



Governor's Council on Fire Prevention & Control

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Meeting held at Brookfield Properties – Minneapolis MN - May 23, 2012

Chairman Tom Brace called the meeting to order at 9:00am and introduced Kevin Lewis, the new Executive Director of BOMA and the alternate for Ted Zwieg. He provided his background and business cards.

All members introduced themselves. A quorum is present. Excused members were noted – everyone present or excused.

Ted Zwieg explained the “flood” that occurred in one of their properties, and that is why he is preoccupied today along with the intended facilitator for reviewing our mission. We will defer the Council mission statement review to next meeting.

A motion was made to accept minutes as published by Futrell/Kulda – approved.

Chairperson's Report: Tom intends to expand on some of the legislative issues during that part of the meeting. Tom reported on the Executive Committee meeting with Commissioner Mona Dohman to review the GCFPC Annual Report. DPS Spokesperson Bruce Gordon attended that meeting and offered to be more involved in GCFPC activities.

Vice-Chairperson's Report: Mark also intends to spend time on the legislative issues.

Secretary's Report: Jerry asked for attendance roster and member roster to be signed and updated.

Legislative Review: Residential Sprinkler prohibition bill (attached to a Labor & Industry housekeeping bill) vetoed by Governor, Scott McLellan explained the next process for adoption of the International Residential Code which contains the sprinkler provision. Recreational use of explosives, also known as fireworks, was another bill that was vetoed by the Governor. The Governor invited several fire service representatives to his office to review the legislation before he vetoed it. Jerry Rosendahl explained the final Fire Safety Account bill that was passed – very successful effort by many fire service representatives.

Attendance/Member issues: HCMC Burn Center was previously removed from membership due to lack of attendance. Regions Burn Center has been suggested as a replacement. They will be contacted and invited to attend a future meeting to check their interest. NFSA and MPFF are both involved with Regions Burn Center and will support their involvement. Fisher/Schadegg made a motion to solicit their membership – motion carried. Regarding MNSCU membership, it was announced that Frank Langer will

be retiring on June 30. His involvement in the Council was recognized. Frank thanked everyone for their support. Based on the elimination of the FIRE Center presence and role their former staff now play, the subject of their continued membership was discussed. Don Beckering explained the history of those changes. Don asked for consideration of continued membership based on an emphasis on Campus Fire Safety. Jerry explained the background of the changes recently made to the State Director of Fire Service Training – moving that designation to the State Fire Marshal's Office. The issue was tabled and sent to the Executive Committee for a recommendation.

Goals Review: New Technologies – add Jeff Schadegg & Scott Futrell, no action on this yet due to Legislative Session. Governor's Day Update – committee meets monthly, council members are policy makers, Tom mentioned several changes for the coming year, GCFPC shirts need to be worn, Fire Explorers will add a fire prevention component this year, council members are reminded that they need to be engaged with the day's activities. Marketing Plan – the first meeting is upcoming, will try to capitalize on Bruce Gordon's offer to help. Educational Program – this is a work in progress. Review of Governor's Day – Tom reported that several issues/problems have been discussed with the committee and some changes have been made..

Terrie Trudeau discussed the current status of her order for shirts for members. The vendor had a power outage and hasn't delivered as they intended – but will. Members should work with Terrie to pay her and get their shirts.

Association Updates: Minnesota has recently been in the top 3 of states for insurance payouts due to disasters. DNR mentioned the Ely wildland fire. MSFDA conference will be in Alexandria in June, 350 registrants so far. Burn Aid golf tournament on September 10th at TPC. \$700,000 in MN SCU voucher dollars are still available through 6/30/13. 9/20/12 will be MN 100 Club golf tournament at Refuge golf course – Oak Grove.

Suggestions on future meetings – breakfast with Governor, tour of Regions Burn Center.

Next meeting will be held at Falcon Heights City Hall on July 25, 2012 at 9:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jerry Rosendahl, Secretary