

**Minutes of Iowa Firefighters Association
Mid-Year Business Meeting
Saturday, March 19, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The Mid-Year Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jason Barrick. The colors were presented, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chaplain Tony Ede gave the invocation.

Resolution #1

To the members of the Iowa Firefighters Association assembled here in Ames, Iowa on this 19th day of March in the year 2022.

WHEREAS: We would like to thank the Gateway Hotel, the Ames Fire Department, the Mid Year Committee and the citizens of Ames for their gracious hospitality

THEREFORE: Let it be resolved that this resolution be passed by a standing ovation from all members present at this annual Mid-Year meeting of the Iowa Firefighters Association. Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee.

Introduction of Guests:

Muscular Dystrophy Association – Jill Harper

A representative from MDA joined us and gave a quick update on the last couple years. She went into their portfolio details such as National Care Network, Worldwide Research Network, Advocacy, Community Education, etc. She also touched on the MDA Summer Camp and the Impact of ALS. She ended by discussing their reboot for 2022. President Jason Barrick passed around the boot to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The boot brought in \$821 for the MDA.

Iowa EMA Association - No Report

Iowa Emergency Management Association – Thomas Craighton

Thomas Craighton joined the meeting and gave a quick update on their association. They are the coordinators for emergencies across the state. If you do not know who your coordinator is for your part of the state, please reach out to IEMA so they can get you connected with that individual.

IAPFC – Dave Schipper

Dave Schipper jumped on zoom and gave a quick update. Roger Bissen also mentioned that they have a couple great speakers lined up for the Fire Chiefs workshop coming up. He also encouraged members to join the IAPFC. They will be having their conference later this fall. Dave also thanked Jason and the Board for everything they are doing with the legislature.

Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors – Thomas Craighton

Thomas Craighton is also the president of the Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors. They typically hold a conference each year but haven't been able to have one for the last couple of years due to covid. He mentioned that they have multiple resources located on their website. He went on to discuss fire safety standards and technology that is available. Thomas also discussed the importance of offering counseling to our firefighters.

State Fire Marshal – Dan Wood

Dan Wood thanked everyone for inviting him. He mentioned that their budget is slim this year. The cost of fuel is a huge problem and has been eating up their budget. He mentioned that every year we have had some fire deaths for people smoking while on oxygen. He encouraged members to relay the message to not smoke while on oxygen. He mentioned that they have a couple individuals retiring this month from the Fire Marshal's office. He reviewed a couple upcoming new codes for the new year. He also mentioned that they continue to beat records in regards to electrical.

Fire Service Training Bureau – John Kraemer

John thanked the board for having him. He touched on their budget being status quo. They do have a couple vacancies in their office. They are bringing on several new field staff to help fill some gaps. John also mentioned that they are always looking for good, qualified instructors. Their reaccreditation review went very well and they now have their pro accreditation. He mentioned that the fire departments are continuing to train throughout the year and are keep the Training Bureau busy. He also thanked John and Cindy Pederson for all of their efforts with the legislature this year. The 98th Annual State Fire School is scheduled for July 22-24, 2022. There was also discussion on the Firefighter 1 survey that was sent out to the membership. Taylor is going to send it out to the membership one more time and set a deadline

so the board can review the results with the training bureau. There were several questions about setting up testing at one of the regional test sights.

Scholarship Awards – Cliff Renslow

This year the Board had one submission for the 2022 IFA Scholarship. This year's candidate and recipient is Lincoln Claussen from Des Moines. Scholarship Chairman Cliff Renslow announced that Lincoln Claussen was not able to attend today to receive the 2022 IFA Scholarship certificate. Lincoln couldn't make the meeting, so Taylor will be sure to get him his certificate.

NVFC – Steve Hirsch

NVFC Chair Steve Hirsch joined the meeting and gave a quick update on the National Volunteer Fire Council. He thanked his wife and all firefighter spouses for their continued support. He touched on the water program with Anheuser Busch donating free water to departments that request it. Another important topic was cancer and the NVFC Lavendar Ribbon report. The NVFC also has the Share the Load program to help firefighters with their mental health.

