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The first organizational meeting of persons interested in the betterment of Firemen's Musters, was held in Benicia, California on November 2.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM by Ron Rice, acting chairman. The purpose of the meeting was to form an organization to outline: A standardization of rules, regulations and laws governing musters; to set an agreed upon number of sanctioned musters; to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and board members.

The nomination was made and seconded to have Ron Rice appointed as acting Chairman of the meeting and Sherry Jones as acting Secretary, the motion passed.

Introductions of people present were made, the following Fire Departments were represented: Sunnyvale, Pleasanton, Saratoga, San Bruno, Mountain View, Woodside, Arden, Mare Island, City of Santa Clara, Benicia, Pacifica, St. Francis Hook and Ladder of San Francisco, Menlo Park, Sierra Conservation Center of Jamestown, Castro Valley, Merced City, ^{Merced County} Castle Air Force Base, Tracy, Hayward, Elk Grove, San Jose, Cordelia, Suisun City, Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley, Lakeport, Suisun Fire protection District, Ceres, Fremont, Newark, Monterey, Central Valley, Lodi....also represented were Santa Rosa Nozzel Company and S.P.A.A.M.F.A.A.

The nomination was made and seconded to call the association California Firemen's Muster Association, the motion passed.

The nomination was made and seconded that Ron Rice be named

President of the California Firemen's Muster Association, the nomination passed. A nomination was made and seconded that the nominations for president be closed, the motion passed.

The nomination was made and seconded that the president chose his own secretary/treasurer, the motion passed. In conjunction, it was decided the offices of secretary and treasurer be one. Sherry Jones was appointed to the office of secretary/treasurer by President Ron Rice. At that time it was decided that the permanent mailing address of the association would be P.O. Box 612, Benicia, California 94510.

After several nominations being on the floor as to the number of votes it was finally motioned and seconded that there shall be one vote per department/or organization, the motion passed.

The following people were nominated and seconded as candidates for the office of Vice President: Bob Fries, John Frudden, and Luke Goodrich. The nomination was made and seconded that the nominations be closed, the motion passed. The new Vice President is Luke Goodrich of San Jose.

After discussion by the floor on whether board members should be elected by regions or specialties the nomination was made and seconded that the body elect 5 board members, the motion passed. The nomination was made and seconded for each of the following people as candidates for the board: Pat Alvarez, Fred Erickson, Bill Koenig, Bob Smith, Dean Young, John Frudden, Rex Ianson and Bob Fries. A nomination was made and seconded that the nominations be closed for board members, the motion passed.

At that time there was an amendment motion made and seconded that we change the number of board members from 5 to 8, the motion passed. It was agreed upon that the secretary's white ballot for the counting of votes for the 8 board members was sufficient. The 8 nominated for board members automatically became the board members of the association.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:40 PM with the President requesting that the meeting be ready to be called back to order at 1:15PM....at 1:33 PM the meeting was called to order, by President Ron Rice.

At that time the Embarcadero Lions Club of Sacramento presented a bid to the body for a muster to be held in Old Sacramento on the 4th, 5th and 6th of July of 1975. They had the following to offer: Parade with 144 entries, all the publicity we need including National if information is submitted by January 1st, 3 paved parking lots, camp ground, sound system, bleachers, safety (crowd control), nothing in competition with muster, security of equipment. Things they will look into: judging, trophies, tent camping, motel price breaks, hydrants (pressure), amount of budget allocated to the muster, etc.

Each department was then given a chance to express their wishes to have a muster to give the body some idea of how many musters are being formulated, plus some idea of how many departments will be celebrating Centennials this year. The following departments expressed a desire to have a muster:

Sunnyvale for July, Saratoga for July, Suisun for mid June, Merced City for first last of May or first of June, Mountain View, Santa Clara County and Sunnyvale for a combined Muster for 1975 and then rotating among themselves in years to follow, Columbia for May, Ceres for August, Mare Island and Vallejo combined, Lodi for June, Winters for May (Centennial), Shasta for May (German people attending), Pleasanton for June, Benicia for September, and Saint Francis Hook and Ladder of San Francisco for April of 1976 (70th Anniversary of Earthquake)

The president gave his views for need of fewer musters. Also pointed out that even though the Mother Lode was not represented at the meeting, in no way could our association ignore their annual muster, and no conflicts with their date should occur.

The following things were agreed upon but without a motion made: Sanctioned musters will be decided upon by the board on a point basis; a sanctioned muster must have the following four (4) major events to be classified as a sanctioned muster:

1. Motorized Pumping,
2. Hose Carts,
3. Bucket Brigade,
4. Hand Pumping.

; also each department must make a presentation to the board to bid for a sanctioned muster.

A nomination was made and seconded to pass the hat for money, at a dollar per head, the money to go to pay for the hall with excess going into the "kitty" of the association, the motion passed. \$74.00 was collected.

Ron Rice informed the body that he and Jimmy Nixon have a list of 137 Fire Department's equipment, also the November issue

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of The Western Fire Journal has 60 pieces of equipment listed.

It was agreed upon that the board would set the amount of the dues.

The next general meeting will be January 4th at 11:00 AM in the Vets Hall of Pleasanton.

The next board meeting will be December 7th at 11:00 AM in the Vets Hall of Benicia.

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, the motion passed, meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Secretary's Notes:

A checking account for the California Firemen's Muster Association was opened in the Bank of America with President, Ron Rice and Secretary/Treasurer Sherry Jones as co-signers for each check.

A publicity release was sent to fourteen major newspapers and a Herculean effort was made to get an article published in the Western Fire Journal for December....we were not promised anything, due to the fact we were four days past their deadline.