

Maple Grove Firefighters Relief Association Pull Tab Meeting Sunday February 26, 2017

Pull tab business meeting called to order by President Chris Baker at 19:12

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the January 22, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Dean Noren to approve the January 22, 2017 meeting.

Second by Dick Seawell.

Motion passed.

Gambling Report:

The January 2017 Gambling Report was given by Dick Seawell. Bingo Net Receipts were \$1947. Electronic pull-tabs generated \$11,450 Net Receipts. On Schedule LG100F Line 27, profit carry-over for the month shows \$68,443.17. The electronic payout percentage was 85.0%, paper was 85.7%. The Gross Profit was \$39,962. Net profit before taxes was \$26,723. Site profit was \$15,188. As of February 9th, Mick Spurrier holds the Gambling License. The staff was made aware of a crime alert addressing counterfeit bills being passed.

Motion to approve the January 2017 Report was made by Jeff Hendel.

Seconded by Ron Johnson. .

Motion passed.

Check Approvals:

Motion to approve check no. 119955 to Surething Software in the amount of \$641.25 for annual software maintenance was made by Ron Johnson.

Seconded by Jeff Hendel.

Motion passed.

March 2017 Allowable Expenses:

Jim Lewis was dropped from the pre-approval list. A motion was made by Ron Johnson to increase Game Auditor Robert Schumacher to the 2017 rate of a POC Firefighter.

Seconded by Mike Cogswell.

Motion passed

Motion was made by Ron Johnson to preapprove the March 2017 Allowable Expenses.

Seconded by Mike Cogswell.

Motion Passed.

Old Business:

The Gambling Manager License changed from Dick Seawell to Mick Spurrier on February 9, 2017.

New Business:

1. Allied Charities is working on reducing the taxes that charitable gambling operations pay throughout the State.
2. Ron Johnson presented a request from Firefighters for Healing, a local organization founded by a Minneapolis firefighter that supports children and other burn victims. Vickie Huber made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Firefighters for Healing. Seconded by Tim Kidd.
Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Scherer.
Seconded by Jeff Woodbury.

Meeting adjourned at 19:28.

Submitted by Mick Spurrier, sec.

Pull tab business meeting re-opened and called to order by President Chris Baker at 20:35.

Vickie Huber submitted a request for payment of medical bills for Travis Petrie in the amount of \$625.00. After discussion, it was decided to adhere to the policy of \$500.00 per month. Dean Noren made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Travis Petrie family for medical expenses in the amount of \$500.00. The check will be written out to Park Nicollet.
Seconded by Vickie Huber.
Motion passed.

Motion to re-adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Scherer.
Seconded by Scott Anderson.

Meeting adjourned at 20:39.

Submitted by Mick Spurrier, sec.

**Maple Grove Firefighters
Relief Association
General Membership/Board Meeting
Sunday February 26, 2017**

Meeting called to order by President Chris Baker at 19:39.

Board Members present:

Chris Baker, Mike Cogswell., Jeff Woodbury, Jeff Hendel, Dean Noren, Scott Anderson and Jim Knutson

Relief Association members present:

See attendance roster.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the January 22, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Dick Seawell to approve the January 22, 2017 minutes.

Second by Jim Knutson.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurers Report for January 2017 was given by Jeff Woodbury. The General Fund balance was \$52,519. The Special Fund balance was \$15,372,339. This includes the pending payouts, as the checks have not been written yet. W-4's are needed from the Board to process payroll. Jeff is working on creating online access for all of our accounts.

Motion was made by Jim Knutson to approve the January 2017 Financial Report.

Seconded by Dick Seawell.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

- a. Mike Cogswell reported \$88.75 collected. One check was written to Cub for \$41.38. The balance with the deposit is \$1027.94. The pop machine at Station 3 is in need of repair. There was discussion on whether or not it is worth investing \$350 into the machine, or replacing it with a refrigerator.

Motion to approve the Pop Fund Report was made by Jeff Scherer.

Seconded by Dick Seawell.

Motion passed.

- b. Jeff Hendel reported \$141.00 in sales. Chris Baker spoke to Kelly Piller about their website. They started their site in order to try to provide some consistency while offering updated merchandise to the Maple Grove Firefighters. It was not their intention to compete with the MGFRA site. It was discussed taking over their site. Dick Seawell pointed out that they put time and effort into their site and developed a good-looking site. He thought that rather than doing a hostile takeover, we could allow them to keep their current profits to compensate for the work they have done. Ron Johnson stated that the current logo is owned by MGFRA. He will look the documentation. Scott Anderson added that City is copyrighting their maple leaf logo. Dick made a motion that the Board / Merchandise Trustee start the process of merging their website into our existing platform.
Seconded by Ron Johnson.
Motion passed.

Jeff Hendel will look at merchandising “friends of the MGF” apparel for sale to non-firefighters.

New Business

- a. Next meeting Sunday February 26, 2017 at Station 2 7:00 PM.
- b. Charter Member Dave Hamilton and 19-1/2 year firefighter Don Ramstad passed away recently. We will need to get their information in order to make two pavers for the Memorial Garden. Discussion was made to review the existing Flower Policy. It was suggested making a donation from the Charitable Gambling account to the appropriate charities.
- c. The new audit firm requires a token from Wells Fargo in order to process payroll. To do that, Wells Fargo stated we would be moved from a Consumer Account to a Business Account. This would cause us to be charged \$2000+ annually in cash processing fees. We need to find a payroll process that will allow us to do direct deposit without incurring any additional fees.
- d. It was suggested that the organization obtain a second PO Box key.
- e. The pool table at Station 1 is in need of recovering. It is a slate table that is still in great shape. Currently the stairway door is locked. We will look at getting a fob on the door at the top of the stairs so there is access for all firefighters.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Hendel.

Second by Jeff Scherer.

Meeting adjourned @ 20:35.

Mick Spurrier, sec.