

RKIFMC, NY-Assoc. Meeting
January 16, 2010
Liverpool Station #1
1110 Oswego Street
Liverpool, NY 13088

Special meeting called to order 12:25

Pledge

President Joel LaBelle, NY 34

Roll Call

Taken by sign-in sheet, attached to minutes.

Reading of the Minutes

Motion to accept by Bob Coletta, NY 33; seconded by Rich Suskie, NY 2; motion carried.

Report from President

State Association will be receiving a check from International for approximately \$9,000.00 for the 2010 convention.

For informational purposes only, the executive board held a special meeting concerning personnel issues dealing with the State Association Secretary. The Executive Board has voted unanimously to remove Bernie Misiura from Secretarial position. The Executive Board has appointed Kavin Winton, NY 40 to fill the position until the September, 2010 election.

Committee Reports:

2010 Convention:

President Joel LaBelle, NY34 reported that the leg work for the convention is complete. They are in the final stages of planning. He suggested adding appetizers to the meal package, specifically Buffalo Wings, Swedish Meatballs, Franks in a Blanket, and an assortment of cheeses, crackers and vegetables at an estimated cost of \$1,040.00, not including tax and gratuities. Motion was made to add the above stated appetizers to the meal menu by Julie Carlson, NY 38; seconded by Rich Suskie, NY2; motion carried.

Discussion on convention booklet-Vice President Mark Phelps, NY 4 provided an ad sheet listing cost per page: back cover \$200.00, inside back cover \$125.00, full page \$100.00, ½ page \$50.00, ¼ page \$25.00, 1/8 page \$20.00, business card \$10.00, and patron \$5.00. The front page will have the logo designed by NY 4 and maybe Niagara Falls in the background. The inside front cover will be the welcome from the New York State Association. The next page will be the

Convention schedule. All other pages available for ads. Motion was made by Bob Coletta, NY 33 to accept the outlined advertisement costs and booklet layout as described by Mark Phelps, NY4; seconded by Ed Fairbanks, NY 14; motion carried.

Suggestion was made to Mark Phelps, NY 4 to add a deadline date to the advertisement form, after which no further ads could be accepted.

Mark Phelps, NY4 advised that his chapter has already prepared a donation letter to be sent to all chapters so that all members could help with acquiring ads for the convention booklet.

Motion was made to add logo designed by NY4 to the front cover of the convention booklet by Bob Coletta, NY33; seconded by Ed Fairbanks, NY14; motion carried.

Discussion regarding hospitality room was held. The dispensing of the beer, soda, and wine was discussed. Chapter 4 reported that they will be in charge of Hospitality Room staffing and restocking of supplies. Motion was made by Bob Coletta, NY 33 to have all beer and non-alcoholic drinks to be dispersed in cans or bottles from coolers, no kegs; seconded by Julie Carlson, NY38; motion carried.

Julie Carlson, NY 38 requested that the wine not be boxed wine. President Joel LaBelle, NY 34 advised that we still need non-alcoholic beer, wine and soda; no hard liquor. After further discussion, local chapters will attempt to obtain donations from local distributors, if possible.

Joel LaBelle, NY 34 reported that there is no need for staff personnel on Tuesday. Most people are not anticipated to arrive until Thursday. For those who arrive on Tuesday, Vice President Mark Phelps, NY 4, has agreed to be present. If a staff meeting is needed, it will be held Wednesday after dinner.

Joel LaBelle, NY34 reported that we are still short items for the goodie bags. When getting items for the goodie bags, we need to get at least 300 of each item.

Joel LaBelle, NY34 suggested that any chapter that wishes to sell items at the convention need to submit proper trademark paperwork to International ASAP, or anything they put out could be classified as "illegal".

Mark Phelps, NY4 advised that the paperwork has been submitted to International for trade mark rights for the shirts and miscellaneous items that contain the Niagara Falls logo. NY 4 maintains exclusive rights to the Niagara Falls Logo.

Discussion was held regarding the scheduling of the timetable of events. Times yet to be determined are the bar-b-que and boat tours. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus that overlapping time schedules could provide attendees with alternative choices.

Motion was made by Rich Suskie, NY2 to add the boat cruises to the convention; seconded by Julie Carlson, NY38; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding rides into Canada. Any United States citizen who wishes to enter Canada and return to the U.S. needs to have the necessary credentials, such as enhanced driver's license/passport. It was suggested to obtain Canadian insurance cards if entering Canada.

Joel LaBelle, NY34 advised that we need a Scottish bagpiper to escort the International officer's and their wives to the dinner. We could offer the bagpiper dinner that evening as payment for services. Steve Kellog, NY12 may have a contact/lead for a Scottish bagpiper and will contact Mr. LaBelle or John Rucinski, NY12 with any information.

