



ALASKA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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Minutes

March 4, 2010

Teleconference call-in number is 907-459-6769.

I. **Call to order** – President Jeff Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Officers

President, Jeff Tucker (present)	North Star Volunteer Fire Department
1 st Vice President, Rocky Ansell (excused)	Alaska Division of Forestry
2 nd Vice President, James Baisden (excused)	Nikiski Fire Department
Sec/Treasurer, Sue Sanborn (excused)	North Star Volunteer Fire Department
Seat A / 07-10, Jack Smith (excused)	North Slope Borough Fire Department
Seat B / 07-10, Matt Johnson	Nome Volunteer Fire Department
Seat C / 08-11, Robert Himes (present)	Kodiak Fire Department
Seat D / 08-11, Mark Barker (present)	
Seat E / 09-12, Michelle Weston (present)	Anchorage Fire Department
Past President, Doug Schrage (present)	Anchorage Fire Department

Roll Call Members: Betty Svensson, Dave Hull, Dave Tyler, Kelly Nicoletto, Steve Crouch, Warren Cummings, Eric Mohrmann, Mike Tilley

III. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda amended to add EMS under New Business. Dave Hull made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, second by Bob Himes. Agenda approved.

IV. **Reading and Approval of Minutes:** January 7th, 2010 – Tabled until May teleconference due to Sue Sanborn's excused absence.

V. **Reports of Officers & Standing Committees**

Treasurer Report – Sue Sanborn – Tabled until May teleconference

Operating Account Balance: \$15,002.64 (bank statement ending 12-18-09)

Gaming Account Balance: \$5,209.36 (bank statement ending 12-22-09)

Membership Report

08/09 Active Members (89)

09/10 Active Members (81)

08/09 Active Life/Honorary Members (65)

09/10 Life/Honorary Members (68) Total 'Active' Life / Honorary (24)

08/09 Sustaining Member (5)

09/10 Sustaining Members (2)

08/09 Associates Members (4)

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Totals: 08/09 – 163 total membership 09/10 - 153 total membership to date

(See membership roster on web site: www.alaskafirechiefs.org)

President's report

Jeff Tucker / ALMR & AML

President Jeff Tucker reported C5HB#300 took out 150,000.00 to have all using it cost share for use of ALMR. Look at working with Congressmen and Senators to put money back in. Talked with Commissioner Kreutzer to get money put back in. Also chief and head of police meet with the governor to get this worked out. Dave Hull talked with Lt. Governor about Legacy System for communication on the EMS side. President Tucker said first he has heard of that. President Tucker asked that we talk to our legislators to get support for ALMR. Doug Schrage said even though they are not on ALMR, in the event of a major event, they would bridge and link to ALMR.

1st Vice President's report

Rocky Ansell / Health and Safety

2nd Vice President's report

James Baisden / Membership & Recruiting

Seat A

Jack Smith / Fundraising

Seat B

Matt Johnson

Seat C

Robert Himes

Seat D

Mark Barker / Fallen Firefighter Memorial

Mark Barker said they are continuing to move forward on the Firefighter Memorial. Has a meeting with the contractor next week for electrical. Starting a new fundraising campaign soon. Has sold 76 bricks so far. Going with a granite brick. Dedication 9-11-2010. Anchorage Fire Department is going to sponsor a golf tournament fundraiser. Going to partner with NFFF to sponsor this. Anchorage Sand & Gravel trying to come up with something different. Eric Mohrmann asked for a list of what is on the bricks. President Tucker asked Mark Barker to put a list together of bricks and what is on them. President Tucker advised to let him know as soon as possible if dedication will be 9-11-2010. Dave Hull asked if EMS issues had been resolved. Mark said yes and no and they would talk offline.

Seat E

Michelle Weston / Government Relations – Nothing to report.

Past President's report

Doug Schrage – Nothing to report

WFCRA Representative's report

Warren Cummings / Grants

Warren Cummings advised AFG awarded 4 grants in Alaska for \$254,000. No new awards on the construction grants. Fairbanks Fire Department received 1.64 for staffing. Nothing to report on Western Fire Chiefs. Will be attending conference in Hawaii later this month.

VI. Special Reports

VII. New Business

- EMS – Dave Hull talked about putting up posters (EMT's in state) at EMS symposiums. Asked Chiefs to donate \$750.00 to make new posters for use at symposiums and conferences. President Tucker asked for a motion. Dave Hull made a motion for a \$750.00 donation towards the purchase of new posters for use at symposiums and conferences; second by Doug Schrage. Motion carries. No discussion.
- SB129/HB202 Residential Sprinklers – Jeff Tucker testified Tuesday. No sub-committee for HB202. Testify again next week. Took out verbiage giving AHJ the ability to accept and gave it a longer time frame. Talked with Senator Paskavan this morning and it will be heard again. Can't testify again but if you did not already testify, GO testify. It is up to Paskavan to send bill forward for a vote. Doug Schrage said he was going to testify about the process. It is beyond the means and abilities to conduct

a cost/benefit analysis. Dave Hull stated ACEMS (Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services) was requested to comment and support State Chiefs. Dave Tyler cautioned that you need to be careful saying you don't have the ability to do the analysis because it could give them more power. President Tucker said talk to Stedman, Thompson, Menard, etc., and persuade them. Remember that you are speaking for your community. Eric Mohrmann advised you can get actual costs of what a human life is worth from insurance companies. Betty Svensson commented that she would like to go with Eric Mohrmann to talk to Senator Herron. She also wants a list of what communities do already for code adoption. Dave Hull asked if she could give a copy of state statute title 29.

- HB385/SB295 "An Act relating to flame retardants and to the manufacture, sale, and distribution of products containing flame retardants; relating to bioaccumulative toxic chemicals; and providing for an effective date": President Tucker advised he was contacted by the Alaskans Against Toxics. Eric Mohrmann said it dealt with the removal of a fire retardant chemical in plastics on computer keyboards and screens because it causes mutations in fetuses, cancer in breast milk. Holmer and Welakowski sponsoring bill. Only two factories make it and they are in China. Recommend voice support. Dave Tyler thinks Great Lake Chemical Company makes it in U.S. He said there is no real proof that it is bad or that there is a better chemical out there. Motion to support – None. Don't take a position.

VIII. Old Business

- Spring Conference 2010 – wrap-up – Jeff Tucker said we had a net profit of \$3,000 to \$4,000. Signed contracts for the next 2 years at Baranoff for the first week of February. Submitted a grant for \$150,000 through Senator Egan for Ship Board Marine Firefighting.
- Alaska Fire Conference 2010 – Seward: No one from Seward on teleconference. They are looking for room spaces and headquarters for conference.
- Alaska Fire Conference 2011 – Fairbanks: Not much to report. Goal is to have everything finalized by end of Seward Conference.
- Alaska Fire Conference 2012 - ??? Cruise ship not happening. Looking for a host community.
- CFSI – Dinner next month. Should have a full table.

IX. Good of the Order: Bob Himes asked if anybody was interested in helping Philippine Fire Service to contact him.

Lots of classes coming up state-wide. June Conference on fire protection for communities.

X. Adjournment

Next teleconference will be Thursday, April 1st, 2010 (No really)

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Himes, second by Doug Schrage. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes taken by North Star Volunteer Fire Department Deputy Chief Steve Crouch.