



**Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 15, 2022
Eaglewood Resort & Spa Golf Club, 1401 Nordic Rd., Itasca**



1. **Call to Order** – President Christian called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. on June 15, 2022.

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

<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>Present</u>
President John Christian*	Barrington	X	Affiliate Director Fred Friedl*	Beach Park	X
1 st Vice President Steve Evans*	Winfield	X	Active Director Tracy Kenny*	Broadview	X
2 nd Vice President*	[Vacant]		Active Director Gordy Nord*	Lyons	X
Secretary Alan Wax*	Hoffman Estates	X	Active Director Steve Norvilas*	Pleasantview	X
Treasurer Tom Deegan*	Retired Chief	X	Retiree Director Dick Swanson*	Retired Chief	X
Immed. Past Presid. Tom Styczynski* Alsip			Active Director Tom Gaertner*	River Forest	X
Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Deicke	Retired Chief	X	Active Director Jim Walters*	Schaumburg	
Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Jackson	Retired Chief		Active Director Andy Dina*	Warrenville	
Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Kuryla	Retired Chief				

President Christian declared there to be a quorum.

3. **Secretary’s Report – Secretary Wax**

A. Approval of meeting minutes of the May 18, 2022 Executive Board meeting

I. A motion to approve the May 18, 2022 minutes was made by Director Friedl and seconded by Director Swanson

4. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote.

5. **Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Deegan**

A. Approval of the Treasurer’s Report covering May 17, 2022 through June 13, 2022

I. The Report included a list of starting and ending balances, revenues/expenditures, and the 2022 Budget status. Treasurer Deegan noted that the revenue from Home Day (\$6,450) was the highest ever recorded, mostly due to the high participation of vendors. Expenses for Home Day were \$1,835.20, for a net for the event of \$4,614.80. This far exceeded the budgeted net revenue of \$2,000 for the event.

II. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Director Norvilas and seconded by Director Gaertner.
a. The motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote. The Report is enclosed as [Attachment A on pages 3-4](#).

5. **President’s Report – President Christian**

A. 2nd Vice President Vacancy Appointment – President Christian reported that he discussed the position with Director Dina. Chief Dina is interested in the position. With no objections heard, President Christian advised that he will make the appointment accordingly.

B. Vacant Director Position – President Christian reported that he discussed the position with new Long Grove Chief Paul Segalla, and that Chief Segalla is interested in the position. With no objections heard, President Christian advised that he will make the appointment accordingly.

6. **Committee Reports**

A. **Bylaws** –Secretary Wax reported that the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Executive Board, were posted on the Metro Chiefs website, and will be up for an approval vote at the August 4th general membership meeting.

B. **Directory/Website** – Committee Chairperson Deicke reported that all is well with the website and directory, and that the invoice from the website vendor for this year has been paid.

C. **Fundraising** – Chairperson Swanson reported that the IFCA Foundation Fishing Derby is set for June 24th, but response is not great (about half the registrations needed to “make it work”), so all are asked to spread the word about the event. The IFCA Foundation Golf Outing is July 13th at St. Andrews – the first course is already full – the second course will be available and has openings, but will not have games, drink cart, etc. as it will be shared with non-event golfers.

I. A motion to donate a \$1,500 sponsorship to the IFCA Foundation Golf Outing was made by Director Nord and seconded by Director Kenny. The motion for the donation passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote.

D. **IFCA/Legislation** –President Christian indicated that there was no report. It was unknown at the time who the new State Fire Marshal would be following Fire Marshal Perez’s retirement.

- E. **Symposium** – Committee Co-Chairpersons Evans and Wax reported being close to determining which presentations will be offered at the Fall Symposium on September 1st. The three topics have been determined.
- F. **Nominating** – Chairperson Friedl noted that a candidate for Secretary will be needed. Conversation is ongoing and a proposed slate is expected at the Board’s next meeting.
- G. **Programs** – In the absence of Chairperson Styczynski, President Christian indicated that the August meeting speaker had not yet been determined.
- H. **Annual Banquet** – Co-Chairpersons Friedl and Kenny advised that there was nothing to report.
- I. **Sick & Welfare** – Committee Chairperson Kenny and others reported the following:
 - I. Retired Chief Tony Bednarz from Riverside and Western Springs passed away
 - II. Libertyville Chief Rich Carani is retiring
 - III. Arlington Heights announced that Lance Harris (from West Dundee) will be the new fire chief
 - IV. Bill Schultz is retiring from Wheaton and no replacement has yet been named
- J. **Metro Chiefs Association History** – Chairperson Swanson advised that there was nothing to report.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Home Day Recap – Co-Chairperson Deegan thanked attendees, and noted that attendance by fire chiefs in general was not at the desired level (perhaps to the south location). He stated that, overall, the event went very well (noting the net revenue reported in the Treasurer’s Report in Item 4, above). Though it was an election year, which often brings attendance by staffers, and generally there was good representation, three-to-four staffers that had registered did not show-up. The following items were discussed:
 - I. Whether to host Home Day next year. After discussion, it was determined by consensus to go ahead and have the event next year.
 - II. Whether to have the event in the same location (Sprinkler Fitters Local training center) or a more central location. After discussion, it was determined by consensus to seek-out a more central location.
 - III. A suggestion that, in future years, there should be more displays or demonstrations of assets purchased with Federal grants.
 - IV. A gift for Barb Pearlman from Darley in recognition and appreciation for all the work she did on the event.
 - a. A motion to present Barb Pearlman with a \$100 gift card was made by Director Nord and seconded by Director Swanson. The motion for the gift passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote.

