**Presque Isle Community Men’s Club**

Meeting minutes December 5th, 2024

Opening: Meeting called to order by President Mike Bugenske at 9:00am with 12 members and 2 guests. Our 2 guests were Kat Lutes and Tim Supinger

Opening song: Dennis Fay

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Bugenske

Prayer: Mike Bugenske

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Mike Bugenske

Speaker will be Ashley Simpson from the Michigan State Police will speak on the topic of; "MSP FIRE INVESTIGATORS ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES”.

Ashley is part of the Fire Investigation Unit of the Michigan State Police (MSP). She grew up in Lachine and lives in Posen. She has been with the MSP for 16 years starting in 2008.

The MSP started in 1917 on horseback. They moved from hours to motorcycles and finally to the sedans we all see today on the roads.

There are only 10 Fire Investigators in the MSP, they are certified through IAAI & NAFI. They typically investigate anywhere from 500-600 cases annually. They are called in by either local Police Departments or local Fire Departments when a cause of a fire needs to be determined that may be from unnatural causes. They conduct Origin and Cause Investigations; they can testify in Court as en Export for Criminal Trails. They use the NFPA921 Guide in how they approach their investigations.

Ashley stated several times, Do not leave your Lithium Ion Batteries on their Chargers once they have completed the Charge Cycle as that is a high cause of Lithium Ion Battery fires.

Ashley then took the group through 2 Case Studies demonstrating how she goes about the investigation and what clues they look for. It was noted in both cases that the old adage “Stop, Drop, and Roll” is a very real thing as the smoke does rise inside rooms and only the bottom 1ft to 2ft might be outside of the smoke.

Break and 50/50 Drawing:

* $19.00 won by Dennis Fay

Officer and Committee Reports:

* Minutes: Mike Grochola
  + November’s minutes were submitted, Motion by Jay Kettler to approve the minutes, 2nd by Dennis Fay, All Ayes, motion passed
* Financial reports: Mike Grochola
  + Submitted November 2024 report. Motion by Dave Wolf to approve the report, 2nd by Charlie Phipps, All Ayes, motion passed
  + Paid expense of $9.00 for donuts (paid cash to Mike Bugenske)
  + Paid expense of $23.00 for coffee supplies (paid cash to Bob Beres)
* Project Evaluation Committee: Mike Bugenske
  + Nothing new to report
* Health and Family Committee: Bob Beres
  + Nothing new to report
* Scholarship Committee: Bart Hellmuth / Tim Lutes / Russ Kauffman
  + Nothing new to report
* Next meeting set-up:
  + Dave Wilson and Larry Fields were volunteered by Mike Grochola

Old Business:

* None

New Business:

* There will need to be a committee formed in July to handle the Election of President and Vice President and possibly a review of the By-Laws
* It was also mentioned that maybe a new committee should be formed to do a Membership Drive starting early next year.
* Dennis Fay requested a summary of the Charitable Contributions made by the Men’s Club in 2024. Mike Grochola will assemble.

Announcements:

* Wednesday 12/18/24 Breakfast at the Route 65 Diner at 9am.
* Thursday 1/2/25 Monthly meeting at 9:00 am at the PIHA clubhouse.  Chuck Weisen, President of the Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, will discuss the Viking Expedition tour Boat Program.
* Wednesday 1/15/25 Breakfast at the Route 65 Diner at There are Presque Isle Community Men’s Club coffee mugs available for sale – see Mike Bugenske to get these limited edition mugs

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am by President Mike Bugenske