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VCOS Board Teleconference Tuesday, June 13, 2017

4 p.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central/2 p.m. Mountain/1 p.m. Pacific

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MINUTES

Present: Chief Donna Black, Chief Jason Catrambone, Chief Norvin Collins, Chief Dan Eggleston, Chief Charles Flynn, Chief Ed Rush, Chief Timothy Wall

Absent: Chief Randy Larson, Chief James Seavey, Chief Fred Windisch

Staff: Ms. Kelly Ameen

The meeting started at 4:01pm.

Welcome and Agenda Overview - Chief Wall

Chief Wall welcomed the board to the call.

2017 IAFC & VCOS Election – Chiefs Florentino and Rush

The following 3 chiefs were elected to the VCOS board for 3-year terms.

- Chief Norvin Collins, Sauvie Island Fire District (Oregon)
- Chief Charles Flynn, Suffield Fire Dept (Connecticut)
- Chief James Cook, Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company (Virginia)

All candidates were notified about the election results. The election was \$771 and less than last year with the new election company and format.

Chief Wall talked to Chief Cook and Chief Larson about the election. We will cover Chief Cook's travel expenses to FRI as discussed in the past.

Chief Dan Eggleston won as IAFC 2nd VP. He thanked VCOS for helping in his election. He will miss being on the VCOS board, but is excited for this opportunity.

Chief Rush will poll interest from the board on who is interested in an executive committee position. He will send out an email with details soon. We will have a separate call later to discuss how the process will work.

Symposium in the West – Chief Collins

The conference was a great success! There were about 160 attendees. Thanks to everyone for their support. Sara Stehle is working to finalize numbers over the next few weeks. The

committee will review the survey results. They are looking at the ideal number of attendees for the future. They want to keep the intimate feel.

Symposium in the Sun – Chief Windisch

There are 128 attendees registered as of June 5. Chief Windisch was unable to be on the call, but he sent the VCOS board an email update.

Fire-Rescue International – Chief Wall

- Charlotte July 26-29
- Hotel = Westin (HQ hotel)
- Book your flight if you haven't already
- IAFC Business Meeting – Thursday, July 27 from 11am-12pm
- Division Luncheons – Thursday from 12-1:30pm
- VCOS Annual Meeting Thursday, July 27 from 2-3pm
- VCOS Meet & Greet reception 3-5pm on Thursday. (Exhibit floor grand opening after that from 5 -7pm). Chief Black – update on details. 1 sponsor confirmed: Atlantic. We are also talking with one other sponsor. We are working on how to market it.
- VCOS Board dinner? Typically done on Thursday in the past, but this year there is the exhibit floor grand opening from 5-7pm. Friday night is the street party. The board agreed to have it on Thursday around 7:30pm in walking distance.
- VCOS booth schedule – contact is Chief Rush. He will send an email and take care of it.
- New yellow shirts on Thursday or Friday (to support Yellow Ribbon Report) or Class A uniform Thursday? The board voted for yellow shirts. Chief Collins has an email in to Chief Larry Curl about getting them. Should we also get business cards printed to hand out at FRI about Yellow Ribbon Report? Yes, great idea. Chief Flynn and Kelly will work on that.
- Kelly will send last year's FRI VCOS Annual Meeting slides to the board to review as an outline for this year.

Old Business

- Yellow Ribbon Report – Chief Flynn. 2,000 copies are being printed. We will do a flash drive later with all reports. Everyone will get a final pdf copy. Thanks to everyone for their help.
- Step Up and Stand Out – Chief Flynn. Department award, not individual. Video submission starts soon. Presentation at Symposium in the Sun again.
- VCOS awards/scholarship committees – Chief Flynn (see attached committee list)
 - Buckman Award (Provident – Jeff Siegrist, jsiegrist@providentbenefits.com) - good to go.
 - R&R and Illness/Injury Prevention Awards (VFIS, Bill Jenaway, wjenaway@vfis.com) - Chief Black to reach out to Chief Love and Chief Jenaway. Posters in their booths about it? Ask Provident and VFIS about that.
 - Training Officer Award (TargetSolutions, Mike Butler, michael.butler@targetsolutions.com) Winner has been selected and will get their award at FRI.
 - Emerging Leader Scholarship (Gasaway Consulting, Rich Gasaway, rich@richgasaway.com)
 - FRI Scholarships – only 1 application received and we will look to award another to someone in NC.
 - Symposium in the Sun Scholarships

- Call for the Future of VCOS project will be scheduled in the next few weeks – make sure you get it done with your groups.
- VCOS Executive Committee will work on Annual Meeting agenda – invite SHS and IAFC board to meeting for the rollout of yellow ribbon report.
- Chief Seavey stated that the cancer committee has been created. More details later.

New Business

- ALERT grant – see email attached from John Woulfe. VCOS agreed to support it.

Roundtable, Announcements, Committee/Project Updates

Black: The WFCC inaugural meeting went well. Everyone is motivated to keep it going. They defined the mission statement. They will be having another meeting at FRI. Chief Eggleston thought it was fantastic. Chief Black is presenting at FRI with Chief Laura Baker. She is also working on the VCOS FRI meet and greet.

Rush: His wife is doing well after surgery. She will be in Charlotte at FRI. The NY Chiefs Show is this week and he will help with the IAFC booth so that VCOS is represented. Chief Rush talked to Jim Philipps and had a committee call last week. He asked for clarification of selecting the executive committee. Chief Wall explained that we will choose at or after FRI. Chief Eggleston becomes the IAFC 2nd VP on Saturday of FRI. How do we notify about International Director if someone outside of board is interested? We need a process. Everyone needs to think about that before our call.

Collins: Will work on getting yellow shirts. See you at FRI.

Catrambone: Working on FRI travel now.

Eggleston: NFFF cancer alliance – they want to keep Eggleston on that group. Congrats on Yellow Ribbon Report to Flynn. He is presenting at the NY Chiefs Show.

Wall: Flynn was on IAFC board call and did a great job talking about the Yellow Ribbon Report. Thanks to people working on the meet and greet.

Flynn: Will try to go up for a day to the NY Show.

The call ended at 5:07pm.

The next call is July 12, 2017 at 4pm ET.