A motion was made by Gene Evans to approve the Convention Meeting Minutes from Grinnell, Iowa (September 12, 2021), seconded by Chuck Raska. All approved, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report/Financial Report – Taylor Moore

Taylor Moore introduced herself as the IFA Executive Director. She also introduced Kelsey Burkhardt who works together with Taylor on the IFA account. Taylor mentioned that Kelsey has done a great job managing the membership piece, so if you have any questions or changes, you can reach out to her, and she will help you get everything sorted out. Over the last couple months, I have been working with Gene Evans to set a date for the poster program luncheon for the poster winners. The 2022 Luncheon will be hosted by the Story City Fire Department on May 21st. With the help of Roger and Marv, I have been working on scheduling flights, hotels, and meetings with legislators for the Washington DC trip next month. And now for the financial report.

Here are the bank statement account balances as of March 17, 2022:

General Checking - \$104,202.60
Mutual Aid Check - \$12,427.80
Affiliated Membership Savings - \$341.41
CD Savings - \$162,702.37
Convention Equipment Savings \$6,072.73
Credit Card Earnings Savings \$7,865.51
Everbank General CD #2 \$57,063.39
Everbank General CD #3 \$56,328.20
General Savings \$519.52
Hall of Flame Savings \$12,687.46
IA Vol Firefighter PAC \$487.89
IFA Scholarship Fund \$6,783.55
Mutual Aid Savings \$12,556.82
Office Improvement Savings \$981.82
Recruitment, Retention, Defense \$2,150.79

Total Checking/Savings \$443,171.86

2022-23 Proposed Budget

Taylor presented the Proposed Budget for 2022-23. There was a little discussion on the mid-year expenses vs income. There was also discussion on the being two separate lodging expense items.

A motion was made by Mark McNeese to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Sam Kranovich. Motion carried.

Credentials Report:

Rob Tharp announced that the credentials are now closed; voting credentials are now closed. We had 42 towns file credentials for a total vote of 1,276.

Alden 21, Atlantic 36, Bellevue 36, Sheridan 35, Colesburg 16, Dyersville 68, Earlville 27, Earlham 25, Eldora 30, Forest City 45, Garner 35, Garrison 17, Gilman 1, Grinnell 51, Guthrie Center 39, Harlan 34, Holland 18, Hudson 37, Iowa Falls 34, Jewell 21, LaPort City 28, Lake Mills 44, Low Moor 13, Manchester 33, Maquoketa 34, Mechanicsville 20, North Liberty 41, Osage 42, Panora 30, Radcliffe 26, Redfield 20, Riverdale 20, Sigourney 25, Solon 38, Storm Lake 23, Stewart 33, Tama 50, Traer 33, Van Horne 15, Vinton 26, Waverly 31, Wellsburg 25
42 Towns: Total Votes 1,276

Online Attendance:
Lemars 65

Total Online Votes 65

Total Vote Count 1,234

A motion was made by Iowa Falls and seconded by Cliff Renslow to approve the credentials report. All approved.

Audit Update:

Kent Brix and Mike Kime reported that they made the trip to Milford, NE a couple weeks ago to audit the financials. Kent reported that all was in order and encouraged members to send two separate checks if paying for membership and mutual aid. **A motion was made by Cliff Renslow and seconded by Gene Evans to approve the audit report. All approved.**

Officer Reports:

1st Vice President – Chuck Raska

Good morning and welcome to Ames. I hope you've found all the good eats and fun times Ames has to offer. Thanks to Kim Ables with the Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau for helping arrange our 2022 and 23 Mid-Years. Just a reminder that my mid-year will also be here next year on March 31st and April 1st. Rooms can be booked at any time.

