



# ALASKA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES

May 6, 2010

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

I. **Call to order** – President Jeff Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. **Roll Call**

**Officers**

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

**Roll Call Members:** Betty Svensson, Rob Borland, Rich Etheridge, Jason Elson, Beth Weldon, Jerry Hanson, Jack Willard, Gordon Descutner, Dave Miller, Dave Tyler, Mark Beals, Eddie Athey

III. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as written made by James Baisden, second by Jason Elson. Motion carries. Agenda approved as written.

IV. **Reading and Approval of Minutes:** March and April minutes. Motion to approve minutes as written made by Rocky Ansell, second by Gordon Descutner. Jason Elson state in the March minutes under New Business ACEMES is spelled incorrectly. Sue Sanborn will make that correction. Minutes approved with this correction. Motion carries.

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

**Treasurer Report – Sue Sanborn –**

Operating Account Balance: \$36,659.76 (Reconciled bank statement of 4/20/2010)

Gaming Account Balance: \$5,105.36 (Reconciled bank statement of 3/22/2010)

**Membership Report**

08/09 Active Members (89)

09/10 Active Members (91)

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 (8)

08/09 Associates Members (4)  
09/10 Associates Members (2)

Totals: 08/09 – 163 total membership 09/10 - 169 total membership to date  
(See membership roster on web site: [www.alaskafirechiefs.org](http://www.alaskafirechiefs.org) )

**President's report** Jeff Tucker / ALMR & AML: As of today had an executive council meeting with ALMR. Budget developed: Two fundings for ALMR; house and senate. House version won. State to collect \$150,000 from users. State is wondering how to collect 150K and from whom. Legislators out there who really do not get the system and what we are trying to do with it. If you have any influence or anyone who can talk to the legislators about ALMR, that would be helpful.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's report**

Rocky Ansell / Health and Safety – Nothing to report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's report**

James Baisden / Membership & Recruiting – Nothing to add

**Seat A**

**Seat B**

Matt Johnson

**Seat C**

Robert Himes

**Seat D**

Mark Barker / Fallen Firefighter Memorial: President Jeff Tucker reported on Mark's memo; lots of things happening. Final layout complete and construction is beginning next week. Michelle is working on looking for topsoil. Partnered with KTUU and Regal Cinemas – all day fund raiser for the Memorial on the opening of the new theater. Asking local departments in Anchorage to bring their trucks and contribute to the fund raiser effort. Still planning to do a rededication of the memorial September 11, 2010.

**Seat E**

Michelle Weston / Government Relations

**Past President's report**

Doug Schrage

**WFCA Representative's report**

Warren Cummings / Grants: Jeff Tucker reported AFG grants are currently open. Did anyone get accepted for new grants?

## VI. Special Reports

## VII. New Business

- Resignation of Jack Smith from AFCA Board of Directors: President Tucker advised Jack Smith has stepped down as Fire Chief and subsequently stepped down from AFCA's Board of Directors. Looking for someone to fill Jack's seat.
- Resignation of Mike Branum as AFCA representative to the State EMS Training Committee. Mike Branum has resigned from the State EMS Training Committee. Mike felt he did not have the time to devote to this position. Jeff Tucker feels we have a good appointment for that position.
- Approval of Airline ticket purchase for Warren Cummings to attend the IAFC Meeting at FRI Chicago for a cost of \$776.01. President Tucker requested a motion to pay for Warren Cumming's ticket to attend the IAFC meeting in Chicago. Rocky Ansell made the motion to approve purchasing Warren's ticket from operating funds, second by Jason Elson. Motion carries.
- Alaska State Capital Budget: Jeff Tucker submitted a letter on behalf of AFCA requesting funding for the Fairbanks Conference of \$150,000 for land-based firefighters. Letter sent to Governor's office. President Tucker advised it really helps us (fire departments) when we work together and let the Fire Marshal's office know what we are doing. We need to try and work as an organization and keep each other informed. Dave Tyler stated they had approximately 24

hours to come up with answers for questions regarding financial requests from fire departments. If Dave is not aware of what you are doing with your requests for financial aid, he cannot assist the department financially. If we can communicate better it helps the Fire Marshal explain to the Governor what your projects are.

### VIII. Old Business

- Alaska Fire Conference 2010 – Seward – Eddie Athey advised if you make hotel reservations now, please specify you are with the AFCA Conference and you should get a conference rate. Verbal rate of \$99 right now; not locked in just yet. Room rates when confirmed at \$99 will be posted on web site. Breeze Inn will be conference headquarters. Steering vendors to Holiday Inn Express. Getting closer to an actual firm training schedule. Jeff Tucker suggested the earlier you make your reservations the better. Eddie Athey also advised locking in a specific campground for those individuals attending the conference with their motor home. B&B's will also be posted on the web site once hotel rates are confirmed. Keynote Speaker is Robert "Bobby" Halton, Editor of Fire Engineering magazine. Other well-known individuals lined up to instruct at the conference are John Salka, Battalion Chief, FDNY; Mike Wilbur, Lieutenant, FDNY; Joel Weintraub, Health Humor/Motivational Speaker; Forest Reeder, Chief of Training for the Pleasantview (IL) Fire Protection District and Dave Dodson, The Art of Reading Smoke. Seward is raffling off a Harley Davidson motorcycle; tickets are \$20. If interested in purchasing a ticket, contact Eddie. Drawing will be July 4, 2010.
  - AFCA Hotel – Hotel Seward [www.hotelsewardalaska.com](http://www.hotelsewardalaska.com)
- Alaska Fire Conference 2011 – Fairbanks.
- CFSI – Jeff Tucker advised AFCA had a full table of members from Alaska. Had the ability to meet with all our congressional delegation – met with Senators Begich, Murkowski and Congressman Young. Discussed our legislative needs and our needs on a national level. Good meetings and good turnout. Unfortunately Bob Himes got weathered in at Kodiak and could not join us.
- Fire Team USA Community Fire Protection Workshop June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. More info on Fire Team USA web site. Workshop is free. All you have to do is get there.
- National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and Memorial rededication on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- The Alaska Fire Chief's Associations Leadership Summit (Spring Conference)
  - Presentation Topics – Suggestions (President Tucker still looking for ideas. If you have specifics you want to learn more about or a good speaker, please contact Jeff Tucker.)
  - Dates:
    - February 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011
    - January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

**IX. Good of the Order:** Bill Lankford has moved to Texas and has left the State of Alaska. President Tucker requested a nomination to make Bill a Life Member of our organization for his support of AFCA and representing us on WFCA for many years. Rocky Ansell made a motion to present Honorary Life Membership to Bill Lankford, second by Eddie Athey. Motion carries. Rocky Ansell will draft a resolution.

**X. Adjournment:** Betty Svensson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Eddie Athey. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Next teleconference will be Thursday, June 3rd, 2010.

Minutes taken by Susan Sanborn, Secretary/Treasurer.