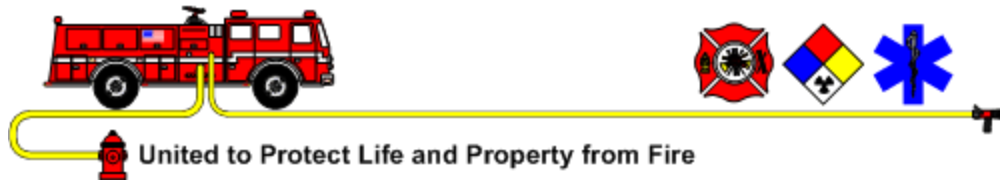


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WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Hosted by Van Buren Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor – N/A
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Witt
Belleville – Loranger
Chelsea – Arbini
Clinton – N/A
Dexter Area – N/A
Green Oak Twp – N/A

Hamburg Twp – N/A
Manchester Twp – Scully
Milan Area – Stevens
Northfield Twp – Bishop
Pittsfield Twp – Dorian, M. Chevette
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle

Scio Twp – Houde
South Lyon – N/A
Sumpter Twp – Brown
Superior Twp – V. Chevette
Van Buren Twp – McInally, Lenaghan
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Copeland

Associates: HART (Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), HVA (Rock, VanDaele), Washtenaw County (Swenson), MSP (Nichols)

1. Meeting Called to Order - Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM. Pledge of allegiance.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment – V. Chevette reported:
 - a. "Personnel problems & Litigation" - SE Fire Chiefs hosting full day training session on Monday, March 13th. 9AM-3PM. Atty Mike McCall. \$20pp. [www. MiChiefs.org](http://www.MiChiefs.org)
 - b. Emergency Action Guidelines
3. Adoption of Agenda – approved.
4. Treasurer Report - Houde reported on the following:
 - a. Chase Bank account balances, as of Jan 31, 2023:
Checking \$16,903.30
Savings \$33,598.41
Rachwal called for a motion to accept today's report. Motion by Copeland, support by V. Chevette. Motion carried. Today's financial report was accepted and will be filed.
 - b. Proposed budget – docs sent electronically for review. Houde provided details on the calculations involved with formulating the proposals. Rachwal provided further insight. Open discussion and Q&A followed. Copeland expressed his concerns related to dissolving WAMAA and moving towards WAMAC. More to come as we move through this. Rachwal requested that you review the docs from Houde and continue to send feedback.
5. Training Report - Nicholai distributed his report, and highlighted the following:
 - a. Recent training was very well received
 - b. Upcoming training classes / flyers were distributed. Battery class is this Saturday with three vacancies.
6. HazMat Report - Girbach sent the report electronically for reference. He was unable to attend today's meeting so Rachwal provided brief overview. Drone team was called out for a structure fire in Ann Arbor. Very successful deployment.
7. TRT Report – M. Chevette sent his report electronically prior to the meeting.
 - a. Jan 30th full team activation
 - b. Refresher class last month
 - c. Training tomorrow at Pittsfield
 - d. March 15th MABAS scenario w/Kalamazoo (12-14 hr exercise).

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- e. Swim team conducting tests next month. Looking for indoor pools to conduct testing.
 - f. UASI funds utilized for rope equipment
 - g. Water truck out of Dexter is out of service for repairs.
8. MABAS Report - Rachwal provided details.
- a. Planning an exercise this year
 - b. Strategic & planning policies in the works
9. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Rock & VanDaele:
- a. Rock is currently overseeing the dispatch center as they look to hire new employee
 - b. This morning’s report of a GSW at Huron HS in Ann Arbor. Nothing found.
 - c. If there’s a dispatch delay, please notify VanDaele immediately so he can do further research.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report - Swenson provided a brief report. Next Monday is the first Department Preventive Maintenance (Dexter). He explained the process involved and expectations.
11. Medical Control Report - Henderson provided an update
- a. Succession plan for the MCA update – Domeier will continue as the Medical Director thru Dec 2024. Dr. Smith has moved up to the Associate Med Dir.
 - b. Ann Arbor FD was approved as a BLS transport agency. They will move forward with the process
 - c. Language approved re: EPCRs
 - d. Cyano kits expire in Nov 2023. Looking into grant opportunities. None have been used.
 - e. Hemostatic gauze – Ann Arbor brought this to their attention.
 - f. Response to EMS calls during other incidents. Much discussion followed.
12. Officers Committee Report - Nicholai provided report electronically prior to today’s meeting. He highlighted several bullet points in that report. Completed five different policies, which were submitted for approval. Rachwal called for adoption of the following policies, allowing for discussion on each one.
- a. Incident Communications. Motion by Nicholai, second by V. Chevrette. After discussion, Nicholai withdrew his motion to allow for chiefs to review this policy for one more month. Tabled until March meeting.
 - b. Working Fire Assignments – tabled until March meeting.
 - c. Emergency Evacuation Signal – Motion to approve by Nicholai, second by V. Chevrette. Motion carried.
 - d. Severe Weather Notifications – Motion to approve by Nicholai, second by V. Chevrette. Motion carried.
 - e. Dispatch Radio Alert Tones – Motion to approve by Nicholai, second by V. Chevrette. Discussion. Motion carried.
13. HART Report - Simpson reported that January had four callouts. Rachwal made a motion to donate \$2,000 to HART. Second by Stevens. Motion carried. Linda will mail check.
14. DNR – N/A
15. Old Business -

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- a. Executive Board elections – President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer
Call for nominations from the floor. Candidates listed below. No vote needed:

- Treasurer: Houde
- Secretary: V. Chevrette
- Vice President: Hobbs
- President: Rachwal

The above 2023 Exec Board slate approved unanimously.

- b. WAMAA Liaisons & Committee Assignments –

Call for nominations from the floor. No opposition:

- Homeland Security Task Force (Urban) – Arbini
- Medical Control Board (Primary) – Arbini
- Emergency Operations Center (Fire Rep 2) – Armstrong

Above candidates approved unanimously.

- c. Grant Activity Update (Wiggins) – N/A

- d. WAMAA Charter Update – Nothing new to report. Rachwal will reach out to attorney re: Copeland's concerns expressed earlier in today's meeting.

16. New Business – N/A

17. Good of the Order –

- a. MSP Fire Investigation Unit – Greg Nichols introduced himself and offered their services, if needed. NicholsG1@michigan.gov / 248.217.1347 cell
- b. Belleville / Loranger asked about Ford Lake Hydro Dam callout – received Active 9-11 page and was never notified it was cancelled.
- c. Dave Dorian (interim Chief / Pittsfield) introduced himself.
- d. Michelle Jaster (rep with EPA) – mother passed away Feb 5th.
- e. Feb 21-23 – Active Assailant class has approx. 5 vacancies
- f. Chief Music's father passed away a few days ago, as well.

18. Next Meeting – March 7th hosted by Superior Twp (new library 1900 Harris Rd)

Future 2023 Meeting Schedule / Locations:

Apr 4 Augusta Twp
May 2 Sumpter Twp
Jun 6 Ypsilanti
Sept 5 Ann Arbor

Oct 3 Pittsfield Twp
Nov 7 Ypsilanti Twp
Dec 5 Salem Twp

19. Adjournment – 10:34AM.