

The February Hiawatha Firefighters Association meeting came to order at 20:57, by President Scott Studt.

Secretary Justin Schaefer asked if there were any corrects or additions to the minutes that were emailed out. Mike Hook pointed out one correction from last month minutes that a check to the Iowa Firefighters Association should have read \$520, instead of \$500. There correction was made and the minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Hook gave the report on 1/1/09; we had a balance in the money market account of \$10,079.46. In the General Fund on 1/1/09, we had a beginning balance of \$1,924.28. Debits for the month of Linn County Firefighters Association 2009 Dues for \$10.00, Hiawatha Kids League for two-sponsorship for \$400.00, Fareway stores for \$26.88. Deposits for the month, money from the Chili soup of \$31.00, Donation of \$20.00 and Flags form Legion from \$350.00 and deposits from Pop machine money of \$433.65. Leaving us with a balance of \$1,802.22.

In the Membership fund, a beginning balance of \$79.51. Debit to Mediacom of \$45.95. There were two deposits of \$140.79. Leaving a balance of 174.35.

The treasurer's report was approved.

AC Matt Powers submitted a bill for beverages from the appreciation dinner. The bill was for \$375.00. Andy Sweeney made a motion to approve the bill with Brent Stepanek seconding it. The bill was approved by the membership.

DC Rob Archibald explained a bill that the association covered for extra incentives hats that were purchased. The association would cover the initial costs, then members would then pay \$12.00 for an extra hat. The bill the association paid was for \$165.00. Joe Powers made a motion to approve the association covering the bill with Matt Powers seconding it. It was approved by membership.

COMMITTEES

President Scott Studt asked if any committee had a report. Having no response all committees had no report.

Incentives: No Report

Computer: No Report

Apparel: No Report

Social: No Report

Audit: No Report

Bylaws: No Report

Executive: No Report

Interdepartmental: No Report

OLD BUSINESS -

Brent Stepanek asked what the status in on the association's incorporation. It was expressed that nothing new until March. Mike and Justin will be working on a

questionnaire that will be given to Dawn Svenson who will be going to a class that will begin the ball rolling in this direction.

Rob Archibald notified members that the Incentives Hats are in. Stop by his office and pick up your hat. If you ordered an extra hat, you owe \$12. Also job shirt list has been on Rob's door for a while. You need to sign up this evening the shirts will cost \$25.00 and the money needs to be to Rob ASAP. They will be ordered some time this week.

New Business –
No New Business

ASST. Powers – EMS renewals, you should have paperwork in your box with your hour count. You also should have received a postcard from the state. If you did not receive a postcard you should see AC Powers or DC Sweeney. They will work with you in getting the information you need from the state to renew your EMS license.

ASST. Hoover – nothing to report

Deputy Chief Archibald – Robins fire will be holding two ICS classes. These classes are for officers and anybody who is interested. ICS 300 will be the weekend of March 21-22. The ICS 400 class will be the weekend of April 25-26. A reminder, that our Tactics class will be Feb. 21st at the station from 9-4pm.

An update on Wednesday afternoon trainings, these trainings will rotate between Fire and EMS. EMS was last week, this week it will be fire. Let Rob know if you will be attending or just show up. Tomorrow's plan is to take out Truck one and flow some water. Rob requests if you have driver paperwork please get copies to him so he can have this on file.

New members are officially done with their training. They are going a good job, if you see something help them out or let them know they are going a good job. Remember if you miss training, you are responsible for making it up. The department as purchased a DVD recorder so all trainings will now be on DVD after the session. If you missed in January, there is a DVD in Rob's box. Please watch and take notes and return notes and DVD to Rob to get credit for training.

