



## Iowa Firefighters Association

January Board Meeting  
January 8, 2023 – Radcliffe Fire Department

President Chuck Raska called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Board Present: Jason Barrick, Chuck Raska, Roger Carr, Aaron Clemons, Kent Brix, Mike Kime, and Rick Schmidt.

Guests: Executive Director Taylor Moore, John and Cindy Pederson, Andrea Kime, Gene Evans, Jack Runge, Lonnie and Colette Newhall, Ellen Hagen, Steve Mason, Bill Erb, Patrick Murphy, Radcliffe Fire Members.

### **Guests:**

Fire Marshal: Dan Wood was not able to attend.

ESTB: Jess Dunn was not able to attend.

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from the meeting in Des Moines, IA. **A motion was made by Roger Carr and seconded by Aaron Clemons to approve the meeting minutes. All approved.**

**Approval of Financial Report:** Taylor gave a brief financial report. **A motion was made by Kent Brix and seconded by Roger Carr to approve the financial report. All approved.**

### **Committee Reports:**

Legislature:

Pre-filed bills from state agencies have been posted

\*Distracted Driving with exemptions for public safety agencies.

\*Safety seats for children changes the requirements by age and weight

We are focused on the LOSAP bill as our priority and we also are asking for the tire program and an appropriation to start a statewide smoke detector program through an \$100,000 appropriation to DPS to buy smoke detectors.

The Tri-fold brochure draft is ready for review. Once the board approves it Taylor can get them printed.

The Firefighter Day on the Hill is Feb 1st at the State Capitol. The Chili Cook Off will be from 11-1:00. Bring your chili and come meet with the legislators.

The Golf Tourney will be April 29th in State Center.

Memorial: No report.

NVFC: No report.

### **Executive Director Report:**

Taylor reported that since the last meeting the office has been working on the 2022-23 Membership Drive. Taylor has also made a couple changes to the IFA website; including a new look to the home page and final membership report page. Taylor also created a new form for members to submit names to the departed firefighters section of the newspaper. Taylor also put together announcements for Firefighter Day on the Hill and launched registration for Mid Year. She also put together a proposed 2023-24 budget, which the board reviewed and revised at yesterday's board work session.

### **Officer Reports:**

Roger Carr: I feel we had a productive meeting yesterday working on the budget. Even though again we are very close to running a deficit. Chuck and I went and met with legislators in December and I left with a positive that they were going to support the 2 bills we discussed. I have several lengths of service awards coming up and I always enjoy the fellowship that goes with that.

Aaron Clemons: Thank you Radcliffe for hosting the meeting today. Since the last meeting I visited the funeral service for Bob Hagen in Jewell. There was very good attendance for that so I know Ellen appreciated the support. We had a lot of great discussions while reviewing the budget yesterday. We had a lot for questions on what we need to do to keep the IFA going.

Kent Brix: Attended Bob Hagen celebration of life. Have sent out hole sponsorship request to prepare for the April 29, 2023, Golf outing in State Center at Lincoln Valley.

Mike Kime: Thank you Radcliffe for being great hosts. I also attended the celebration of life there in Jewell for Bob Hagen, it was a great show of support from the fire service. I also attended several length of service awards for a couple different departments. Rick and I will be heading to Milford later this month to perform the annual financial audit.

Rick Schmidt: Thank you to Radcliffe Fire for hosting our meeting today and yesterday. I am learning a lot about the IFA with being on the board. I am excited about the upcoming legislative session and learning more about how we can affect change for Iowa Firefighters. Since our last meeting I attended funeral services for Jerry Corbett and Bob Hagen. I have a couple of awards banquets on my schedule to attend and I am looking forward to those.

Jason Barrick: Jason was called away on a call and unable to attend the meeting.

Chuck Raska: Welcome everyone to Radcliffe. Thank you for coming, it's a true pleasure to host another IFA board meeting at our station. Lately I've been focused on the upcoming legislative session. We've been to Des Moines a few times to meet with the fire marshal and bureau chief to discuss their needs. We also met with senator Kreighenbrink to discuss the LOSAP bill as well as the fire bill. I'm looking forward to this year's session as we are off to a positive start but only time will tell how we do. Lately the requests for service awards have begun rolling in and we are scheduling officers to attend these events. We all look forward to making our way around the state, meeting new people and sharing stories. Yesterday we sat down and punched through the numbers on next year's budget and it actually looks like it will balance once again with a surplus. Mid-Year is just around the corner and my firefighters and I are working on the raffle and auction items. Mid-Year is March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Gateway Hotel in Ames. The banquet tickets are now available to be purchased on the website.

### **Old Business:**

Firefighter Day on the Hill: The event is February 1st down at the capital. Chili will be available from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Chuck encouraged those that are planning on entering chili into the cook-off to let the IFA office know.

Mid-Year: Registration for the 2023 Mid-Year is now available on the website.

Golf Fundraiser: The 2023 PAC Golf Fundraiser will be in State Center on April 29, 2023.

Committee Appointments: Bill Erb and Ellen Hagen's names have been submitted to serve on the Emergency Response Council. And Gene Evans will be serving on the EMS Advisory Council.

### **New Business:**

2024-27 Newspaper Contract: Jeff Gargano with Blaze Publications provided a new contract for 2024-27, there was no increase in the contract. **A motion was made by Kent Brix and seconded by Aaron Clemons to approve the 2024-27 Newspaper Contract. All approved, motion carried.**

IFA Scholarship Submissions: We received two submissions, and those submissions were reviewed at the work session yesterday.

IFA Firefighter of the Year and Fire Department of the Year Awards: We had two submissions for the Firefighter of the Year award and no submissions for the Fire Department of the Year award. **A motion was made by Mike Kime and seconded by Rick Schmidt to extend the Fire Department of the Year deadline to February 1<sup>st</sup>. All approved, motion carried.**

Poster Contest: 101 submitted posters this year, there were 22 posters that were automatically disqualified. He mentioned that there are a few rules that need to be

cleaned up on the poster contest documents. The posters will be judged after the end of this board meeting.

**Good of the Association:**

Gene Evans did remind everyone to keep Nick Riley and his family in your prayers.

**Adjournment: A motion was made by Mike Kime and seconded by Kent Brix to adjourn at 9:55 am. All approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Moore  
Executive Director