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MEETING MINUTES
ILLINOIS FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION
January 20, 2015

Location: Glendale Lakes Golf Club
1550 President Street
Glendale Heights, Illinois

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by IFPA President Vince Rodriguez
Self Introductions: Welcome all attendees and new members – Vince

Last Month's (October) Meeting Minutes – Mick Bradford (Down load minutes from IFPA website)
Motion to Accept Minutes by: Dannie Sandfox
Second by: Mike Polich

IFPA Treasurer's Report – Wayne Conrad
Balance on hand \$10,156.00. (13) single members and (5) dual members paid for 2015 membership.
Motion to Accept by: Mike Polich
Second by: Steve Holzkoft

NFPA Updates:

NFPA 14 - **Brian Conway**. Revision on standpipes. He download report to blog portion of the website.

Vince - To all NFPA committee members, let Mick or Vinnie know when you put something on the blog portion of the website so we can let members know it is there.

NFPA 24 - **Jimbo**. Matt Davis is waiting on approval from the NFPA to be the alternate. Vince and Matt to follow up with NFPA on status.

NFPA 25 - **Dave Barron**.

Informed the membership that NFPA finished the November meetings (3-14 hour days) and a conference call. Did not receive written ballads. Next meeting on the east coast in September.

Dinner _____ 7:10PM _____

Guest Speaker – No Guest Speaker

New Business –

- Thank you to everyone who attended the 2014 Holiday Dinner, great turnout. We had 24 guest - **Vince**
- Remind everyone that they need to begin submitting membership renewal applications for next year 2015. We now are able to provide CEU's at our meetings. Spread the word to other members about CEU's at the meetings. Our NFPA technical committee seats (14, 25 & 24) are an approved topic for CEU's by the State Fire Marshall. We ask that Technical Committee Representatives provide the board a copy of the info they will be sharing prior to the meeting so we can prepare the CEU certificate's for the meeting. We did not have enough topic time for today. Please help us with speakers and topics. Here is what the letter from the State Fire Marshall's stated:

The OFSM recently reviewed our application for approval as a provider of continuing education for the Fire Sprinkler Contractor licensing requirements as provided for in Illinois Compiled Statutes 9225 ILCS 317/35b) the Fire Sprinkler Contracting Act. The Act states that all education entities seeking approval must make application to the State Fire Marshal and provide programs that:

1. Contribute to the advancement, extension, or enhancement of the professional skills or technical knowledge of the licensee in the practice of sprinkler contracting; and
2. Are developed and presented by persons with education or experience in the subject matter of the program.

After reviewing your application and accompanying documentation you have been approved as a provider of continuing education for sprinkler contractors seeking renewal of their State of Illinois license as a Fire Sprinkler Contractor.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal congratulates your company on attaining this status.

We can bring people in to speak from the outside but we need an outline from them on their topic. Mick will bring the list of attendees to sign and scan and update list as a brochure so the State Fire Marshall can go online and see the attendees as well as the speaker and topic. We can use the NFPA Standards as a topic. Cary Bell from UL has agreed to speak but not until Sept. or Oct. Help us to get speakers.-**Vince**

Dave Schury - Can we pay speakers? Say \$200.

Dannie - We can cover travel expenses. Hotel bill and meals.

Vince - What is right for the Association? Do we pay outside guests when we are not paying our Technical Representatives?

Dave Cobian - This is Great for our association. Anybody who needs CEU's, encourage them to come.

This is a benefit for all our members. We need to thank everyone who helped us get approved.

Vince - This will help us bring in new members.

- With this being said we would like to make a motion to appoint an additional position to our board and that position being one that would maintain the responsibility of coordinating and record keeping of the information regarding the CEU's. - **Vince**

Dannie - Make it a committee position that way you can make changes and people can stay when the board has re-elections. The board can oversee the committee.

Dave Cobian - A voluntary position makes it stronger.

Dannie - Ask Members next month who wants to be on the committee.

Vince - We don't want to lose another month of being able to provide CEU's.

- We have recently been awarded our NFPA 20 seat back. Vincent Rodriguez was appointed as the Primary and Steve Holzkopf was appointed as the Alternate. It took us several years but we got it back. We received immediate feedback from the NFPA to vote but since membership was not notified we did not vote. -**Vince**

- Next month's meeting is scheduled for February 9th at Glendale Lakes Golf Club by Tim Turbak. Tim Turbak to make reservations for (25-30) - **Vince**
- Product Show Update / suggestions
We have had two product show meetings. The show is March 24th, 2015 at Medinah. Show times are from 3-7PM. I have already sent out e-mails about the Product Show. The SFPE has set up the website to sign up for an exhibitors booth. We are waiting for the finalization of the speakers for the CEU classes and the registration for those classes will be on the SFPE website as well. - **Mick**

We are going to keep the layout and everything the same. Since we have just recently bought shirts, why buy more. Why not give back to the exhibitors and attendees? What about T-shirts for everyone? Should we buy more gifts? Suggestions - **Vince**.

What about sizes? - **Dannie**

We can get 100 T-shirts, various sizes for \$500-\$600. - **Vince**

What about Tote Bags, Laptop bags. - **Dannie**

What about note books? Look at innerworkings.com they have a lot of ideas. Maybe no years printed to get more use as give aways and not tied to this show - **Sean Cassidy**

What about doing something for Harold Miller? Donation to a cure for cancer - **Dannie**

Questions from the floor / Old Business –

Burn Camp Golf Outing. Lillycrest Golf Club. Maybe an early bird discount. Maybe raffle a car. Nice give aways. \$100+ - **Dannie**

Motion by Danielle Sandfox to have an addendum to the by-laws that a board member not serve more than 2 terms in one position.

2nd by: Scott Sandfox

Vince - Any member opposed? No members Opposed.

Next step is to get the motion out to all of the members before the next meeting and vote in February. Mick to e-mail members - **Dannie/Vince**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM- **Vincent Rodriguez**

Second by: Dave Barron

Thank you,
Mick Bradford
IFPA Secretary