8. New Business – There was no New Business

9. Open Discussion – There were no Open Discussion items

10. Future Meetings

- A. Executive Board: Wednesday July 20, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. – Eaglewood Golf Club, 1401 Nordic Rd in Itasca
- B. Regular Membership: Thursday August 4, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. – Empress Banquet Hall, 200 E. Lake St in Addison

11. Adjournment

- A. A motion to adjourn was made by 1st VP Evans and seconded by Director Gaertner.
- B. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (10-0) by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Alan Wax, Secretary

6/15/2022 MINUTES ATTACHMENT A

Metro Chiefs Exec - June 2022

5/17/2022 through 6/13/2022

6/13/2022

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Date	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 5/16/2022				55,247.85
5/18/2022	1Tom Deegan	Reimbursement ...	Executive Board L...	-317.14
5/27/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	40.00
5/27/2022	1Pederson Designs	Hosting and We...	Website Mainten...	-5,830.00
5/27/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	80.00
			Home Day - Income	480.00
		Railside Citrus	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:B...	-17.32
6/1/2022	1Signs Now	Vendor Signs (4)	Home Day - Expen...	-335.20
6/2/2022	1Country House	Lunches for Ho...	Home Day - Expen...	-1,500.00
6/3/2022		Paratech	Home Day - Income	250.00
		W.S. Darley	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Endeavor Busin...	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Stryker	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Illinois Public Ri...	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Optimal Case M...	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Municipal Emerg...	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Chicago Backflow	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Chicago Water ...	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Air One	Home Day - Income	250.00
		National Fire Spr...	Home Day - Income	250.00
		MacQueen	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Federal Signal	Home Day - Income	250.00
		C.E. Niehoff	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Illinois Fire Safet...	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Cash	Home Day - Income	460.00
6/4/2022	Transfer Money		[Paypal]	1,930.78
6/4/2022		Lexipol	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Railside Citrus	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Dinges Fire	Home Day - Income	250.00
			Home Day - Income	240.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:B...	-33.85
6/4/2022	Transfer Money		[MB Financial Bank]	-1,930.78
6/8/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	40.00
6/13/2022		Restore Constru...	Home Day - Income	250.00
		Groves Incorpor...	Home Day - Income	250.00
			Dues:Dues 2022	150.00
6/13/2022			Dues:Dues 2022	10.00
		Credit Card Fees	Fees & Charges:B...	-0.84
5/17/2022 - 6/13/2022				-1,284.35
BALANCE 6/13/2022				53,963.50
TOTAL INFLOWS				8,680.78
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-9,965.13
NET TOTAL				-1,284.35

6/15/2022 MINUTES ATTACHMENT A

Metropolitan Fire Chiefs - 2022 Budget as of 6/13/22

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	Notes:
<u>Income:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Dues	\$ 18,680.00	\$ 3,115.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,415.00	
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lunches	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,950.00	
Symposium	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,010.00	
Home Day	\$ -	\$ 4,930.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,450.00	
Holiday Lunch	\$ 140.00	\$ 21,905.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Secretary Lunch	\$ 630.00	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,815.00	
Misc Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 557.00	
Total Income	<u>\$ 23,995.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,790.00</u>	<u>\$ 67,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 39,197.00</u>	
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
General:					
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 108.56	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Credit Card Fees	\$ 289.20	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 782.42	
Charter/Filing	\$ 11.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	
Lunch meetings	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 5,956.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,040.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 41.19	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
Postage	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 127.60	
Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	
Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Sick/Welfare	\$ 530.60	\$ 319.73	\$ 300.00	\$ 327.51	
Total	<u>\$ 2,342.99</u>	<u>\$ 7,424.29</u>	<u>\$ 8,285.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,277.53</u>	
Executive Board:					
Guest/Speakers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
Lunch meetings	\$ 960.85	\$ 1,025.30	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 980.29	
Legislator Luncheon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 40.75	\$ -	\$ 287.00	
Total	<u>\$ 960.85</u>	<u>\$ 1,066.05</u>	<u>\$ 7,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,267.29</u>	
Special:					
IFCA Candidate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IFCA Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
IFCA Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,001.00	
Directory					
Website	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,830.00	
Directory Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	
Total	<u>\$ 5,830.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,830.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,831.00</u>	
Special Events:					
Symposium	\$ 1,613.00	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,870.00	
Golf Outing	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	
Holiday Lunch	\$ 211.34	\$ 32,931.94	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	
Home Day	\$ -	\$ 1,435.20	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,835.20	
Secretary Luncheon	\$ 58.79	\$ 6,543.25	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,745.50	
Total	<u>\$ 1,883.13</u>	<u>\$ 44,530.39</u>	<u>\$ 45,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,450.70</u>	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 11,016.97</u>	<u>\$ 59,850.73</u>	<u>\$ 74,985.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,826.52</u>	
Expenses Vs Income	<u>\$ 12,978.03</u>	<u>\$ (18,060.73)</u>	<u>\$ (7,785.00)</u>	<u>\$ 13,370.48</u>	