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Minutes
June 4, 2009

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

I. Call to order – President Doug Schrage called meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Officers

President, Doug Schrage (present)	Anchorage Fire Department
1 st Vice President, Jeff Tucker (present)	North Star Volunteer Fire Department
2 nd Vice President, Michelle Weston (present)	Anchorage Fire Department
Sec/Treasurer, Sue Sanborn (excused)	North Star Volunteer Fire Department
Seat A / 07-10, Jack Smith	North Slope Borough Fire Department
Seat B / 07-10, James Baisden (present)	Nikiski Fire Department
Seat C / 08-11, Rocky Ansell (present)	Alaska Division of Forestry
Seat D / 08-11, Mark Barker (present)	
Seat E / 06-09, Eric Mohrmann (present)	Capital City Fire & Rescue
Past President, Warren Cummings (present)	Fairbanks Fire Department

Roll Call Members: Bob Himes (Bayside FD), Russ Ackerman (North Star VFD), Ray Bizal (NFPA), Mitch Flynn (Steese Area VFD), Eddie Athey (Seward FD), Edie Curry (University FD), David Hull (North Tongass VFD), Kelly Nicoletto (Alaska State Fire Marshal's Office)

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes: May 7, 2009 – Mark Barker made a motion to approve the minutes as written, second by Rocky Ansell. Motion carries.

V. Reports of Officers & Standing Committees

Treasurer Report – Sue Sanborn

Balance Operating Account: April 20, 2009 \$23,990.98

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Deposits: \$2,822.58

Payables: Credit Card bank fees: \$404.58; check to iFocus Consulting (web site management) \$405.00; Warren Cummings - Hotel, rental car, gas in rental car - reimbursement for Western Fire Chiefs Forum - \$826.09; Invoice 08-09-47 SB129 - Tucker to Juneau; Invoice 08-09-51 Tucker to Anchorage/Seward - Fall Conference Committee \$1,038.00 reimbursement to North Star; Hotel room and Per Diem for Jeff Tucker - WFCA President's Forum in Napa Valley, California - \$512.12 reimbursement to North Star; check to A.A.F.A.I. for registrations to Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction Seminar - charged using AFCA's credit card - \$4,155.00; check to Doug Schrage - Reimburse for payment of name tags for Board of Directors - The Printer Inc. - \$285.00.

Balance Gaming Account, April 23, 2009 \$9,421.96

Balance Gaming Account, May 22, 2009
Deposits: \$837.40 Southside Bingo.

\$10,259.36

Membership Report

06/07 Active Members (116)

07/08 Active Members (102)

08/09 Active Members (85)

06/07 Active Life Members (51)

07/08 Active Life Members (58)

08/09 Active Life/Honorary Members (65)

06/07 Sustaining Members (8)

07/08 Sustaining Members (3)

08/09 Sustaining Member (5)

06/07 Associates (5)

07/08 Associates (5)

08/09 Associates (4)

Totals: 06/07 -180 total membership 07/08 - 168 total membership 08/09 – 159 total membership to date

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

President's report: Doug Schrage thanked members for their participation and support at Kevin Towsley's funeral; it was an exceptional but sad ceremony. Second, mutual-aid intrastate is being initialized by AFCA Bridget Bushue of Anchorage Fire Department; working with EOC and other state agencies to get mutual-aid intrastate set up. Third, Doug challenges other departments to meet or beat Jason Elson's contribution of \$250.00 to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

1st Vice President's report: Jeff Tucker ALMR reported the executive council approved to pay fees for FY10; while FY11 is under review. The "per-user" fee is still to be determined; how to proceed and the cost per radio. State will work with AFCA and federal government will work with their associated agencies on this issue. AML-Jeff reported Sprinkler Legislation is still out there and encouraged members and departments to capitalize on opportunities to utilize sprinkler display stations to show politicians. Jeff and Ray Bizal also advised of sprinkler video available by contacting either of them or downloading video at www.homefiresprinklers.org. Sprinkler cells can be used to show side by side burns, sprinkler vs. non-sprinkler conditions. Cells can be built for \$700-\$1,000 and furnishings can be requested from local agencies as donations, to create life-like situations. Burn cells have a significant impact with politicians. Tom Lia of Illinois can offer advisement on building these units. Ray Bizal will email Sue Sanborn with his contact information next week. Governor Sarah Palin's article regarding Stimulus Funds for Energy Programs, stated code adoption issues should be local issues. Last, Jeff received an email from Casey Cook of the State Emergency Response Commission, that the USAR Committee is looking for participants from municipality of Anchorage, Interior Alaska and around the State to join them. Doug Schrage will forward the information to AFCA membership.

