



## Iowa Firefighters Association

November Board Meeting  
November 7, 2021 – Granger Community Hall

President Jason Barrick called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Board Present: Jason Barrick, Roger Carr, Aaron Clemons, Kent Brix, and Mike Kime.

Guests: Executive Director Taylor Moore, Don Scott, John and Cindy Pederson, Dan Wood, Kati Woodley, Jami Schroeder-Carr

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in Ely, IA. **A motion was made by Chuck Raska and seconded by Jason Barrick to approve the Mid-Year meeting minutes. All approved.**

**Approval of Financial Report:** Taylor gave a brief financial report. **A motion was made by Roger Carr and seconded by Kent Brix to approve the financial report. All approved.**

### **Guests:**

Fire Marshal: Dan Wood joined us and gave a brief update on what has been going on at the Fire Marshal's Office. He also touched on a couple different fire codes.

ESTB: Jon Kramer couldn't make the meeting, so Dan informed everyone that they received a new grant. Things are still going well with the new Camp Dodge facility. He reported that both Jon and himself have visited all of the regional training centers. He mentioned that they have a new job opening coming soon.

### **Officer Reports:**

Chuck Raska: Chuck was not feeling well this weekend, so he was not able to make the meeting.

Roger Carr: Roger reported that he had the honor to present several years of service awards and would like to acknowledge the departments wonderful hospitality. On Friday he attended the Line of Duty Death service. He also touched on the wealth of knowledge he gained attending the States Networking meeting yesterday.

Aaron Clemons: Since our last meeting I haven't had the opportunity to do any length of service awards due to many sporting events with my two boys. On Friday November 5th, myself and some of the board attended the visitation for the fire chief of Bouton and Woodward. We unfortunately could not attend the funeral service due to our states network meeting. States network meeting was great! It was great to have so many other states there! The amount of information given by each state is tremendous. With not having this meeting in 2020, so many new ideas were brought forward. There is no doubt that each state in attendance learned from each other.

Kent Brix: Kent touched on the States Networking event as well. He also reported that he attended the Weston Rock funeral for LowMoor, the Manchester Pancake Breakfast, the visitation for Chief Cavanaugh from Bouton, IA. He also presented a length of service award for 40 years to Allen Schillie.

Mike Kime: It has been a steady couple of months and I am proud to serve on the IFA board as 5th Vice President. I have attended the Garber Fire Department and Elkport EMS dance. Thank you to everyone there for the hospitality to my wife and myself. At that time, I presented two very deserving years of service certificates. A certificate was given to Lyle Schroder for 40 years of service and Mike Hansel for 50 years of service. Thank you again to both men for their years of service and continued help to their community. I was honored to present these lengths of service awards as my first awards presentation and look forward to many more opportunities. I attended the funeral visitation for Chief Ken Cavanaugh of Bouton and Woodward Fire Departments. My sympathies to Ken's family and to extended fire family of brothers and sisters of the departments, as we lay a brother to rest. I also attended the states networking meeting in Johnston. It was nice to meet others from surrounding states to share what they are working on as well as what we here in Iowa are working on and the challenges, we all face. We as the IFA board will be researching some of these ideas.

Nick Riley: Nick had a family event today, so he was also unable to make the meeting.

Jason Barrick: Jason reported that he was able to go to the capital with John and Cindy to visit with some legislators. He mentioned that it is going to be a long road ahead of us if we want to get anything done. He was also able to attend the FCCLA meeting in Ankeny, IA to speak at their conference whose theme was Fired Up For FCCLA. He offered regards to Chief Cavanaugh's family. He also mentioned that the next board meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup> in Iowa Falls. He also announced that the Firefighter Day on the Hill and Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Committee Reports:

NVFC: Roger and Marv were not able to make the meeting, so Jason gave a quick update on their Fall meeting in Wyoming. He mentioned that they are on track for their Spring meeting in Washington DC.

Legislature: John and Cindy were able to join us for the meeting and gave a brief legislative update. Cindy thanked President Barrick for coming to the Capitol during the first map vote as we were able to meet with a few legislators to discuss various ideas. The first map was not approved.

The second legislative special session happened on Oct 28 to vote on the second redistricting map. This map was approved by both the House and Senate.

This does not affect the upcoming session but will impact the 2022 election cycle. Members, please take the time to meet/call/email your current legislator and ask them to support the IFA legislative agenda.

The 2022 legislative Day on the Hill is Tuesday, Jan 18th. We will once again have our Chili Cook-off in the Rotunda of the Capitol. If your department would like to bring chili for the cook-off, please let us know: pedersonconsulting@gmail.com

All you need to do is bring a roaster of your favorite chili. The bowls, spoons and napkins are provided. Guests will vote after sampling many varieties. Chuck Raska and the Radcliff Fire Department are the reigning Chili Champs. It is a great way to meet legislators and fellow firefighters from across the state.

We also need to finalize our 2022 Legislative agenda so Taylor can develop the 3-fold marketing flyer and we can meet with legislators before the session begins.

If any members have ideas for code changes or legislation that will help their departments or improve the work a volunteer firefighter encounters, please let us know.

#### **Old Business:**

Convention Host Town and Contract: Jason reminded everyone that we went over and updated the Convention contract back at the Mid-Year Meeting. The old contract was outdated and needed to be updated to reflect what new host cities should expect. **A motion was made by Roger Carr and seconded by Aaron Clemons to approve the updated Convention Host City Contract. Motion carried.**

Bylaws: Jason mentioned that a couple things are needing to be updated in the bylaws, with the addition of electronic voting, etc. He mentioned that Gene has been doing a great job of keeping that stuff updated.

Drills: A comment that came out of convention was doing a better job selecting and educating the judges at the drills competition at Convention. It was also requested that we need to purchase new radios for the drills competition.

Website: Jason thanked Taylor and AAM for creating the new IFA website. He encouraged everyone to let Taylor know if anything needs to be added to the website and she will get it added.

Poster Program: Jason just wanted to inform everyone that Gene Evans is the new head of the Poster Program. Gene changed the paper requirement to a little thicker paper, in order to easily hang them at the Hall of Flame.

Long Range Planning: Jason found the old long range planning report from five years ago and wanted to bring it to everyone's attention. Kent suggested putting another committee together to put together a long-range plan for the future.

**New Business:**

New Award Applications: Chuck and Taylor took some time to put together applications for the Officer and Department of the year. These applications are now available on the IFA website.

FF Day on the Hill: The FF Day on the Hill is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>. Several board members will be bringing chili for the chili cook-off. Taylor will also update all of the signage and flyers for the event.

2022 Legislative Agenda: Cindy is going to send all of the legislative items to Taylor so she can update the legislative tri-fold that will be passed out at the FF Day on the Hill. Jason mentioned that there are a couple other states that have legislature that firefighters receive tires at the government price. Cindy is going to look into the legislation that the other states already have.

**A motion was made by Don Scott and seconded by Roger Carr to purchase 20 radios for Convention Drills. All Approved.**

**Good of the Association:**

It was brought up that we need to make a strong effort to get the dropped departments to join the Association again.

It was also brought up about possibly cutting the June and November board meeting in order to save money in the budget.

It was also discussed moving some of the money we have in CDs into investments.

**Next Meeting:** January Board Meeting, January 9th at 9:00 am in Iowa Falls.

**Adjournment: A motion was made by Don Scott and seconded by Roger Carr to adjourn at 11:25 am. All approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Moore  
Executive Director