



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Quarterly Business Meeting September 8, 2013

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The Fall Quarterly Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 8 September, 2013 at the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department Cabin in Martinsville, VA. with 23 members present, representing 11 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 13:00 hours by President Potsie Smith. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Potsie Smith of the Christiansburg Fire Department welcomed everyone in attendance. President Smith also thanked the members of the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department for lunch.

Reports:

President:

President Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Thanked the members of Martinsville Fire Department
- Appointed the Audit Committee for the Convention Account:
 - Leon Reed, Mike Moles and Frank Wright

1st Vice President:

1st Vice President Morgan O'Quinn offered the following report:

- Advised of a Rope I class, November 4 – 7, 2013 in Bristol
- Advised of a Juvenile Fire Setter II class, 23-24 September, 2013

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Bill Nunley offered the following report.

- No report

Treasurer:

Treasure Billy Cook submitted the following report.

- Treasure's report was given by Curtis Whitt.
- Motion made by Steve Hall and seconded by Mark Smith to approve the Treasure's Report
- **Motion voted and passed.**

Asst. Treasurer:

Asst. Treasurer Chris Lloyd offered the following report:

- Gave a report on the Convention Committee account.
- Motion to accept by Danny Yopp and seconded by Barry Simmons to accept.
- **Motion voted and passed.**
- Requested that the audit be done on the account.
- Account will be audited after this meeting

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Website and Facebook are up to date

Asst. Secretary:

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- The final Convention Report was been delivered to the Convention Committee

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Reported that the following members have passed since the last meeting:
 - Mr. Floyd A "RED" McVey – Abingdon
 - Mr. Larry Chandler – Riner

Sgt. At Arms:

Sgt. at Arms Bill Nunley offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- The Executive Committee met to discuss the addition of Alleghany County fire departments into the association.
- The committee recommends adding Alleghany County to the association.
- This could bring 300 plus members to the association.
- Motion to accept by Steve Hall.
- Seconded by Gary Francis.
- Motion passed.

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Attended the Virginia State Firefighters Conference in Hampton in August 2013.
- There were three major legislative items being followed.
- Attended several meetings, including Fire Services Board and Fire Council
- Reported that the ATL money was raised from \$8,000 to \$10,000.00 per department.
- There was much discussion over legislative issues and suggestions were made to invite delegates to future association meetings.

Membership Committee:

Mr. Leon Reed offered the following report:

- Reviewed members wanted flier.
- Need to help boost membership.
- Send convention flier to all fire departments in southwest Virginia.
- Motion to mail convention to all fire departments was made by Jeremy and seconded by Steve Hall.
- Motion passed.

Training Committee:

Mr. Potsie Smith offered the following report for Mr. Roy Redd:

- The Wise school this weekend.
- Check VDFP site for upcoming schools.

By-laws Committee:

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- Adding Allegany County will require by-laws change.
- First reading of the proposed by-laws change to add Allegany County.
 - Motion to accept the change made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by Morgan O'Quinn.
 - Motion passed.
- Proposed change:
 - **CURRENTLY READS:**
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Membership
Section 1.
Any volunteer or career Fire Department or Company in active service in Henry, Franklin, Roanoke, or Craig counties, and those Counties, Towns, or Cities west thereof shall be entitled to membership upon approval by the Membership Committee, and upon payment of the prescribed dues. All persons that are members of such individual Departments or Companies shall automatically become members of this Association.
 - **PROPOSED CHANGE:**
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Rules and Contest Committee:

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- No report

Ways and Means Committee:

Mr. Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Working on the 50/50

Scholarship Committee:

Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- Awarded three scholarships at the 2013 convention.
 - Scholarships sponsored by VFIS, LCM and Red Knights Chapter 13.

Convention Committee:

Mr. Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- Thanked Joe Rakes and the Elliston Fire Department for the 2013 convention in Roanoke.
- The convention committee and the executive committee prior to this meeting to discuss late registration fees.
 - If registration money is late your department will receive a bill for late registration fees. (Members Only)
- Registration money needs to be turned in with registration paperwork.

Old Business

Discussion to add Alleghany County.

Reimbursements for association legislative representative.

- Reimburse legislative representative for expenses for attending legislative sessions to represent the southwest association.
- Receipts to be mailed to the treasurer or presented with a report to the membership at the quarterly meetings.
 - Motion by Roy Redd, seconded by Kenny Hancock, motion passed.

Mr. Larry Chandler of Riner fire department passed away with 45 years of service.

Kenny Hancock and Jeremy Williams thanked the association for their lifetime member awards.

New Business

Morgan O'Quinn asked if there was interest in the association creating an honor guard. If you or your department is interested contact Morgan or bring ideas back to the winter meeting in Abingdon.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:20 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

**Thanks to the members of the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department
for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.**

**The next meeting will be Sunday, January 12, 2014 at the Abingdon
Fire Department in Abingdon, VA. at 1:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,
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