

**St. Clair County Fire Chiefs Association**  
**MABAS Division 32**  
**Meeting Minutes - January 30, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Vice-President Elliff, who asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Chief Juenger made the motion, which was seconded by Chief Little. The motion passed.

Secretary/treasurer Rutherford gave the treasurer's report, which indicated \$25,386.39 as a current balance for the organization. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Chief Little and seconded by Chief Kirkman. The motion passed.

Chief Smith reported that Bill Clossen is working on a technical rescue team. Anyone who has equipment they would be willing to provide for the team or anyone who wishes to be on the team should contact Clossen. Bill is a representative for the technical rescue committee on state wide MABAS.

Chief Morgan mentioned that SAFB has a trained confined space rescue team.

Chief McGuire indicated that Swansea has a trained and equipped trench rescue team

Chief Smith gave a report regarding SWIC training programs. He mentioned that FF II night classes have started. He further indicated that the State is developing a 16 hour bridge program to upgrade those who interested in meeting the new criteria for roadway rescue. SWIC has not yet received the curriculum. He also mentioned that SWIC is looking for a bus to use in training.

Deputy Chief Green reported that the Firehouse computer program user group is working on a user resource and training manual. He further reported that the State Fire Marshal has hire two more fire investigators for this area.

Darryl Elbe reported on the progress of the County radio system committee of which Chief Feher is the chairman. He requested that depts return the completed survey to the committee if they have not already done so. The next meeting of the radio committee is on February II at 9am at the 9-1-1 office in Belleville. Darryl also reported that all of the bids for the CAD system for Cencom were thrown out because none meet the current specs. The ETSB has hired a consultant to rewrite the specs. He further stated that there are no current activities on the issue of centralized dispatching nor is anything planned for the future unless the radio questionnaires indicate a strong interest in it.

Chief Render reported on five new pieces of legislation regarding the fire service: HB- 115- fire truck revolving loan program; HB-117 -motor fuel tax deduction for fire trucks; HB-120 -Municipality charges for non-residents on fire calls; HB-121 -Fire Marshal equipment exchange program; and HB-123 -requirements on signal preemption devices.

Red Cross reminded everyone that if they are not dispatched by Cencom and need the emergency number to contact the Fairview office.

Vice President Elliff called for a motion on 2003 dues for the Chiefs Association. Chief Juenger made a motion to set the dues at \$50. The motion was seconded by Chief McGuire. The motion passed.

Chief Belba mentioned that the Fairmont City Fire Dept. was holding a fund raiser on March 15 at Camelot Bowl.

Chief Juenger, chairman of the nomination committee, presented the names of candidates for officers of the Association and MABAS Division 32: Don Feher for president, Tom Elliff for vice-president, and Rich Rutherford for secretary/treasurer. Chief McGuire nominated Mark Cadell for the office of secretary /treasurer. There were no other nominations for president or vice-president. Chief Juenger made a motion to elect the unopposed offices by acclamation. Chief Kirkman seconded the motion, which passed. The vote for secretary/treasurer was 16- Rutherford and 12- Cadell.

Vice-president Elliff closed the Association meeting and opened the MABAS Division 32 portion of the meeting.

Chief Render discussed photo ID badges and indicated he proposed to the MABAS Executive Committee to explore putting something on driver's licenses. He further indicated the Madison County is now MABAS Division 34. He also reported that three new MABAS agreements have been received: New Baden, East. St. Louis, and St. Louis. In addition he reported that there will be a task force training exercise in the near future and that there appears to be interest in Missouri on MABAS.

Secretary/treasurer Rutherford discussed the current changes to the MABAS Division 32 SOG's. After some discussion, Chief Juenger made a motion to adopt the SOG's with the minor changes discussed. The motion was seconded and passed by roll call vote.

Vice-president Elliff called for a motion on MABAS Division 32 dues. Ass't Chief Borkowski made a motion to set the 2003 MABAS Division 32 dues at \$50. Chief Little seconded the motion which was passed.

Chief Little indicated O'Fallon will host the March meeting and Chief Morgan stated the SAFB would host the May meeting.

With no other business to discuss, Vice-president Elliff adjourned the meeting.