

# West Metro Fire-Rescue District Firefighters Relief Association

4101 Douglas Drive North  
Crystal, MN 55426

## General Meeting Minutes August 25, 2019

### Board Members Present:

Karsten Nelson (President)  
Bethany Brunsell (Secretary)  
Jim Wallace (Treasurer)  
Tim Herlofsky (Station 1 Trustee)  
Brandon Clark (Station 2 Trustee)  
Adam Cummings (Station 3 Trustee)  
Sarah Larson (Fire Chief)  
Isaac Sandberg (Fire Board Trustee)

### Members Present:

STATION 1: Krista Nielsen  
STATION 2: Ian Osborne, Matt Rowedder, Eric Grimes  
STATION 3: Andy Nichols, Phil Maki

Gambling Manager:

Assistant Gambling Manager: Nazib Chowdhury

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 09:00 by Karsten Nelson.

### Minutes

July 21, 2019 General Meeting Minutes read aloud by Bethany Brunsell.

**Motion** to pass the above minutes made by Brandon Clark, seconded by Andy Nichols. Motion carried.

July 21, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes read aloud by Bethany Brunsell.

**Motion** to pass the above minutes made by Tim Herlofsky, seconded by Adam Cummings. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2019 Treasurer's report read aloud by Jim Wallace. Treasurer's report will be attached to the meeting minutes.

**Motion** to approve the above minutes made by Tim Herlofsky seconded by Brandon Clark.  
Motion carried.

**Committees:**

**Entertainment** – No report

**Frolics** – From Ron Sederstrom:

Here is the frolics breakdown:

Expenses

-alcohol \$5,780.05

-water and Gatorade \$58.56

-ice \$337.41

-annual alcohol training \$299

-county License \$95

-city license \$50

-insurance \$936.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$7,556.02

Final deposit \$17,668.00

Deposit minus expenses = \$10,111.98

Deposit minus start up cash= \$8,111.98

2019 profit \$8,111.98 (cross reference with what Wallace has for numbers)

Overall I feel things went as expected, sales were down but we learned a lot going forward to next year. Huge thanks to everyone for all the help it doesn't go un-noticed and this event doesn't happen without all of you. Extra thanks to Huber and Dennis for all their help with building the platforms we stood on. Thank you to the Auxiliary for all the food (it was a lot). I am positive going forward we can make the frolics a fun event for our community as well as profitable for our Relief Association. Buckle up for next year!

\*This does not include the Square credit card sales. Nazib Chowdhury raised the question regarding the profit margin.

Discussion regarding the changes to Frolics next year with the move back to Becker Park, changes to be a music festival rather than softball tourney, there will need to be larger donations to Frolics for 2020.

**Fundraising** – NowMart fundraiser brought in \$1178.25 – biggest fundraiser NowMart has had so far.

Presentation on letter fundraising campaign proposal. **Motion** to allow the Fundraising committee to make a decision and spend up to \$10,000 on a letter writing campaign made by Ian Osborne, seconded by Matt Rowedder. Discussion regarding concern over the cost of the campaign, especially since we made less than that on Frolics. 13,500 letters would go out. Return rate is uncertain. The company that guarantees our mailer will at least break even may be the way to go. This will take time to build – there will likely be several years before it turns a profit. Motion carried.

Lloyd Schriener's daughter send a \$100 donation after his passing (he was a former firefighter).

**Budget** – No report (no meeting)

**Scholarships** – No report

**Old Business:**

Last month, \$100 was approved for signs, however Brandon Clark was able to get a vinyl and foamboard signs for Relief, thanks to Raul Valadez, for free.

**New Business:**

**Motion** to evaluate 10 Relief Association, 5 of which do not have Charitable Gambling, to compare pay rates for Board members, made by Adam Cummings, seconded by Eric Grimes. Discussion regarding why comparing against Associations without Gambling. Adam Cummings will lead this charge.

**Gambling:**

**Motion** to approve the July 2019 gambling expenses of \$15,788.05 for Big Louie's made by Tim, seconded by Andy Nichols. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve the July 2019 gambling expenses of \$16,370.82 for Steve O's made by Matt Rowedder, seconded by Eric Grimes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve the July 2019 gambling expenses of \$11,701.41 for Outtakes made by Tim, seconded by Adam Cummings. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve the September 2019 estimated gambling expenses for Big Louie's made by Tim, seconded by Matt Rowedder. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve the September 2019 estimated gambling expenses for Steve O's made by Tim Herlofsky, seconded by Matt Rowedder. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve the September 2019 estimated gambling expenses for Outtakes made by Adam Cummings, seconded by Ian Osborne. Motion carried.

Thank you letters received from Stella Richie and New Hope Women of Today (Duk Duk Daze)

**Requests Granted:**

**Motion** to give \$1500 to Larry Greshowak Memorial Golf Tournament benefitting the Grand Rapids Area National Association on Mental Illness, made by Tim, seconded by Brandon Clark. Motion carried.

**Motion** to give \$7500 to WMFRD, made by Tim Herlofsky, seconded by Andy Nichols. Motion carried.

**Motion** to give \$3000 to Crystal Frolics made by Adam Cummings, seconded by Andy Nichols. Motion carried.

**Requests Denied:** None

**Requests Tabled:** None

**Other gambling business:** Relief Board will be voting on raises for the Gambling Manager and Assistant Gambling managers at the Board meeting today. Board is supportive of raises due to the growth of the Gambling operation over the last several years.

**Motion** to pay the bills made by Matt Rowedder, seconded by Eric Grimes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to adjourn made by Matt Rowedder, seconded by Phil Maki. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:26.

Minutes written by Bethany Brunsell, Secretary of West Metro Fire-Rescue District Firefighters Relief Association.