

Maple Grove Firefighters Relief Association

General Membership/Board Meeting

Sunday November 24th, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Chris Baker at 1903

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 October 27th 2019 meeting.

Motion by Russ Commers to approve the October 24th 2019 minutes.

Second by Robert Schumacher.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff Woodbury gave the Treasurer's report. The balance of the special fund at the end of October was \$18,631,559. There was \$441,583 in income from our state aid check, and \$808 in expenses. There will be pension payments coming out next month. The general fund income for the month of October was \$5,266, mostly from dues and two outstanding golf tournament checks, and expenses of \$4,905 for golf tournament, salaries and merchandise, for a net increase of \$361 and a general fund balance of \$55,018. As a note merchandise orders show up as an expense this month and income the following month.

Motion by Carlos Davila to approve the October 2019 Treasurer's report.

Second by Terry Stoltzman.

Motion Passed

Old Business:

- a. Jeff Scheerer reported \$103 collected, spent \$77.89 on pop. Year to date loss of \$8.30.

Motion by Russ Commers to approve the Pop Fund Report.

Seconded by Yegor Rybachenok.

Motion passed.

- b.** Jeff Hendel reported \$686 in merchandise sales for the month. The website will be running December 1st, will have inventory available and will be able to take credit cards.

Motion by Robert Schumacher to approve the Merchandise Report.

Seconded by Adam Ohme.

Motion passed.

- c.** Board salary discussion. Information presented comparing MGFRA to surrounding relief associations, of similar size, for salaries, job duties, board involvement, and fees paid. This was the information that was requested at the December 2018 Annual Meeting. This showed that as a board we were the 3rd highest paid, from responding associations, but were almost \$5,000 below the only other board that also has a charitable gambling operation. There was much discussion on why the board feels a pay raise is in order, and how much they believe it should be. The board asked for any proposals and there was one, see below. It was also mentioned to use the firefighter pay raise rate as a board metric as well. The board was tasked with bringing a proposal to the December meeting.

Proposal by Scott Slimmer for a 0% board salary increase for 2020. This will be brought up at the December meeting.

- d.** Banquet 2020. The banquet will be February 22nd. The Osseo American Legion will not allow the Lookout to cater there anymore, all banquets must use their kitchen. We will look for another place to hold the banquet, as we were close to capacity on the room.
- e.** Kids Christmas Party. Will be Sunday December 8th at station 2. Please RSVP to Stephanie by December 1st.
- f.** Food Baskets. Will be Saturday December 14th at 6am at station 4, with breakfast to follow at the Lookout.
- g.** Elections will be at the December meeting. Turn in a letter of intent to Riley by December 7th for the positions of: Vice President, Secretary, and Trustee (pop).

New Business

- a.** MSFDA. The city will still reimburse for the 2020 conference, however we may need to self-pay in the following years. Chris Baker will contact people about attending the conference based on number of meetings attended.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Slimmer.

Second by Terry Stoltzman.

Meeting adjourned at 2002.

Riley Slimmer, sec.

Maple Grove Firefighters Relief Association Pull Tab Meeting Sunday November 24th, 2019

Pull tab business meeting called to order by President Chris Baker at 2003.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the October 27th 2019 meeting.

Motion by Russ Commers to approve the October 27th 2019 meeting minutes.

Second by Yegor Rybachenok.

Motion passed.

Gambling Report:

The October 2019 Gambling Report was given by Mick Spurrier. Bingo and E-Bingo was ran this month. Bingo net receipts were \$2,704. Pull Tab sales were up and percentages were down from last month. Paper Pull Tabs generated \$35,473 with an 86.0% payout. Electronic pull-tabs sales were down and payout percentage was down, E-Tabs generated \$17,992 net receipts with an 85.6% payout. All of that combined for a net profit of \$33,059 after expenses. After taxes, a Site Profit of \$15,536 for the month.

Motion by Vic Kurpiers to approve the October 2019 Report.

Seconded by Russ Commers.

Motion passed.

Check Approvals:

- a. To Mick Spurrier, check #120456 for \$654.79 to reimburse for the Allied Charities Gambling Convention: food, lodging, travel.
Motion by Scott Slimmer to approve check #120456.
Second by Vic Kurpiers.
Motion passed.

Pre-approve December 2019 Allowable Expenses:

Motion by Terry Stoltzman to preapprove the December 2019 Allowable Expenses.

Seconded by Vickie Huber.

Motion passed.

Old Business:

- a. Sure Thing Software will continue to operate, owner and principal died in July. We will continue to use their services.
- b. Schlenner and Wenner will have a proposal at the December meeting to continue

as our auditor for both gambling and special fund.

New Business:

- a. Request for assistance to firefighter Bruce Trafas's son to help pay medical bills from on-going medical issues.

Motion to direct pay the medical bills for \$2,225.34 by Jeff Scheerer.

Second by Terry Stoltzman.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Russ Commers.

Seconded by Robert Schumacher.

Meeting adjourned at 2013.

Submitted by Riley Slimmer, sec.