



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 11:30 am
Aurelio's Pizza; 1455 Lake St., Addison, IL**



1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Styczynski at 11:33 hours.

2. Roll Call – (8 Voting Members* Needed for Quorum)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments Present</u>	
<u>President Tom Styczynski *</u>	<u>Alsip</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>1st Vice Bob Wilson*</u>	<u>Frankfort</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>2nd Vice President Mike Kuryla*</u>	<u>Berkeley</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Secretary Steve Riley*</u>	<u>Westmont</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Treasurer Tom Deegan*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Immediate Past President Tracy Kenny*</u>	<u>Broadview</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms Alan Wax</u>	<u>Schiller Park</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>Director John Christian*</u>	<u>Barrington</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Randy Deicke*</u>	<u>Batavia</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Steve Evans*</u>	<u>Winfield</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>Director Brad Liggett*</u>	<u>Freeport</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Jim Walters*</u>	<u>Schaumburg</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>Director Dick Swanson*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Director Gordy Nord*</u>	<u>Lyons</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>Director Fred Friedl*</u>	<u>Beach Park</u>	<u>yes</u>

3. Secretary's Report – Approval of September 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A vote to approve the September 21, 2020 Executive Board Meeting minutes.

- Motion** - Director Deicke
- Second by** - Director Swanson
- Voice Vote** - Unanimous (11-0)

4. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Deegan

A. Financial Statements - Treasurer Deegan sent the October 20, 2020 Statement, report as follows:

Account Balance of October 20, 2020

- MB Financial Bank - \$58,751.22
- PayPal Balance \$0
- Petty Cash - \$50.00

- Motion** - Director Friedl
- Second by** - 1st Vice President Wilson
- Voice Vote** - Unanimous (11-0)

Treasurer Deegan advised expenditures from 8/19/20-10/20/20 included \$133.21-Tom Deegan (August Executive Board Lunch); \$99.70-G&L Trophy (Retirement Plaque); \$166.37-Aurelio's (September Executive Board Lunch); \$2.92-Credit Card Fees. Income included dues deposits

totaling \$230.00.

President Styczynski asked if membership dues had been received from Riverdale Fire Department. Treasurer Deegan advised that dues were received. After discussion it was decided a vote would be required to accept the membership request.

5. President's Report - President Styczynski

IFCA Update - President Styczynski advised Don Shovelin was sworn in as the new IFCA President. He also said John Kachanuk was sworn in as the 1st Vice President and Rich Mikel was sworn in as the 2nd Vice President.

President Styczynski advised IFCA President Don Shovelin will be participating in a November video update as previously discussed.

Planning for February 2021 General Meeting - President Styczynski said planning for the February 2021 meeting topics needs to be determined. With potential Covid-19 vaccines becoming available members should plan ahead for 2021 programs. Social distancing should be able to be maintained at all meetings and events to ensure attendee safety. Additional discussion to be held at the November meeting.

December Entertainment - President Styczynski said discussion was held at the September meeting regarding a December video update. A suggestion was made to develop an entertainment video for membership viewing. Further thought and discussion to be held at the November meeting.

Influx in Patients/Personnel with COVID - President Styczynski said positive COVID cases appear to have risen over the last couple of weeks. Restrictions have or will be going into place in DuPage, Kane, McHenry, Will and Winnebago Counties. Several area departments have also been affected by employees testing positive. It appears the virus was spread outside of the fire department and members are reminded to be vigilant with established safety guidelines.

December Executive Board Meeting Location - President Styczynski asked if board members were interested in holding the December meeting at a different location. Further discussion to be held at the November meeting.

Other- President Styczynski advised that a formal vote was required to accept Riverdale as a member of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association.

A vote to approve the Riverdale Fire Department as a member of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association.

Motion - Director Swanson

Second by - 1st Vice President Wilson

Voice Vote - Unanimous (11-0)

Committee Reports

- A. **Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon** - Immediate Past President Kenny advised she is working on the gift purchases.
- B. **Audit** - No report. Information after the first of the year.
- C. **Bylaws** - No report
- D. **Directory/Website** - Treasurer Deegan advised member dues notices and applications will be sent at the end of November. Will be looking at an online format for future use.
- E. **Fundraising** - Director Swanson said a clay shooting event was held on Saturday, October 17th. The event was well attended.

- F. **Home Day** - No report
- G. **IFCA** - No report. Additional information after January 1st.
- H. **Installation/Holiday Luncheon** - No report
- I. **Legislation** - Need to begin thinking about the February Program.
- J. **Nominating** - No report
- K. **Programs** - All programs are put on hold at this time.
- L. **Sick & Welfare** - No report
- M. **Metro Chiefs Association History** - No report

7. **Unfinished Business** - None

8. **New Business** - None

9. **Open Discussion** -

A. **Discussion on OSFM Rules for Recertification** - Director Liggett discussed proposed changes on recertifications and the possible impact departments and deployments. Discussion followed on associated expenses and activities that would count towards continuing education requirements. President Styczynski advised he would obtain additional information at the next IFCA meeting in November and report back.

President Styczynski advised there has been ongoing discussion pertaining to possible civil unrest after the upcoming elections. Departments should be prepared for possible unrest and encourage local businesses to pre-plan for a potential negative response.

Adjournment -

Motion - Director Swanson

Second - 2nd Vice President Kuryla

Voice Vote - Unanimous (11-0)

Time Adjourned: 12:30 hours

Prepared by and submitted by,

Steven Piley

Secretary,
Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association