



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**June 19th, 2023
Zoom- 10:30AM**

ATTENDANCE

**Daren Bellach
Steve Akre
Tim Mattos
Cyndi Foreman
Ron Busch
Bill Bullard
Lance Macdonald**

**Kenwood Fire
Sonoma Valley Fire
RPPS
Sonoma County Fire
Sonoma County Fire
Graton Fire
Healdsburg Fire**

**Bonnie Plakos
Jeff Schach
Hans Henneberque
Devon Gambonini
Shepley Schroth-Cary
Trevor Collins
Ron Lombardi**

**NSC Fire
Petaluma Fire
H & S Associates
Santa Rosa Fire
North Bay Fire
Santa Rosa Fire
Occidental Fire**

Call to Order: Chief Akre began the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: None

Host Chief Introduction: None

Presidents Report: Chief Akre reported on Friday the FSWG had a call with their elections attorney and consultant and were informed on what we could and couldn't do as an association. Even though we are a 501c3, we are better off taking the educational and informational lane as we go forward with the campaign. The campaign really starts now because we are going out for signatures. They also informed us we can contribute to the campaign. Funds that we have right now as the SCFCA can be transferred to the campaign for campaign purposes. We cannot raise additional funds and make a future donation to the campaign. This is a onetime shot. Chief Akre felt that we needed to bring this back to the association, we have about \$40,000.00 in that fund right now and would be a big push to the campaign. Chief Akre asked the association if they would consider and approve transferring the \$40,000.00. We are still going to have bills that need to be paid as part of the gear up for the campaign. We also talk about doing a second assessment at the end of the FY. The campaign is actively fundraising and has about \$155,000.00 to date.

Chief Akre opened it for discussion.

Chief Plakos asked do we know how much we currently owe. We have about \$30,000.00 still to payout.

Cyndi Foreman asked if we could use some funds in the Safety Pals fund for the campaign.

Per Hans. The Safety Pals has \$25,505.00 currently available. Given this is for safety and education, it was thought that using some of these funds would be appropriate.

Motion was made by Chief Schach to use the balance of the special assessment fund for the campaign. Pending approval from the FPO's E board adding \$10,000.00 from the Safety Pals fund for a total \$50,000.00. Motion 2nd by Hans, all AYE

Chief Akre reported that the EMS sub-committee is working on the comment section for the Coastal Valley EMS survey and should be out later today. He will gather information on

Election do's and don'ts and put it out to the group. Please submit back to FSWG your photo and an updated quote so we can get out the individual area fact sheets.

Approval of Minutes: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Correspondence: None

Presentation: None

Old Business:

New Business:

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire Service Working Group

Closed Session: None

Good of the Order: Target date for July 1 for full wildland summer dispatch mode.

Adjournment: @ 11:00AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Daren Bellach
SCFCA Secretary