Firefighter day on the hill was well attended again this year. We had seven departments serving up over 40 gallons of chili which provided the opportunity for some great conversations with our legislatures as they gathered in the rotunda for lunch. This year was the best year for firefighter attendance since I've been going, and I hope we can keep it the interest growing in the coming years.

The past few months I've presented years of service awards in Eddyville, Radcliffe, and Alta. Last week I attended the funeral services for fallen firefighter Brian Shanstrom from Libertyville. I also spent some time at the capitol supporting the First Responder bill we've been working on for a few years and had an opportunity to meet with Speaker Grassley to discuss the importance of our LOSAP bill.

Soon I'll be looking to the membership to fill committee appointments. If you have interest in being on a committee, please contact me and I will get you signed up. We also need to be thinking about convention city 2024. If anyone has interest or know of a department / city that could have interest, please send them our way. April 5th through the 9th Jason and I will be traveling to Washington DC along with Marv and Roger to attend the NVFC conference and meet with our congressman.

I'd like to take a minute to talk about Pride in the fire service. The fire service is built on pride and tradition. It's a privilege to be a firefighter and to serve our communities but sometimes it seems that many have forgotten what the fire service stands for. The fire service has never been about the individual firefighter, it's about the communities we serve and the fire service as a whole. The fire service is one of the most loved services, because the citizens know we will put those in need above our own wellbeing. That is the public image that our forefathers built and that is what we need to protect and build upon. Pride should be at the center of everything a firefighter does. We should have pride in our appearance, Pride in our training, pride in our ability to perform the duties the citizens expect. Pride is a driving force, and it is our responsibility as the leaders of this generation to remind our young firefighters it's a privilege to be a firefighter and a lifestyle not to be tarnished.

So, let's hold ourselves to a higher standard, Lets train like the mayor is watching, and keep our stations and apparatuses in parade condition.

Take pride in everything you do, and the community will take pride in you.

2nd Vice President – Roger Carr

Thank you all for attending this weekend and helping guide us as we move forward. I had the honor of receiving the friendship and fellowship from the West Union Fire Department when I presented Length of Service awards at their banquet.

I would like each of you to think about why you joined the Fire Service. I will tell you why I raised my hand to sign up. At a presentation at school the principal said anyone that signed up to join could leave class and respond. Well, I was first in line for that.

After I became a member two things became very apparent to me.

1. I was an adrenaline junkie
2. The brother hood I saw and felt hooked me for life

During my many years I have met strong, good men and women that have truly lived and passed on that feeling on that feeling of belonging. Sadly, I met many that didn't.

The next question is where do you fall in living and showing what Brother/Sister hood means to you? Are you a builder or a destroyer?

The Fire Service has been my life for around 50 years now and I want our next generation of Firefighters to feel the family as I have. This can only occur if we put the petty stuff aside and work for what is best for all.

I know at this time and place right now I am preaching to the choir but give your passion to all members old and new. Your attitude can change those around you for the good and bad.

There are many acronyms that have been around for years some fit what I am trying to pass on. PTB (Protect the Brothers), RFB (Remember Fallen Brothers), DTRT (Do the Right Thing). We are the Fire Service in Iowa and only we can make it better.

Remember how you were treated as a new member of your department. Were you treated with respect and mentored or with malice and disdain? Think about what would have made that time better and treat your newbies that way.

I will close with a simple history lesson. Look at your badge. Whether it is the Maltese Cross or the St. John's of the Hospital altars there is a rope that goes around the center that has no beginning or end and symbolizes the Brotherhood of those we serve with.

3rd Vice President – Aaron Clemons

Aaron thanked everyone for attending this weekend. He mentioned that he attended a couple funerals since we met last. He went on to talk about the health and wellness of firefighters. He mentioned that heart attacks are the leading cause of deaths in firefighters. He stressed the importance of doing debriefs after each call. This subject hit home, since they recently had one of their assistant chiefs suffer a cardiac event. He coded on the table, but he did end up making it through and he is currently at home recovering. He also touched on the stresses of the job. Eldora is implementing a wellness program within their department in order to reduce some of the risks that come with firefighting.