Deputy Chief Sweeney – Remember when restocking ambulance, that there are two different types of Zoll batteries. The smaller batteries are for the E series, while the larger batteries are for the M series. The two auto pulses are in service. They are pretty much the same as the demo unit we had, there is some packing differences. Look for training from Joel from Zoll next month on these two new pieces of equipment. A reminder that the re-useable IV material needs to go into the maintenance room, not by the battery box by the radio. When filling out a medical report, that you mark if it is a BLS or ALS call. If you start an IV, it can still be a BLS call. It can only be a ALS call if an ALS skill was performed or assessment made. And finally, save the date for an

EMS Saturday, March 7 here at the station from 8-3. You will receive 6 hours in CEHs, for this event.

Chief Nesslage Report– Andy mentioned that we have the new two Auto Pulse units. The main reason we purchased these is your safety and the patients. You can't do CPR safely in the back of the ambulance. It was a wiser purchase to purchase the Auto Pulse units than have a workman's comp issue.

A tragedy happened in the department today. Devin Toll's brother died in an auto accident in Marion this morning. The association took a moment of silence to honor Devin's brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. Watch for an email with details of the visitation and funeral information.

Chief thanked the association for all showing up for training this evening. We represented the department and the city well to other guest who come to speak and present to the association.

Chief also shared that all reports for the month of January have been completed. This makes giving the report to the council and the association much easier. In January we had 84 runs, (65 Medicals, 12 False Alarms or Good Intent Calls, 4 Hazardous Conditions, 2 Fires, 1 Service Call) of those calls 70 in town, 1 Township, 3 Palo EMS, 5 Shellsburg EMS, 2 Mutual Aid Area, 2 Mutual Aid Fire. The time of day call percentages 0700-1700 – 46 – 55%, 1700-2300 – 23- 27%, 2300-0700 – 15- 18%. Our two busiest hours are 10 in the morning and 9 at night.

Some major language changes on three new SOPs. The updated SOPs are 101, 102 and 111. Updated in SOP 101 is attendance language, basically if you miss, you must make it up. This is your responsibility. In SOP 102 cleans up attendance issues. Your least call percentage is 15%, but to be eligible for incentives you need to be at 20%. You get credit for calls when you are here. You cannot call into the station and ask to get credit for a call because you were at work or with family. SOP 111 addresses your activity level. Chief will make an effort to give you a warning if your participation is too low. But again, this is your responsibility. You can look for these updated SOPs on the website.

Rob is testing a rugged mobile PC for Firehouse. The second thing is there are two versions of EMS Stat on the computer in the radio room. There is the original version and also new version of EMS Stat 5. Both work but the new version has big buttons and is kid friendly. If the firehouse works on the rugged PC, then we will try EMS Stat on the PC as well. Note this will be a very slow roll out.

Chief wanted to let the department know that the City is struggling with its budget. Chief cut out about 18,000 dollars or our budget, but for the most part we came out pretty good. We are ok for now and we will just have to wait and see what the future will bring.

With the new Rescue/Pumper that will be arriving in August, be thinking on ideas what piece of equipment the association can purchase to place on the new truck. Chief's

thoughts were extrication equipment, possibly a new Thermal camera, air bags, or a Blitz fire. Chief would like to begin this dialogue.

This past weekend four members of the department traveled to the Missouri Fire School. Chief reports it was a very good school, with big name presenters and overall a great message. Hope to send more people down next year. Chief came back super motivated and energized from the event.

Here are some of his thoughts from the weekend event: We need to be proactive about little issues that spin “out of control” and turn into big issues that pull down the department. We need to communicate to Chief and let our feelings be known. So that the issue can be dealt with right away and not let it fester.

The second point chief stressed was: we as firefighters need to remember to not get into a bad position while on the fire ground. Most fatalities are from getting into trouble because you have put yourself in a bad position. We can have the best training in RIT or saving our own, but statistics say that we would do ourselves a favor by putting ourselves in a position for success than in a position that could fail.

Last minute details -

Don't forget to sign up for the Kennedy Show Choir invitational the sign up sheet is on the radio room window.

Meeting adjourn at 21:38

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Schaefer