

Minutes of the GLD Telecom Meeting Monday, June 16, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM CDT by President Randy Sellnow. The following persons were present for the call: Director Larry Grorud, Secretary/Treasurer Ron Hutchings, State Representatives Dale Duermit –OH, William Schmidt –MI. Peter Stinson – WI and Paul Klapprich – MN. Also present and invited by President Sellnow to take part in the call were Chief Kenn Taylor from Violet Township, OH who is the candidate for GLD Vice President in 2003 and Chief William Killen candidate for IAFC 2nd Vice President in 2003. Indiana State Representative Brian Lott joined the call at 2:25 and Vice President Timm Schabbel joined at 2:52. Each had been detained by emergency calls within their communities. Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2003 teleconference meeting. Second by Klapprich. Motion approved. President Sellnow asked if there were any additions to the proposed agenda for today's meeting that he had furnished to each board member. Being none those present approved the agenda as proposed.

President Sellnow then introduced Chief William Killen who had requested an opportunity to address the GLD Board concerning his candidacy for the position of Second Vice President of the IAFC on the mail ballot for 2003. President Sellnow said that he would allow 10 minutes for the presentation and recessed the meeting. Chief Killen listed his qualifications for the position of Second VP which included 47 years in the fire service serving with all types of departments including volunteer and part-paid. Chief Killen would also like to focus on membership enlargement by expanding the number of departments that are members of the IAFC as now much of our membership comes from multiple members in fewer departments. He is also proposing a partnership with the National Education Association and the Parent Teachers Association that would concentrate on fire safety education in the schools with the hope of accomplishing a culture change than would reduce the excessive loss of life by fire in the United States.

After a brief discussion President Sellnow resumed the meeting at 2:27 PM and read a letter of resignation from State Representative Peter Stinson. Chief Stinson indicated that he would not run for reelection to his present position when it expires at the June Wisconsin Chiefs Association meeting. The board members expressed their sincere thanks to Chief Stinson for his time and efforts on behalf of the GLD Board and agreed that his presence would be missed. Duermit moved that we reluctantly accept the resignation letter of Chief Stinson. Second by Klapprich. The motion was carried.

President Sellnow said that he would have to replace Chief Stinson on the Nominations and Elections Committee and he would ask Chief Bob Wilcox if he would take that position. Chief Stinson also serves on the Audit Committee. President Sellnow will assume this position when we meet in Dallas. Stinson will forward the letters of nominations for office for Grorud and Taylor to Schmidt.

Audit Committee Chairman Duermit said that he would like to have the Audit Committee meet between 3:00 and 4:00 PM on the Thursday of the Dallas conference, if everyone could make the meeting at that time. Hutchings will get the audit materials to the committee before the meeting and everyone will reconfirm the meeting time with Duermit at a later date.

At this time Lott joined the meeting.

President Sellnow asked for discussion and/or questions on the contract/agreement that has been proposed by the Western Division to the GLD to enter into a FIRE-GPO and become part of a group bid program that will be offered to all of the divisions. We each received a Power Point program explaining this venture. In general all of the comments were positive except for the concern that it may be a

problem to purchase this way because of the bid requirements in Ohio. After additional discussion it was decided that President Sellnow would ask for further clarification on a few points that we did not fully understand, such as, will the IAFC also receive benefit from these transactions and will we have any costs associated with our participation? Anyone with other concerns is to E-mail them to the president in the next few days and he will address these with Alex Bornstein from the Western Division who is heading up their program.

Vice President Timm Schabbel joined the meeting at this time.

President Sellnow asked that anyone with concerns and/or changes to the proposed revisions to the Strategic Plan get their questions/comments to him by E-mail ASAP. Grorud commented that he would like to see the format improved with changed indents in the final publishing and have the word possible removed where it is used with strategies in several areas and add a VI-1 to section #6.

Duermit left the meeting at 3:00 PM CDT.

There was considerable discussion concerning the possibility of changing the Webmaster that keeps up our Web site. All agreed that our Web page needed an uplift and if we could do this, save money and keep the page updated more easily a change would be good. Schabbel recommended the Webmaster that does the work for his department who would be willing to take on our account for \$75.00 per month. After additional discussion Schmidt made the motion that we ask Scott Whiteford to become our Webmaster at a retainer of \$75.00 per month. Second by Lott. Motion Carried.

President Sellnow reported that we still did not have anything finalized with Harley Davidson for Forum 2004. They have assured us that they will get back to us in the next few weeks. Alternatives to Harley were discussed as all were concerned that we need to prepare a back up if Harley did not come through. Several alternatives were discussed such as Motorola, Seagrave, Pierce and Nextel. After much additional discussion it was decided that Schmidt would contact the IAFC office to determine if our entering into a discussion with Nextel would be any problem for them in their discussion of a proposed partnership with Nextel. We will try to have this information to make a determination by our July phone conference.

Schmidt questioned Grorud regarding his opinion as to how the IAFC was doing at the federal level as some of the information that has been coming out has not looked too positive. Grorud stated that we really were not sure where we stood at this time, but would have to watch the developments in Washington. If it does not go well there will be a member alert to attempt to get help from Congress.

Grorud questioned the possibility of a new logo for the GLD. President Sellnow will follow up with Gale Walters and get more info by our next meeting. Grorud also reminded us that we have not yet approved the minutes from our March 21, 2003 meeting. This was overlooked at the April 28th conference call. President Sellnow stated that he would put this on the agenda for the July teleconference.

It was decided that we would have another teleconference meeting on Friday July 25, 2003 at 1:00 pm CDT.

Motion to adjourn at 3:35 PM CDT. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ret. Chief Ron Hutchings, Sec/Treas
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