Aaron informed everyone that we are hosting the first ever IFA Golf Tournament this year to raise funds for the IFA PAC account. The Golf Tournament will be on May 21st at the Bridgewoods Golf Course. He encouraged everyone to join and participate in the golf outing.

4th Vice President – Kent Brix

Had a pleasurable night with Van Horne VFD to present a 40 years of service award to Randy Sherwood and a 30 years of service award to Jared Vogeler two amazing careers.

Attended Firefighter on the Hill with the Board; participated in the chili cookoff and concluded I am not a chili cook. Congratulations to Ratcliff! Good job.

Also visited several departments throughout my area at fundraisers and just made time to visit them to make conversation on subjects of the service. Much of our conversation was on recruitment and retention they feel the major factor being initial training to be a firefighter and the commitment it is to be a volunteer. Along with theme concerns we talked over several bills that the board believes to be important to our services. Had support from them on our stance on these bills as it promoted safety for our service.

Mike Kime and I made a trip to Milford, NE to perform an audit that we reported on earlier, I have to say it was an educational trip. Very helpful in informing us on all the services they are providing us behind the scenes.

Something that has come to be a concern, is our service mind set on Mental Health of our volunteers. Most emergency responders, have a mind set to be calm, levelheaded, and able to face even the most challenging situation with courage. Also, our service has built the stigma that it wasn't allowed to see someone on mental issues they were just told to tough it up and forget the bad things and move on. However, we are all humans and it's easier said than done. We see many volunteers' experiencing PTSD, anxiety, depression and having suicidal thoughts. In 2019, there was a survey of 7000 firefighters finding 65% of our responders struggle with memories of tragic calls, while 59% have a family or relationship problems because of a call, 27% have substance abuse, and there 19% who have thoughts of suicide. So as volunteers we don't necessarily see each other after calls, so we need to make more of an effort to ensure our brothers and sisters are coping with the situation they went through. It has been beneficial in Clinton County as we have started a group call Haven of Heros we have a monthly meeting and we have two individuals that stay after talking it out in our group, they have had less impact on less emotional effect on them as they relive calls on special days or recurring situations.

Conclusion, I would like to say let's be supportive and understanding where everyone is aware of the warning signs within themselves and each other. Also, an important part of talking it out you must be ready to listen and support them.

5th Vice President – Mike Kime

Hello everybody. Thank you for coming. Since my last report I have attended Fire Fighter on the Hill at the state capital in Des Moines. This was a first-time experience representing the state of Iowa Firefighters at the capital. I enjoyed reaching out to give a perspective of all the work and dedication of each firefighter. I was able to explain our concerns of the fire fighters in the state of Iowa to the legislators. I feel that the IFA membership has been making some headway and hope to continue great strides to keep growing and keep members serving in all our communities. I would challenge each member of the IFA to reach out to their local legislator. When you do so, visit with them and acknowledge that the decisions that he/she makes on behalf of the IFA have an impact on you as an Iowa Firefighter. I have been traveling to area Fire Departments to visit and share with them what we are working on with current bills at the legislative level. I have also traveled to Fire departments that are not members of the IFA to talk with them about becoming members and what the IFA has to offer them and what being a member is all about. The Fire departments have been very welcoming and willing to hear about what is happening. I also traveled to Colesburg Fire Department to present years of service awards. Chuck Niehaus received his 41 years of service award and Dennis Payne receiving his 28 years of service award. I cannot express how honored I am whenever presenting these service awards and to thank them for their continued dedication to the Fire service in Iowa. The beginning of March I traveled out to Milford NE with Kent Brix to visit, tour and complete the IFA audit. I feel that there are great things happening with the IFA and hope to continue to see the board dedicate time and effort to keep moving forward.

