



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association First Convention Business Meeting June 14, 2013

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The First 2013 Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Friday, 14 June, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Valley View in Roanoke, VA. with 98 members present, representing 15 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 14:05 hours by President Joe Rakes. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Joe Rakes of the Elliston Fire Department welcomed everyone in attendance.

Reports:

President:

President Joe Rakes offered the following report:

- Welcomed everyone to the convention.
- Advised corn hole tournament will start at 10:00 PM
- Introduced Mr. Larry Logan from The Virginia State Firefighters Association
 - Mr. Logan addressed the members in attendance.
- Introduced Don Hansen with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs
- Joe asked everyone to stop and see the vendors
- Advised they had a good turnout for the golf tournament
- Reminded everyone of the vendors social after the memorial service

1st Vice President:

1st Vice President Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Thanked Elliston Fire Dept. and the Ladies Auxiliary

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Morgan O'Quinn offered the following report:

- No report

Treasurer:

Treasure Billy Cook offered the following report:

- Treasure's report was given.
- Motion made by David Akers and seconded by Mike Moles to approve the Treasure's Report
- **Motion voted and passed.**

Asst. Treasurer:

Secretary Chris Lloyd offered the following report:

- Gave a report on the Convention account.
- Motion made by Page Brockenborough and seconded by Leon Reed to approve the Treasure's Report
- **Motion voted and passed.**

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues notices were sent out and past dues notices will be sent out in the near future.

Asst. Secretary:

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Stated registration was stressful this year.
- Many late registrations did not pay the late fees.
- Feels the associations needs to look into enforcement of late fees.

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- One death in the association.
 - Troy Wilburn from Dublin Fire Dept.
 - Martin Keffler's sister passed away last week.

Sgt. At Arms:

Sgt. at Arms Bill Nunley offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- The last executive committee meeting was held before the April business meeting.

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Introduced Don Hansen with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs who offered the following:
 - Reported on ATL money, next year it will range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per department.
 - Advised departments to follow up on their ATL money.
 - 796 departments in the Commonwealth of VA.
 - Southwest fire fighters represents 21 counties.
 - Discussed new and revised training from VDFP
 - Thanked everyone for being at the Friday morning training.
 - VDFP will be taking several classes offline for review.
 - Any questions contact your Division Chief or Don Hansen.
- Greg Gravely with Dublin Fire Dept. expressed issues with high failure rates and VDFP testing.
- This generated much discussion among attendees.
- VDFP will meet with departments if you have concerns.

Membership Committee:

Mr. Leon Reed offered the following report:

- No Report

Training Committee:

Division Chief's Dennis Price and Tim Estes offered the following report for Mr. Roy Redd:

- Budget year is wrapping up.
- Funded class list should be sent out soon.
- NFA, VA and TN weekend will be held the last weekend in September.
- Instructors Symposium will be held the first weekend in October.
- Wise regional school September 7th and 8th 2013 at UVA Wise.
- VDFP will require pre-registration for all classes starting July 1st, 2013.
- Send copies of your ICS 100, 200 and 700 to your division chief if they do not show up on your transcript.
- Any training related issues contact your division chief.
- Elliston Academy will start in mid-October.

By-laws Committee:

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No report.

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- The competition will be held in the grass area at the back of the hotel on Saturday beginning at 1300 hours.
- Captains meeting after second business meeting. Have your list at that time.

Ways and Means Committee:

Mr. Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Working on the 50/50, \$158 to the winner. Leon Reed.

Scholarship Committee:

Mr. Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- There will be 3 scholarships to be awarded at the dinner on Saturday night out of seven applications.
- Reminded members to apply for the scholarships in the future.

Convention Committee:

Mr. Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone attending and reminded members to visit the vendors.
- Any comments or concerns contact the convention committee.

Old Business

Thanked Mark Bowery and VFIS for donating the trailer. There was a lot of discussion about insurance and the title of the trailer. Mark Bowery and Chief Hanks will discuss this later.

New Business

President Joe Rakes appointed the following committees and asked them to report at the 2nd Business Meeting:

- Audit – Leon Reed, Frank Wright and Mike Moles
- Nomination - Page Brockenbrough, John Campbell and Billy Hanks
- Resolutions – Mike Stevens and Fred Linkous

President Rakes reminded and invited everyone to the Memorial Service beginning at 1900 hours in the ballroom of the hotel on Friday night.

President Rakes reminded and invited everyone to the Vendor Social beginning at 2000 hours in the vendor area with corn hole starting at 2200 hours.

If you have a nomination for the 2013-2014 year please see Page Brockenbrough before the Saturday meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1515 hours with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Valley View in Roanoke, VA. at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
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