

**THIRD DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MABAS 24, INC.
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

DEPARTMENTS PRESENT:

BURNHAM:	Not Present
CALUMET CITY:	W. Galgan
CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS:	G. Kasper, D. Rodriguez
DOLTON:	L. Victor
EAST HAZEL CREST:	B. Vallow
FLOSSMOOR:	D. Habecker, C. Sewell, D. Hoiden & Guest
GLENWOOD:	K. Welsh
HARVEY:	J. Bell
HAZEL CREST:	C. Jackson
HOMEWOOD:	B. Grabowski, C. Johnson
HOMEWOOD ACRES:	Not Present
LANSING:	Not Present
LYNWOOD:	R. Eriks
MARKHAM:	Not Present
MATTESON:	Not Present
MUNSTER:	Not Present
OAK FOREST:	T. Lipinski, C. Sopko, L. Alfaro
PHOENIX:	Not Present
RIGHTON PARK:	Not Present
RIVERDALE:	T. Jarrett, Sr.
S. CHICAGO HEIGHTS:	Not Present
SOUTH HOLLAND:	D. Bettenhausen, B. Kolosh
THORNTON:	J. Kuipers
TINLEY PARK:	K. Dunn & Guest

RETIRED MEMBERS:	D. Hornback
	J. Baird
	G. Knoll
	C. Gagnon

VENDOR MEMBERS:	L. Kuzniar, Ace Board Up
	S. Kipley, MES
	R. Sampognaro, RFR Maintenance

GUESTS:	None.
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Meeting called to order at 11:40 AM.

Chief Welsh welcomed all members, vendors, and guests.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the August 13, 2009, meeting minutes by Chief Vallow; seconded by Chief Lipinski. Motion carried with one correction – there is no change at this point in taking over the Canteen.

Communications: OFFD raised \$1,340.56 in Canteen donations. At the golf fundraiser last week approximately \$4,500 was raised in profit for the Canteen. We will be asking for a motion to write a check in that amount to Great Lakes Bank to go towards principal. Special thanks to Tom Alphabet – South Holland and to Thornton for organizing that.

Applications: No new applications. We took on an associate board up company.

Committee Reports:

Comprehensive Planning: Work continues with the Executive Board on wash list we talked about last month.

Legislative: No report.

100 Day Book/Bylaws: No report.

EMS: No report.

Inspectors: [Inactive. If you are interested in resurrecting the group, please contact Chief Welsh.]

Public Education: Chief Vallow will serve as Chief liaison for the committee.

Investigators: No report.

Dive: We are currently very active in the dive committee. Chiefs Grabowski and Bettenhausen are bringing some issues to the table regarding equipment maintenance and repair. Chief Gregorovic is working out the details on annual maintenance and budget issues. Discussion was had regarding MABAS organizing dive as a statewide asset and our position to that end. Thanks to Chiefs Eriks and Gregorovic for all their work.

Chief Gregorovic is looking into the expenses incurred when being called out to search for weapon recovery. We are getting more information before we make a decision.

Retirement: No report.

Utilities: Dorothy Foster accepted a promotion and will be moving to a position in the Springfield area. We will have a new area rep on a temporary basis. It may be up to a year before we have a permanent representative.

Training: Chief Bettenhausen is in the process of evaluating the survey results and will be making some adjustments to the training academy. We will be looking at that with him and getting information out to you.

TRT: The committees are working and we should be holding a meeting at the middle of next month to come up with a plan.

Mutual Aid: Chief Dunn discussed the biggest concern, the H1N1 virus. If you have not heard anything, talk to someone to find out who is responsible in the community. Plans are changing. Make yourselves aware what your community is supposed to be doing and we will have to see where it all works out.

HazMat: We have received official notice that we will be going to validation next April. We are currently selecting who will be going and gearing training toward that. Many people did not get to Polaris training at Oak Forest. The Hazmat Team will take the unit with to deployment.

Canteen: There have been a few maintenance issues. The golf outing was a success. Discussion was had regarding making a direct principal payment of the \$5,500 raised and the \$1,300 from Oak Forest. Discussion was had regarding a new approach to conduct a divisionwide boot drive. The Executive Board will move forward with the goal of getting this paid down. Chief Eriks will get the fundraising committee together and sending out new letters.

Finance: An audit was completed. Financial reports will be handed out at the next meeting. Chief Welsh will be speaking to delinquent municipalities and vendors that are behind on payment. Invoices and standard invoices were presented for approval along with the proposal that a principal payment be made on the Canteen. A motion was made by Chief Kasper to make the payments as presented; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs' Reports:

A/Chief Kolosh: Jerry Kuiper will be Thornton's new chief. He is well-qualified, help him out as much as possible. He will be a great asset to the division in the near future.

Chief Grabowski: Everything is good.

Chief Galgan: Thank you for your help the other day.

D/Chief Buie: Harvey is trying to pick back up again.

Chief Habecker: Used the Gator and going from Oak Forest went great. They used it at Flossmoor fest. It was great. It was in the parade and they had it on display and the community loved it. They chose a fire chief, Chris Sewell was appointed. He is proud to

introduce him, he will be sworn in Monday night the 21st. Chris Sewell is looking forward to working with everybody here. He is looking forward to building on everything his predecessors were able to accomplish.

Chief Dunn: Robert Bettenhausen's retirement party is Sunday at the Tinley Park Convention Center. For those that are bringing a truck out as requested to line the driveway coming in, we appreciate your help, thank you very much.

Vendors' Reports:

None.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

Good of the Association: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Vallow; seconded by Chief Eriks. Motion carried at 12:10 Hours.

Next Meeting:

Glenwood Oaks Restaurant
106 N. Main Street
Glenwood, IL
October 15, 2009
11:30 A.M.

Respectfully,

Lisa Alfaro

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