Past President – Nick Riley

Like it or not, social media is here to stay. It's a tool fire department can use to build goodwill within their communities and improve how they communicate with the people they serve; however, it's also something fire departments should enter strategically.

- **Goodwill within your Community**
social media presents fire departments an opportunity that they've never had before. The ability to communicate directly with the public. Social media is a way to inform those you serve about what you do to protect them.
- **Social Media is Free (sort of)**
Social media tools like Facebook and Twitter is free but using them effectively might cost some money. The importance of having a Public Information Officer who is experienced with social media, it may seem like a luxury for a department to have a PIO, but really, it's a necessity. Since you're building reputation it's important to have someone dedicated to this important effort.
- **Enhanced and Direct Communication**
This line of communication is important in good times and bad. In good times it's important to inform the public about what you do on a daily activity to keep them safe. In bad times, it's important to be able to get a direct message to the public about the situation. Fire departments no longer must rely on traditional news media to communicate with the community – they can do it straight through social media and are able to better control the message.
- **Connecting with Younger Generation** Propelling
your department to the next level. This allows fire departments the ability to reach a new generation of firefighters because the new generation is connected by technology and social media.

Those are just a few of the ways that social media can benefit what we do. As you know there is always a downside. Here are a few "don'ts" when it comes to social media:

- Do not post information or a picture of an active scene.
- If pictures are posted of a previous scene, don't criticize, or make rude comments. We all make mistakes, it happens. Criticizing your department or any other department could cause strife within. Don't do it. Especially considering that emergency services are having a hard time recruiting new members, it's unwise to give people a reason to leave or not work with each other.
- Don't post confidential information about patients that can in any way identify them or the event they were involved in. Posting confidential information may alert a person's family and friends about an incident, which could cause panic and possibly another emergency event.
- Finally, don't post or become involved in any activity that will promote defamation of someone's character or decrease the morale in your department or departments around you.

Thank you and stay safe out there.

President – Jason Barrick:

Greetings everyone and thank you for being here today. This has been a day for me I have looked forward to for the last few months. It's time to party It's a chance to break the winter blues and hang out with friends from across the state. Thank you to everyone who has help me put this weekend together. Last weekend I went out to the northwest Iowa fire school. It was good to hear they had record attendance by both students and vendors. That is very positive sign on how the fire service is going.

I would like to give up guys a look at our membership. If you haven't already and want one there is a sheet in the back that tells you the towns that didn't renew by March 1st and yes, they may have since then and now. Going by that list we had 89 departments not rejoin the IFA this year. We knew that some of that would happen because of the dues increase and we still believe that number will get better in time. So, if you average 89 dept. at 20 people each that is around 1,821 members not on our roster. The board will be working on getting these departments contacted and back on our roster. If you are close to one of these towns and would like to reach out to them, please do. Please let the board know if the give you a reason on why they choose not to be members anymore. I have heard it said that some departments feel that they get the benefits of being members without spending the money that is unfortunate. I'm not sure how we can fix that but, we are willing to try most anything.

As I just reported the membership numbers, and the dues increase last year was not quit what we need the board has continued to look at ways to save money. So, there are somethings you may see done different then years past. Just Chuck and I will be going to Washington DC. Speaking of DC, we are also reaching out to corporate sponsorship so that Marv, Roger, Chuck and I can go to the CSFI dinner. If you know of anyone that can help, please let one of us know. Just an FYI we have reached out to some of Iowa's largest fire supply company's and have gotten all no's so please take them off your list.

I'm going to touch base a little on the happening at the capital and let John & Cindy get more in detail during their committee report. Early last fall this board put some good thought in to what they wanted the session to look like this year. Well about two weeks into it as someone you well know we ran into a problem. We had a bill that came forward that wanted to reduce the required training hours in the state. We as a board reached out to some of the membership and listened to the membership that contacted us. We knew that being against this bill could potently hurt any goals we had for the capital this year. Let me tell you it was a very interesting few weeks after we did that. I don't think I've talked on the phone that much since I was in middle school talking to my girlfriend all night long. I was beside myself for a few days after, but with some great advice from some great people we made it though and as John and Cindy will report the IFA has good news coming out of that capital.

