

Maple Grove Firefighters Relief Association General Membership/Board Meeting Sunday December 15th, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Chris Baker at 1912

Board Members present:

Chris Baker, Stephanie, Firestone, Jeff Woodbury, Riley Slimmer, Jeff Hendel, Jeff Scheerer, Steve Hauer, and Tim Bush.

Relief Association members present:

See attendance roster.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the November 24th 2019 meeting.

Motion by Rob Pearson to approve the November 24th 2019 minutes.

Second by Terry Stoltzman.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff Woodbury gave the Treasurer's report. The balance of the special fund at the end of October was \$18,444,434. There was \$614,188 in member pension distributions. The general fund income for the month of October was \$1,321, and expenses of \$69, for a net increase of \$1,252 and a general fund balance of \$56,270. There were more kids than last year at the holiday program, we need to increase the budget by \$583. As a note merchandise orders show up as an expense this month and income the following month.

Motion by Terry Stoltzman to increase the holiday program budget.

Second by Yegor Rybachenok.

Motion passed.

Motion by Rob Pearson to approve the November 2019 Treasurer's report.

Second by Mike Kinnan.

Motion Passed

Old Business:

- a. Jeff Scheerer reported \$119 collected, spent \$54.84 on pop. Year to date profit of \$55.86.

Motion by Rob Pearson to approve the Pop Fund Report.

Seconded by Robert Schumacher.

Motion passed.

- b. Jeff Hendel reported \$64.50 in merchandise sales for the month. There are orders coming into the new website, remember it takes credit cards.
Motion by Rob Pearson to approve the Merchandise Report.
Seconded by Russ Commers.
Motion passed.
- c. MSFDA Conference. We are waiting for the schedule to be released before offering to individuals
- d. Banquet 2020. The Osseo American Legion will not allow the Lookout to cater there anymore, all banquets must use their kitchen. Discussion with the community center, they would give us a discounted rate for the room however we would still need to pay for security if we have alcohol. Stephanie and Mike Kinnan will work on this and look for invites coming out soon.
- e. Big thank you for everyone who came out to the food baskets and kids Christmas party. They were huge successes and we appreciate all the work.

New Business

- a. By-law updates. We had two by-law updates voted on individually:

 - i. Annual dues increase to be equal to one hour of firefighter pay.
Update passed with all aye votes.
 - ii. Ability to allow combined service pensions, both firefighters coming on to Maple Grove and our firefighters who leave Maple Grove and join other departments.
Update passed with all aye votes.
- b. Board member elections:

 - i. Vice-President, nomination from the floor by Riley Slimmer for Stephanie Firestone as Vice-President. No other nominations.
After three calls, motion for white ballot by Rob Pearson.
Second by Mike Kinnan.
Motion passed.
 - ii. Secretary, one letter of intent from Riley Slimmer. No other nominations were received.
After three calls, motion for white ballot by Rob Pearson.
Second by Russ Commers.
Motion passed.
 - iii. Trustee, one letter of intent from Jeff Scheerer. No other nominations were received.
After three calls, motion for white ballot by Rob Pearson.

Second by Robert Schumacher.
Motion passed.

- c. Board salary. Discussion on why the board feels there should be a raise, after there had been significant increases the last 2 years. The two board proposals, see below, would put us on a mark for outside metrics, and would ensure small yearly increases so we don't let it get for many years and fall behind and have to do large chunks again. In the end, there was five proposals, all five were done with voice/hand votes with the top three going to paper ballot.
- i. 0% increase from November by Scott Slimmer. All nay votes.
 - ii. 10% increase for all members, then tied to firefighter wage increase percentage annually by the board. 4-aye, 7-nay votes.
 - iii. 20% increase for all members, then tied to city contribution percentage increase annually by the board. 1-aye, 21-nay votes.
 - iv. 10% for President, Secretary and Treasurer then tie all future raises to city contribution percentage increase annually by Robert Schumacher. 7-aye, 7-nay votes.
 - v. 3% increase for all members and 3% a year annually to be voted in December by Scott Slimmer. 11-aye, 1-nay votes.

The top three were voted on paper ballots, counted by Riley Slimmer, Scott Slimmer and Mike Kinnan. From above:

- ii. Received 10 votes.
 - iv. Received 2 votes.
 - v. Received 11 votes. This was declared the winner.
- d. 2020 meeting dates. Annual approval of meeting dates, most are fourth Sunday as per the by-laws, we do meet the third Sunday in May, 17th, to avoid the Memorial Day weekend and will meet the second Sunday in December, 13th, to avoid Christmas week. Schedule will be posted in the stations.
Motion to approve meeting dates by Terry Stoltzman.
Second by Garrick Campbell.
Motion passed.
- e. Payout request from Marilyn Arnlund.
Motion to accept request by Mike Kinnan,
Second by Rob Pearson.
Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Slimmer.
Second by Yegor Rybachenok.
Meeting adjourned at 2021.

Riley Slimmer, sec.

Maple Grove Firefighters Relief Association Pull Tab Meeting Sunday December 15th, 2019

Pull tab business meeting called to order by President Chris Baker at 2022.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the November 24th 2019 meeting.

Motion by Rob Pearson to approve the November 24th 2019 meeting minutes.

Second by Russ Commers.

Motion passed.

Gambling Report:

The November 2019 Gambling Report was given by Mick Spurrier. Bingo and E-Bingo was ran this month. Bingo net receipts were \$4,639. Pull Tab sales were up and percentages were down from last month. Paper Pull Tabs generated \$37,778 with an 85.6% payout. Electronic pull-tabs sales were down and payout percentage was down, E-Tabs generated \$21,996 net receipts with an 80.3% payout. All of that combined for a net profit of \$38,563 after expenses. After taxes, a Site Profit of \$18,494 for the month.

Motion by Rob Pearson to approve the November 2019 Report.

Seconded by Terry Stoltzman.

Motion passed.

Check Approvals:

- a. To CNA Survey, e-transfer for \$100.00 for gambling manager's bond.

Motion by Russ Commers to approve e-transfer.

Second by Rob Pearson.

Motion passed.

Pre-approve January 2020 Allowable Expenses:

Motion by Russ Commers to preapprove the January 2020 Allowable Expenses.

Seconded by Jeff Joseph.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

New Business:

- a. We are moving the E-tab machines to be behind the bar for The Lookout staff to sell and manage and not in our booth. This will allow for longer selling hours, and also The

Lookout carries the responsibility to keep the money correct. They have committed to putting the machines on the bar, promoting different big games, getting extended coverage and more machines so they can be used in the back room and patio. We will pay a percentage based fee to The Lookout based on monthly net sales, we are not “on the hook” for any flat monthly fee besides our normal booth rental.

- b. Motion for \$500 to the Pipp family who lost their house to a fire.
Motion to donate \$500 by Rob Pearson.
Second by Robert Schumacher.
Motion passed.
- c. Motion for \$1,000 for Dan Firestone’s father to help remodel his house and make it easier to move around after fast on-set dementia.
Motion to donate \$1000 by Garrick Campbell.
Second by Mike Kinnan.
Motion passed.
- d. January 1st will be conducting pull-tab audit, we have two people and Vic Kurpiers as a back-up.
- e. Adding Thursday afternoon bingo, looking for people to come work from 1400-1600.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Slimmer.
Seconded by Robert Schumacher.
Meeting adjourned at 2047.

Submitted by Riley Slimmer, sec.