



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Quarterly Business Meeting April 14, 2013

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The Spring Quarterly Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 14 April, 2013 at the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department in Blacksburg, VA. with 29 members present, representing 12 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 13:00 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. President Rakes also thanked the members of the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department for lunch and recognized Lt. Mark Smith who welcomed everyone.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Potsie Smith and seconded by Mr. David Akers, **Motion Passed**.

Reports:

President:

President Joe Rakes offered the following report:

- Working on convention for 2013
 - Date for the convention will be 13 – 15 Jun, 2013
- Golf tournament will be held at Hanging Rock Golf Course in Roanoke
- There will be a cornhole tournament on Friday night, \$10.00 per team, limit 50 teams, single elimination
- On April 4th President Rakes represented the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association at a meeting with Governor Bob McDonnell in Richmond.
- There will be no Executive Committee meeting at the convention, unless there is an issue that needs to be resolved prior to the June meeting.
- The following committees were appointed for the convention:
 - Audit = Leon Reed, Mike Moles and Frank Wright
 - Nomination = Page Brockenbrough, John Campbell and Billy Hanks
 - Resolutions = Mike Stevens and Fred Linkous

1st Vice President:

1st Vice President Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Looking into the Bristol and Kingsport, TN. area for the 2014 convention
 - Barry Simmons offered a report about the 2014 convention (please see the Convention Committee report for additional information)

2nd Vice President:

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

- Reported that there will be 3 EVOC classes in Bristol, check the VDFP website at www.vafire.com

Treasurer:

Treasure Billy Cook offered the following report.

- Treasure's report was given.
- Motion made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by David Akers 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 Mr. David Akers and seconded by Mr. Potsie Smith. **Motion voted and passed.**

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues notices have been sent out
- The association web site and facebook page have been updated

Asst. Secretary:

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Advised that the registrations are starting to come in.

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Advised of 1 death in the association
 - Mr. Richard Prutting of Stuart Fire Department in February

Sgt. At Arms:

Sgt. at Arms Bill Nunley offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

Mr. Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- There will not be a Executive Committee meeting at the convention unless there is an issue that comes up prior to convention.
- Reminded everyone that the Above and Beyond award and nominations are due today

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Bill tracker was sent out
 - SB 881 is being followed by the fire service
 - This bill is reference "fees for service"

Membership Committee:

Mr. Leon Reed was not at this meeting:

- No Report

Training Committee:

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report for Mr. Roy Redd:

- Driver Operator – Pumper will be in Blacksburg starting in April

By-laws Committee:

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No Report

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 (President Joe Rakes winner)
- Applebee's gift card given away (Bill Nunley winner)

Scholarship Committee:

Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- Reminded everyone about the scholarship and that the applications are due by 30 April, 2013
- Currently have 3 applications to review

Convention Committee:

Mr. Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- The convention committee meet with 2 locations for the 2014 convention
 - The Holiday Inn in Bristol, Va.
(http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/bristol/brlva/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=m dpr- -TripAdvisorUS- -BLwebsite- -HI_BRLVA)
 - The Marriott Meadowview Conference Resort & Convention Center in Kingsport, Tn. (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tricc-meadowview-conference-resort-and-convention-center/>)
- There was a good deal of discussion about the association going outside of Virginia for the annual convention
- Potsie advised that the location was only 5 miles outside of Virginia and approx.. 8 miles from Gate City Fire Department.
- The Holiday Inn in Bristol has limited spaces for the convention events, the Marriott has space on site for all convention events with the exception of the competition which will be held just up the road. There a several family activities in the immediate area.
- Mike Moles advised the group that the association must be smart and look at the expense to the association.
- Mr. Billy Hanks suggested that the association to check with the vendors and make sure there is not a problem going outside of Virginia. The vendors were sent an email and all that replied did not have an issue going to the Kingsport location.
- There was a motion made by Mr. Bill Nunley and seconded by Mr. Scott Fritz to move the 2014 convention to the Kingsport, Tn. location. **Motion voted and passed**

Old Business

The association members present discussed recognizing Ms. Brenda Phillips and the Holiday Inn for the many years that the staff and hotel have worked with the association to make the conventions in Roanoke a success.

Mr. Kenny Hancock made a motion and seconded by Mr. Potsie Smith to Present Ms. Brenda Phillips of the Holiday Inn a plaque of appreciation and a \$100.00 gift card. The motion also is to present the Holiday Inn Hotel with a plaque of appreciation. **Motion voted and passed**

The trailer that was donated by Mark Bowery is here and on display in the parking lot. There was much discussion about insurance and titling of the new trailer. Curtis will look into the insurance side of the trailer and will report back at the next meeting.

Mike Moles:

5 years ago the association had interest from Alleghany, Bath and Botetourt counties. These counties were brought in as associate members if a department was interested. Since that time only 3 departments in Alleghany County have paid as associate members.

David Akers and Mike Moles met with the Alleghany County Firefighters Association about becoming members of the association.

The departments of Alleghany County have been invited to attend the convention and get a feel for how the association operates.

The departments will have to pay normal convention registrations and will be entitled to all convention activities.

The departments will not have a vote in the business meetings due to their current Associate membership status.

The amount of interest from all 8 departments in Alleghany county will determine if Alleghany County will be brought into the association under regular membership.

New Business

Badges were presented to the following:

Chris Lloyd – Assistant Treasurer

Barry Simmons – Convention Coordinator

Jeff Saunders reminded everyone of the Claytor Lake Muster, 8 June, 2013 (information is on the association site)

David Akers asked that all teams respect the golf course at the convention. There have been issues in the past with damage done to the course.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:35 hours with the closing prayer by Mr. Kenny Hancock.

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

**The next meeting will be Friday, June 14, 2013 at the Holliday Inn in
Roanoke, VA. at 2:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,
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