



# Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Quarterly Business Meeting April 15, 2012

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The Spring Quarterly Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 15 April, 2012 at the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department in Dublin, VA. with 32 members present, representing 12 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 13:00 hours by President Jeff Saunders. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Jeff Saunders of the Dublin Fire Department welcomed everyone in attendance. President Saunders also thanked the members of the Dublin Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for lunch. Dublin Fire Chief Mr. Ronnie McClure welcomed everyone to Dublin.

## **Reports:**

### **President:**

President Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- The 2012 convention is on task and President Saunders thanked the members of the convention committee for their continued work and support.
- Asked the membership to assist selling golf tournament hole sponsors since the money raised benefits the whole association. If we work together we can raise a large amount on the hole sponsors.
- Called for the acceptance of the January minutes, Kenny Hancock made motion to accept and seconded by Patsie Smith.
- **Motion voted and passed**

### **1st Vice President:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice J. C. President Bolling offered the following report:

- No Report

### **2nd Vice President:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Joe Rakes offered the following report.

- No Report

### **Treasurer:**

Treasurer Billy Cook was not present.

- Treasurers report was given from the January and April meetings.
- Motion was made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by Steve Hall to accept both reports.
- **Motion voted and passed**

### **Asst. Treasurer:**

Secretary Patsie Smith offered the following report:

- Gave a report on the Convention Account from the audit.

### **Secretary:**

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues notices have been sent out
- Convention registration packages were sent out

### **Asst. Secretary:**

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Convention registrations and money is starting to come in.

### **Chaplin / Welfare:**

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Advised that Roy Redd attended the following services or visitations for members of the association:
  - Mr. Everett Elwood Newman of Galax Fire Department
  - Mr. Billy Gene “Buzzard” Crowe of Christiansburg Fire Department
  - Chief M.L. “Pug” Wells of Elliston Fire Department

### **Sgt. At Arms:**

Sgt. at Arms Morgan O’Quinn offered the following report:

- No Report

### **Executive Committee:**

Mike Stevens offered the following report:

- No Report

### **Legislative Committee:**

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Attended the Mid-Winter Conference:
  - Reported that there have been changes to the Aid to Localities Money
  - Fire departments cannot buy fitness equipment with this funding
- House Bill 1202:
  - HB 1202 Fire policy; shall provide coverage for cost charged by volunteer fire department, etc.
    - Introduced by: Joseph P. Johnson, Jr.
  - Fire insurance; coverage for costs of services by volunteer fire departments. Requires fire insurance policies to provide coverage, with limits not less than \$250, for the cost charged by a volunteer fire department that is not fully funded by property taxes in certain instances when the fire department is called in to save or protect property insured under the policy. Higher coverage limits may be offered for an additional premium. The amount billed shall not exceed the limit of coverage. This bill is identical to SB 140.
    - Additional info on this bill can be obtained at <http://lis.virginia.gov/121/sum/HB1202.HTM>
  - This bill is not to pay for the fire department operations
  - The billing will be an option for the fire department or locality

### **Membership Committee:**

Mr. Steve Hall offered the following report:

- No Report

### **Training Committee:**

Mr. Tim Estes offered the following report for Mr. Roy Redd:

- VDFP is at the end of the fiscal year
- There will be a couple of Firefighter I classes ending in Division 4 within the next few weeks
- VDFP training requests are due by May 1, 2012
- 72 people attended the Galax Regional School
- Need to try to get people to sign up for and attend classes
- There will be a motivational speaker at Galax Fire Department on 15 December, 2012.  
Chief Rick Lasky

### **By-laws Committee:**

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No Report

### **Rules and Contest Committee:**

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- Contest will be run in the same area as the last convention in Roanoke
- Some people have requested additional contests, the committee does not feel that the association is ready at this time to add additional contests

### **Ways and Means Committee:**

Mr. Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- \$ 106.00 in the 50/50

### **Scholarship Committee:**

Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- There are 3 applications in at this time

### **Convention Committee:**

Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- The 2012 convention will be held in Roanoke, 14 -16 June, 2012
- Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Roanoke
- Convention information is on line
- The association will need photos of deceased members for the memorial service
- The committee is working on setting up some different activities up for the Friday night social
- Contact the hotel for your room reservations
- Any questions or comments please contact Mr. David Akers at dakers815@aol.com

## **Old Business**

President Saunders reminded everyone that the Above and Beyond Award nominations need to be sent to Page Brockenbrough as soon as possible.

Lifetime membership nominations need to be sent to Mr. Mike Stevens as soon as possible

Mr. David Akers reported on the 501C3 status

- The association is going to need to get its 501C3 status
- The association may need to consolidate the association and convention accounts
- The association will need to get a Tax ID number
- There may be some bylaw changes in the future as this process moves forward

### **New Business**

Mr. Jeremy Williams made a motion that the association makes a \$250.00 donation to the Fallen Firefighters Memorial as in years past. Motion was seconded by Patsie Smith

**Motion voted on and passed**

If your department has a member that is interested in becoming an officer in the association please bring a letter of support to the June convention and see Mr. Page Brockenbrough.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Claytor Lake Muster will be held 10 June, 2012 at the Claytor Lake State Park.

Dublin Fire Department will be hosting a Community Fun Day and Concert at Randolph Park in Dublin on 12 May, 2012 as part of the departments 100 Year Celebration.

Elliston Fire Department will be having an Open House to celebrate the departments 55 Year Anniversary on 28 April, 2012 at the Elliston Fire Department in Elliston.

AFLAC Insurance information was passed out to the departments in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:15 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

**Thanks to the members of the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting and the members of the Dublin Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for preparing and serving lunch.**

**The next meeting will be Friday, June 15, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Roanoke, VA. at 2:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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