



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 21, 2021 – 11:30 a.m.
Aurelios Pizza, 1455 W. Lake St., Addison



1. **Call to Order TIME 11:37**
2. **Roll Call – (8 Voting Members* Needed for Quorum)**

Member	Department		Member	Department	
President Thomas Styczynski*	Alsip	P	Director John Christian*	Barrington	
1 st Vice President Bob Wilson*	Frankfort	P	Director Randy Deicke*	Batavia	P
2 nd Vice President Mike Kuryla*	Berkeley		Director Steve Evans*	Winfield	P
Secretary Bradley Liggett*	Freeport	P	Director - OPEN		
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief	P	Director Fred Friedl*	Beach Park	P
Immed. Past President Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	P	<u>Director Dick Swanson*</u>	<u>Retired Chief</u>	P
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief	P	<u>Director Jim Walters*</u>	<u>Schaumburg</u>	
Sergeant-at-Arms Al Wax	Hoffman Estates	P	<u>Director Gordy Nord*</u>	<u>Lyons</u>	P

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4. **Secretary’s Report**
 - A. Approval of meeting minutes of May
 MM – Director Friedl , 2nd – Director Nord, Voice Vote: Unanimous
4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Deegan
 - A. Financial Statements – The treasurer provided the attached financial statements for review and to be entered in to the record.
 - B. Vote to approve
 MM – VP Wilson, 2nd – Director Swanson, Voice Vote: Unanimous
5. **President’s report-** Chief Styczynski
 - A. Overview of Home Day – No Report
 - B. Mike Kuryla’s Status
 - C. Shift in executive board structure
 Discussion: items B & C were discussed simultaneously. Mike Kuryla and Bob Wilson are retiring. Al Wax is working for Hoffman Estates now. The president would like to appoint John Christian as 1st VP, Bradley Liggett as 2nd VP, Al Wax as Secretary, Mike Kuryla as Sargent at Arms for the remainder of this term of officers.
 - D. Set dates with Empress for the rest of the year.
 Discussion on proposed schedule for the rest of the year.
 - E. Executive board meeting at Local #281 for August??
 Discussion on next executive board meeting to be held at Local 281. Consensus was drawn to hold meeting there on August 18. Please invite your chief officers to see the facility. ACTION: Please RSVP to the President for a meal count. There was also consensus to host the 2022 HOME DAY there.
 - F. Thoughts for specialty location for one meeting (as in the past- pre-covid)
 Discussion on October or November executive board meeting to host it on the Chicago Fire Boat. ACTION: RSVP to Gordy in the next two weeks.
 - G. Moving the August General Meeting to the 12th
 Discussion to move the meeting to the 12th because of FDIC. MM – Director Swanson, 2nd – Director Wilson, Voive Vote: Unanimous
6. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Bylaws** – VP Kuryla
 We will need to present the bylaws change at the August General Business meeting.
 - B. **Directory/Website** – Director Deicke
 No Report

C. Fundraising – Treasurer Deegan

Golf outing went well 140 attended. Fishing event called off.

Discussion on Symposium: Charging the same amount as last year, IPRF wants to sponsor the Symposium. Need to verify the sponsorship cost. Side discussion ensued with Corps Construction, Lift Master looking to support general meeting sponsorship.

D. Home Day – Treasurer Deegan

Both of the anticipated speakers were ok. 100 people attended, ran out of meals. Lots of walk ups. 20 or so legislative staffers. We should move the venue next time. Consensus was the Local #281 Sprinkler Fitters.

E. IFCA/Legislation – Director Christian

No Report

F. Programs – Chief Walters

Discussion of Final Line up for the August 12 general meeting.

G. Symposium- Chief Evans, Chief Wax

Save the date has been published. Covered the draft agenda. Eliminated the electric vehicle response form the schedule and adjusted the others. This is a breakfast only event. GIFT: Coins, Mugs, and wine glasses. Past-President Kenney will be putting together gift bags. Discussion for the future, instead of gift bags have the METRO CHIEFS donate to a program on behalf of the membership. Possibly do a 50/50 match to charity, i.e. NFFF 911 Stair Climb at Soldier Field. Director Kenny will provide information on the Stair Climb to the board.

H. Nominating—Chief Friedl

Slate of candidates nominated for elections to be presented at the August 12 and September 2 meeting.

President - John Christian – Barrington

1st Vice President – Bradley Liggett – Freeport

2nd Vice President – Steve Evans – Winfield

Secretary – Al Wax – Hoffman Estates

MM – Director Swanson, 2nd – Director Deicke, Voice Vote: Unanimous

I. Annual Banquet- Chief Friedl

The Annual Banquet will be December 2, planning is in progress. 560 folks attended the last time, expecting 525 this time. We need to change the presentation location to the middle of the room. Past-President Kenney has a plan to make that change happen. Gifts to include one white and one red wine. Regarding vendors leave them downstairs. Vendors can put stuff on the tables. Maybe palm readers?? More to come.

J. Sick & Welfare – Chief Kenny

With the retirement of Chief Kuryla and Chief Wilson we should extend the Lifetime Membership to them. Idea would be to present a life time membership certificate and a challenge coin at the walk off/retirement ceremony. Secretary Liggett will look for a certificate.

Andy? – is in the hospital.

K. Metro Chiefs Association History – Director Swanson

No report.

7. Unfinished Business

Discussion on supporting the IFCA Golf Outing with a \$1500.00 donation. MM – Director Swanson, 2nd – Director Nord, Voice Vote: Unanimous

Discussion on the remaining cash on hand in the Cook County Fire Chiefs Association. They may want to make a donation to the METRO CHIEFS to be used as we deem necessary. This is an informational item.

8. New Business

Discussion 2022 Fee Structure - Regarding Dues - Members that are currently paid up in their dues through 2020 are eligible for a reduced cost of their 2021 dues. For those that qualify the 2021 dues have been reduced by half for both members and affiliates, and the fee has been waived for retirees. MM – Director Swanson, 2nd – Director Evans, Voice Vote: Unanimous
Discussion President Styczynski reached out to Steve Washer – South Elgin to join us as Director. He has agreed and will be appointed by the President.

9. Open Discussion

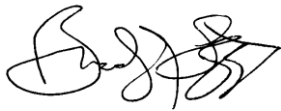
Chief Kuryla expressed his sincere appreciation for being able serve on the board and comradery he has enjoys serving. He is grateful to be able to continue to serve.

10. Future Meetings

- A. Next Board Meetings** – August 18, 2021
- B. Next General Meetings** – August 12, 2021
- C. Annual Banquet** – December 2, 2021
- D. Board Meeting** – Irish Times – December 15, 2021

- E. Adjournment** TIME: 13:03
MM – Director Nord, 2nd – Director Swanson, Voice Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



Bradley Liggett, Secretary
Freeport