Bob Coletta, NY33 inquired regarding the banners and flags for the convention. The design of the banners and flags has already been completed, as outlined in a previous association meeting; however, no price quote or order has been made at this time. Rich Suskie, NY2 agreed to obtain prices and report back to the Executive Board. Motion was made by Bob Coletta, NY33 to authorize the Executive Board to move forward with purchase of said banners and flags when prices are obtained if the Board deems the prices acceptable, as time is of the essence; seconded by Rich Suskie, NY2; motion carried.

NY Chapter 36 has volunteered to research and create an estimated 30 table displays/centerpieces with a "firematic" theme for the dinner. These would be given away as door prizes that same evening. Joel LaBelle, NY 34 advised Chapter 36 that they would be notified of the exact number of centerpieces necessary so as to allow sufficient time for their completion. Motion was made by Julie Carlson, NY38 to authorize an amount not to exceed \$20.00 per centerpiece; seconded by Bob Coletta, NY33; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding providing refreshments at the International Board meeting. Motion was made by Bob Coletta, NY33 to pay for the refreshments at the International Board meeting; seconded by Julie Carlson, NY38; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding providing an airport shuttle. It was the consensus of the members present to leave transportation needs to the individuals participating in the Convention.

Joel LaBelle, NY 34 reported that the NY State website no longer has a webmaster. Mr. LaBelle is currently acting as webmaster and will be updating the site shortly. The site will include information regarding the International Convention.

Mark Phelps, NY4 reported that the estimated cost of \$10.00 per person is still in-line. The location of the bar-b-que is yet to be determined.

Joel LaBelle, NY34 reported that the estimated expense as of January 9, 2010 per person attending the Convention is outlined as follows:

Dinner	\$19.95
Breakfast	\$8.95
19% gratuity	\$5.49
Tax on above	\$3.01
Bar-b-que	\$10.00
Band	\$4.40

Pins	\$2.00
Appetizers	\$4.65
Cruise	<u>\$8.70</u>
Total	\$65.15

This does not include the Hospitality Room.

Discussion was held regarding total amount of encumbered and non-encumbered funds regarding the Convention. It was requested that the Convention Treasurer have a report available at the next Association meeting.

The International chapter is hosting a "Dream Vacation" raffle with a \$10,000.00 Prize to use on a vacation ANYWHERE in the World

\$20.00 per Ticket
 Only 1000 Tickets will be sold
 Order Tickets from the Quartermaster
 Travel between August 21, 2010 and August 20, 2011

Please visit the International website for more information.

Vice President Mark Phelps, NY4 advises that we will have two guest speakers at the convention, Niagara County Fire Coordinator James Volkosh and Senator George Maziarz. Motion was made by Bob Coletta, NY33 to authorize the two guest speakers and to include dinner accommodations; seconded by Rich Suskie, NY2; motion carried.

Mark Phelps, NY4 confirmed that the cost of the band will be \$1,200.00 and that the band is requesting a \$100.00 deposit as soon as possible, with the balance paid in cash the night of the event. Joe LaBelle, NY34 reported that John Rucinski, NY12 will have a debit card for availability of cash that evening. Motion was made by Bob Coletta, NY33 to obtain a contract from the band and issue a check of deposit in the amount of \$100.00; seconded by Ed Fairbanks, NY14; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the bike show at the convention. NY 21 is in charge of the bike show and had no delegate present at this meeting. Previous minutes reflect that no monies were designated for the purchase of trophies. Motion was made by Bob Coletta, NY33 to authorize the purchase of six trophies, total cost not to exceed \$250.00; seconded by Rich Suskie, NY2; motion carried.

Motion was made by Julie Carlson, NY38 for the checking account, #124917984 to be opened for the 2010 Convention. Said account is to be used for the sole purpose of conducting 2010 Convention transactions. Authorized signatures on the account are to be either, or, NY Association President Joel LaBelle, Convention Treasurer John Rucinski; seconded by Bob Coletta, NY33; motion carried.

The next New York State Association meeting is to be held on March 20, 2010 at 12:00 noon at Malone Fire Department, 37 Finney Blvd., Malone, NY 12953.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kavin Winton, Secretary

Attendance RKIMC-NY Association January 16, 2010

Joel LaBelle, President, NY 34
Mark Phelps, Vice President, NY 4
Kavin Winton, Secretary, NY40

Julie Carlson, NY 38
Bob Coletta, NY 33
Ed Fairbanks, NY 14
Steve Kellogg, NY12
Bill Lambert, NY 36
Rich Suskie, NY 2

Guests:

Amy Beresford, NY 36
Brian Burt, NY 40
Steven Griffith, NY 36
Paul Hussey, NY12
Barb Lambert, NY 36
Tom Ploetz, NY36