

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CORPORATION MEETING, December 12, 2016

Secretary Jean Barton called the meeting to order at 19:15 hours.

Roll Call – Present: 66

Agenda Items:

1. Membership Morale – issues voiced from some members:

- Morale is at an all-time low we should go back to the old regulations.
- Rules are applied unfairly across the membership.
- Lack of Leadership from the Board and Officers.
- Less voting done by the membership.
- There are two sets of rules, one for the good ole boy club and one for everyone else.
- Too long of a gap between corporation meetings. They should be held every month.
- Keep corporation meeting bi-monthly. The extra drill weeks are more important.
- Members are afraid to speak up at Corporation meetings for fear they will be shut down by whoever is running the meeting or held against them by an officer.
- Should have a say in how the Budget monies are spent.
- Members leaving.
- Officers quitting
- Board of Directors need to be held accountable
- More Communication from Officers and the Board.

Membership Morale – comments from Assistant Chief Appell and Assistant Chief Kline:

- The Officers serve at the will of the Chief and the Chief serves at the will of the Board.
- The Chief of this department is held accountable and holds the liability of this department for their actions.
- The Budget is arrived by the Chiefs after consulting the Captains, then the Chiefs go over all the suggestions from the Captains and see what the total Budget will be. After that the Chief's may cut some items to keep in range of what the Town will allow for the fiscal year. Sometimes the Budget is sent to the Town Manager will no cuts just to see what the Town Manager will come back with. If somethings must be cut, then those go on a list to use if there is any money at the end of the year.
- There is not a mass exodus from the department. Some members might have been dropped from rolls for some reason, but we have more people coming in than going out.
- Long term history is positive.

2. Motions Made

- Jim Keith made a motion to table all these discussions until the Chief was at a meeting to defend himself. Jim Reber seconded. After much discussion, it was decided that there were Assistant Chiefs at the meeting to address these issues. Motion was voted down.
- Andrew Bloom made a motion to have a Corporation meeting every month, but the training Assistant Chief Joe Speich said this could not be done with the training calendar. Andrew Bloom withdrew his motion.

Meeting adjourned at 21:36 hours (GB)