeting in Dallas. Discussion followed on how the board would like to move forward with promotional items in the future, including the topic of Challenge Coins. **Motion** made by Holland to reorder black Mousepads and luggage tags, requesting that these items be reserved for GLD members only (Welcome packets & membership meetings). **Seconded** by Skeldon. Motion carried. Skeldon will order.
- e. Legislative Briefing 2015 CFSI – Baus followed up a discussion that started in CFSI 2014, that the Board set up a reception for GLD members, featuring briefing from Ken LaSala. Linda will look into and report back.
- f. Frank Frievalt Request – Baus provided details on this request as an email was sent to each division requesting a conference call. Frievalt is researching how to improve leadership in the fire service. After much discussion, the board decided they would be happy to be involved in the conference call, as the research results will benefit the fire service overall. Baus will contact Frievalt to confirm GLD’s involvement and keep everyone informed.
- g. Board Member shirts – since the inventory is very low, the Board may want to consider a new style of shirt. Dave Peterson needs a short sleeve with Dallas coming up soon. Linda will provide a few options for button down short sleeve shirts for the Board.

12. **Good of the Order**

- a. Dave Peterson recommended that future agendas should include a bullet-point for the Executive Director.
- b. Presentation of the annual report – This Annual report to be provided to the membership while in Dallas, and is usually handled by the Secretary/Treasurer. After much discussion, the Board agreed that Dean Holland shall provide the 2014 annual report to the membership during the Dallas conference. Linda becomes official August 1, 2014.
- c. Due to several lengthy reports provided during CFSI, next year should limit outside speakers to approximately 30 minutes for their report, including Q/A’s.
- d. Chief Peterson asked about the status of sponsorship opportunities in the future and how to pass those to Linda. Chief Peterson will contact Linda direct.

13. **Meeting Adjourned - 11:48PM** (CST) June 24, 2014.

Meeting Minutes Recorded and Certified