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VCOS Board Telecon July 9, 2024

Participants:

VCOS Board Members Present:

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair
Chief Al Yancey, Vice Chair
Chief Spencer Cheatham, Board Member at Large
Chief Brita Horn, Board Member at Large
Chief Shawn Stokes, Board Member at Large
Chief Paul Sterling, Board Member at Large

VCOS Board Members Not Present:

Chief Jason Caughey, Board Member at Large
Chief Fred Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer
Chief Jason Catrambone, International Director

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Kevin McGee, Staff Liaison
Ms. Mikel Robinson, Staff Support Contractor

Call to Order

Chief Rich Cowger chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 1405 hrs ET.

Approval of June 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

MOTION: July 9, 2024-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the June 11, 2024 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Stokes/Yancey

Chair Report

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

Chief Cowger informed the Board that Chief Catrambone and Chief Windisch are absent from the Board meeting as they are committed to addressing the impact of a direct hit from Hurricane Beryl on their communities.

Chief Cowger provided the topics covered during the Executive Committee meeting all of which were a review of topics on the Board agenda.

Chief Cowger reported that the Rapid SOS support letter was sent with his signature and that he will forward the letter to the Board tomorrow (July 10).

Chief Cowger will represent the Board at President Butler's reception. The Board is supportive of a NFA Brick in President Butler's honor. Consideration will be given to a donation to Chief Butler's African mission work based on Chief Stokes background work.

Vice Chair Report

No report.

International Director Report

Chief Jason Catrambone, International Director

No report

Secretary Treasurer Report

Chief Fred Windisch

No report, the financial report will be emailed by Chief Windisch.

Communications Committee

Chief Spenser Cheatham

Chief Cheatham reported that the Newsletter was released, and that one article was inadvertently left out of the Summer issue but will be placed in the Fall edition is behind schedule.

Health, Wellness and Safety Committee Report

Chief Yancey

Chief Yancey informed the Board that the Committee's report will be submitted quarterly.

2024 Strategic Initiatives

Chief Al Yancey

MOTION: July 9, 2024-02

Motion made and seconded to adopt the 2024 Strategic Initiatives. Motion carried.

Stokes/Yancey

Staff Liaison Report

Kevin McGee

The updated 2024 Bylaws are now posted on the VCOS website.

Old Business

Chief Stokes stated that Chief Yancey, Chief Sendelbach, Chief Cooney and Chief Cramer were elected 2024 at-large directors. The determination of which at-large director elects will serve the partial term vacated by Chief Flynn's passing will be determined at the August meeting. Chief Stokes will coordinate on-boarding of the newly elected Board members.

Chief Yancey reported that there were 2 eligible applications for the FYI scholarships out of 4 received.

New Business

Board members who do not register for FRI should register for an Expo Pass. Chief Sterling will coordinate VCOS booth staffing. Ms. Robinson will prepare the Board's itinerary. Please send your travel information to Mikel.

A review of the Annual meeting PowerPoint presentation was done.

Good of the Order

None

The telecon ended at 1458 hrs ET.

Minutes submitted by:

Mr. Kevin McGee
VCOS Staff Liaison

Fire Chief Fred Windisch
Secretary/Treasurer

Chief Rich Cowger
Chair

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