November 8th, 2021, Alicia Ldtke resigned from the IFSE Council. We have not yet had three name to present to the Governor for her to choose. Yes, there has been some interest in the position, but we are still looking. The board is balanced on three items, gender, political and geographical which can make it tough. If you know of anyone, please reach out to the board. Our goal is to have three names submitted in the next few weeks.

In closing I would once again like to thank everyone for being here this weekend. It shows you support for this great organization. Please remember this board is in no way perfect but we do have the best intentions of the IFA always in mind. We always welcome the memberships support and guidance and even some criticism. So please if you have questions or know of someone who does please reach out to me, and I will explain the reasoning behind whatever it is. Thank you.

Committee Reports:

NVFC - Marv Trimble & Roger Bissen

Marv and Roger did not have anything additional to report.

Memorial Committee - Mike Reuman

Mike gave a quick update on the 2022 Memorial Service that will be Sunday, June 12th in Coralville, IA. This will be the 27th Annual Memorial. The memorial committee decided to purchase carnations instead of having the families bring wreaths to place along the memorial again this year. Mike informed the membership that the walls at the memorial are starting to fill up and we will need to add additional walls in about 10 years. He encouraged that we start to think about fundraising opportunities so we can raise funds for those new panels. It was mentioned to possibly set up a go fund me for the memorial panels. Gene Evans announced that Riddles Jewelry donated another red line watch this year to be auctioned off. We will be auctioning off the watch tonight at the auction and the proceeds will go to the Memorial.

Legislative Committee - John and Cindy Peterson

John and Cindy Peterson thanked everyone for coming. Cindy reminded everyone how to find their legislators and legislation. Below are the topics that were discussed:

- **SF 2267 - EMERGENCY RESPONSE DISTRICTS**
 - This bill has one more step before it goes to the Governors desk.
- **HF 750 - LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD**
 - This bill has passed the Local Government committee and is now in Appropriations. It passed the Approps sub committee and will go to full Appropriations committee next.
- **SF 333 - EMERGENCY RESPONDER BILL**
 - This billed passed the full Public Safety Committee last week and now will go to the floor. That is the last step if it is not amended.
- **SF 2086 - TAX ABATEMENT BILL**
 - This bill give a volunteer firefighter a 10% tax abatement on their primary residence. This is a voluntary benefit the cities can offer. Some restrictions apply.
- **HF 718 - TOWNSHIP FIRE STATIONS**
 - This is a levy funding bill that helps cities build fire stations
- **SF 2346 - FLASHING LIGHTS**
 - This bill makes it unlawful to have flashing red or blue lights in/or on a vehicle unless you are an authorized emergency vehicle.
- **SF 2361 - BUILDING CODE CHANGES**
 - This is a Governors bill to try and standardize all inspections. Division 10
- **HF 2323 - Opioid Fund for First Responders**
 - State and local law enforcement agencies and fire departments may make application to the fund for the procurement of opioid antagonist medications.

Convention Committee: Jason Barrick

Jason gave a quick update on the convention meeting that was held yesterday. There was a lot of discussion on the electrical boxes and purchase of new boxes.

Hall of Flame: Rusty Hockman

They will be having the fair again this year and encourage everyone to help and You can contact Ashley to sign up for working at the booth.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

Resolutions - Gene Evans

Resolution Two

General Rule #25.

ALL CONTESTANTS, JUDGES AND OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN THE ASSOCIATION DRILLS MUST BE REGISTERED AT THE CONVENTION TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION. THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH DEPARTMENT SHALL SIGN A STATEMENT CERTIFYING THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THAT DEPARTMENT ARE REGISTERED.