2nd Vice President's report: Michelle Weston, Government Relations, reported they have mounted a sign at the future memorial site to encourage tourist donations. Also, fire station stimulus grants are now available for applications, please continue trying. Final note, Anchorage Fire Department has two ambulances for surplus; they are 8 years old and need approximately \$10,000 of work done if anyone is interested.

Seat A

Jack Smith / Fundraising

Seat B: James Baisden, Membership & Recruiting, reported no new memberships and requested ideas from members. Jeff Tucker suggested, for small departments, to comp their membership dues. Warren Cummings advised of past practice, allowing NEW members to pay after July 1st, for remainder of current fiscal year, continuing active membership status through next fiscal year ending September 30th. This would encourage new membership, giving them the opportunity to join after new fiscal year funding is received, but not penalizing them by requiring additional dues after 3 months of active membership. Motion made by Warren Cummings to allow new members to pay dues July 1st of current fiscal year, but extending new membership year through September 30th of the following AFCA fiscal year, second by Jeff Tucker. Motion carries.

Seat C: Rocky Ansell, Health and Safety, reported there is an Occupational Health & Safety Plan template available at the following link

<http://www.fness.bc.ca/pdf/SOPs/FNESS%20Fire%20Department%20Health%20and%20Safety.pdf>. This year is the 50th Anniversary for the Alaska Smoke Jumpers and they are holding a celebration this weekend in Fairbanks; Rocky has requested donations from them for the memorial. Also, Division of Forestry and Alaska Fire Service have sponsored a plaque.

Seat D: Mark Barker, Fire Standards Council, respectfully requested a \$7500 donation from AFCA for the Fallen Firefighter Memorial. Motion made by Rocky Ansell to donate \$7500 from AFCA to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial fund, second by Jeff Tucker. Motion opened for discussion. Discussion ensued regarding account balances; contribution funds budgeted for this fiscal year of \$4500 and Southside Bingo future outlook (not predictable at this time). Jeff Tucker suggested \$5000 donation instead of \$7500. Motion made by Warren Cummings to amend original motion to donate \$5000 from AFCA gaming account to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Fund, second by Michelle Weston. – Off Topic Discussion regarding Rotary Club contacts for donations, Michelle Weston and Jeff Tucker will follow up – Call for question. No objections, Mark Barker abstains as a voting member. Motion carries. FYI – requests for names on memorial are sent to the presidents of AFCA, ASFA and State Fire Marshal's Department for final approval. Sample of eye shaped bricks requested for viewing.

Seat E: Eric Mohrmann, Information Officer, ICC Jim Tidwell retired, position not filled yet. ICC Chair Tom Lariviere also retired and new Chair Dwayne Garriss has taken his place. The committee is looking at expanding tasks to other agencies; examination committee will be working on updating exams. Funds are an issue and to help reduce costs, meetings have been held by teleconference. Final note, 2008 conference accounting complete, approximately \$700 of left over funds will be split.

Past President's report: Warren Cummings reported on grants and appropriated amounts. Please see attachments for details. Another note, 5000 Firefighters have been laid off nationwide. Firefighters hired under the SAFER grant cannot be discriminated against for volunteering at other departments. Mitch Flynn gave update regarding recent issues in reference to receiving reimbursement for overtime funds paid to SAFER employees. He received verbal assurance that departments will be compensated if forced to comply with state labor laws rather than FLSA. In order to change to FLSA regulations, the state informed him that a legislative change would be required. Mitch will correspond with President Doug Schrage for discussion at future AFCA meetings regarding possible AFCA involvement.

- VI. Special Reports
 - a. Eric Mohrmann advised that scholarships are now available at www.juneau.org or www.ccf.net
 - b. Doug Schrage and Warren Cummings will be attending grant review at NFA the week of July 13, 2009.

- VII. New Business
 - a. Eddie Athey inquired about C-Vent registration program for upcoming 2010 conference. Costs include \$3200 to sign contract, \$1500 initiation fee and \$4 per registration. Jeff Tucker advised ASFA was going to continue the contract and hosting the website; to be discussed off line.

- VIII. Old Business
 - a. None

- IX. Good of the Order
 - a. Eddie Athey expressed gratitude from himself and the Towsley family to everyone for all the support and cards for Kevin's Memorial Service.

- X. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 9:55 am

Next teleconference will be August 6, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Brenda Couey for Sue Sanborn.