A motion was made by Leon Abels and seconded by Don Scott to approve Resolution #2. All approved.

Resolution Three

General Rule #26

26. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS THAT SHALL APPLY TO ALL DRILLS...

All Contestants shall be dressed in firefighting PPE consisting of Helmet, Coat, Pants, and Boots.

Gloves, hoods, and liners are optional

- (A) **Helmet:** Any helmet considered by its manufacturer as a firefighter's personal protective equipment.
- (B) **Coat:** Any Coat considered by its manufacturer as a firefighter's personal protective equipment.
- (C) **Pants:** Any Pair of pants or full-length pull up boots considered by its manufacturer as a firefighter's personal protective equipment.
- (D) **Boots:** Any boot considered by its manufacturer as a firefighter's personal protective equipment.
- (E) **Gloves:** (Optional) Any glove or hand covering considered by its manufacturer as a firefighter's personal protective equipment.
- (F) **All turnout gear to be worn with no alterations of any sort to any part of the ensemble. Boots must have bunker pants worn over them and full-length boots must be pulled up while competing. All gear must provide full coverage of the contestant while competing. No exterior fastening devices other than those that are an integral part of the turnout gear will be used to secure the coat or pants. Examples of devices not allowed are: Truckman's belts, Milwaukee belts, bungee cords, duct tape, etc. No warning will be given for non-compliant personal protective clothing. Failure to comply will result in team disqualification from that event.**

There was discussion about woodland gear would be able to be worn during the drills.

A motion was made by Maqoketa and seconded by Radcliffe to approve Resolution #3. All approved.

Resolution Four
New Drill Rule

General Rule #34

Drills 1,3,8, and 9 will have a STATIC operating pressure of 80 psi, or the minimum pressure provided by the municipal water system at the pumper.

Drill 10 will have a flowing pressure of 75 psi at the wye with both nozzles fully open.

A motion was made by Don Scott and seconded by Marv Trimble to approve Resolution #4. All approved.

Resolution Five

6. COUPLING DRILL – TWO FIREFIGHTERS

TIME: Taken from firing of the starting gun until nozzle hits the ground.

EQUIPMENT: 2 ½ inch standard shut-off nozzle furnished by the Association. Couplings are 2 ½ inch national thread.

OBJECT: Both firefighters to run 50 feet with nozzle, break coupling and connect nozzle in the shortest time.

RULES: Association nozzle must be used. Nozzle to lay flat on ground at starting line. Firefighters to stand erect with hands above head, until the starting gun is fired. Nozzle must show three full threads on coupling, or hand tight. Participants are permitted to address the coupling and nozzle only at the time immediately before they participate. Once **threading is initiated, when the** nozzle leaves the contestant's hands and touches the ground, timing stops, and contest is over. If a contestant touches the nozzle after nozzle touches the ground, contestant will be disqualified.

SPECIAL NOTE: "three full threads or hand tight" shall be construed to mean – Couplings having more than three threads must be connected by three full threads. Couplings having less than three full threads must be connected hand tight.

PENALTIES: Nozzle not on three full threads or hand tight, 1 second penalty; nozzle on less than 2 threads, disqualified.

PRIZES: Trophies, 1st place – 4 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 2 points, 4th – 1 point

7. COUPLING DRILL – ONE FIREFIGHTER

TIME: Taken from the firing of the starting gun until nozzle, connected on coupling hits the ground.

EQUIPMENT: 2 ½ inch standard shut-off nozzle furnished by the Association. Couplings are 2 ½ inch national thread.

OBJECT: Break coupling and connect nozzle in shortest time.

RULES: Association nozzle must be used. Hose couplings to be made up and lying flat on the ground, with nozzle standing erect beside it. Participants must stand erect, with hands over head, until starting gun is fired. Nozzle must show three full threads on coupling or hand tight. Participants are permitted to address the couplings and nozzle only at the time immediately before they participate. Once **threading is initiated, when the** nozzle leaves the contestant's hands and touches the ground, timing stops, and contest is over. If a contestant touches the nozzle after nozzle touches the ground, contestant will be disqualified.

PENALTIES: Nozzle not on three full threads or hand tight, 1 second penalty; nozzle on less than two threads, disqualified.

SPECIAL NOTE: "Three full threads or hand tight" shall be construed to mean – couplings having more than three threads must be connected by at least three full threads. Couplings having less than three full threads must be connected hand tight.

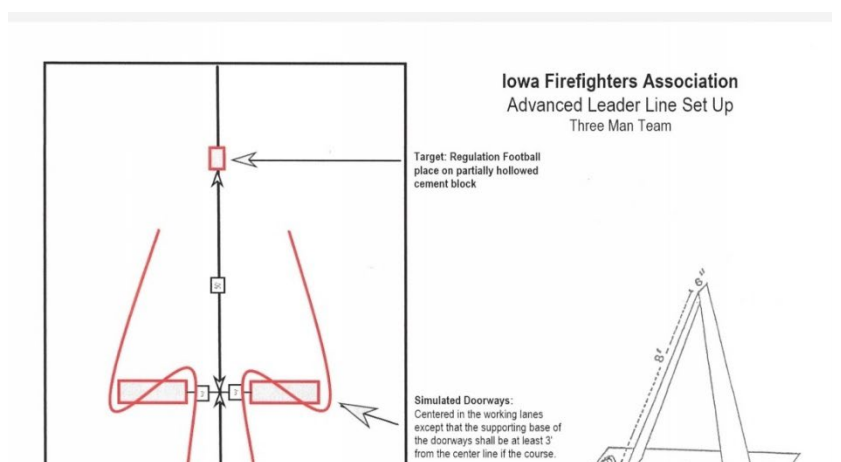
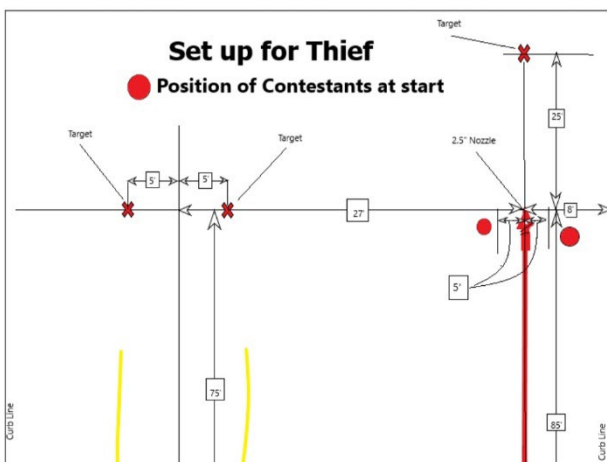
PRIZES: Trophies, 1st place – 4 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 2 points, 4th – 1 point.

A motion was made by Port City and seconded by Bill Halleran to approve Resolution #5. All approved.

Resolution Five

Thief set up has no changes, it's just a new drawing

Leader line set up contains a change in the setup from the pumper to the valves.



A motion was made by Port City and seconded by Iowa Falls to approve Resolution #6. All approved.

New Business:

Investment of CDs – Jason gave an update on the board meeting with three

A motion was made by Gene Evans and seconded by Iowa Falls, that if the board decides to invest the funds from the CD Savings account, the board will be required to bring the decision in front of the membership to be voted upon. All approved.

5th Vice Candidates: This year we have 3 candidates for 5th Vice. Rick Schmidt with Low Moor Fire Department, Lonnie Newhall with Dunkerton Fire Department, and Brittane Deeringer with Wellsburg Fire Department. Each candidate introduced themselves and announced their reasons for running for the 5th Vice position.

Good of the Association:

Chaplain Tony Ede gave a final prayer.

Motion to adjourn – First and second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Moore