



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association
Quarterly Business Meeting
January 13, 2013
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The Winter Quarterly Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 13 January, 2013 at the Green Spring Volunteer Fire Department in Green Spring, 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 Green Spring Volunteer Fire Department for lunch and recognized Chief Mike Pridemore who welcomed everyone.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved by a motion from Mr. Kenny Hancock and seconded by Mr. Steve Hall, **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 Thursday or Friday night
- Looking into Highway Safety training for the convention

1st Vice President:

1st Vice President Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- No Report

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 Steve Hall and seconded by Kenny Hancock to approve the Treasure's Report
- **Motion voted and passed.**

Asst. Treasurer:

Asst. Treasurer Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Gave a report on the Convention Committee account, motion to accept by Mr. David Akers and seconded by Mr. Steve Hall. **Motion voted and passed.**

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues notices will be sent out this month
- Working on getting the convention registration forms set up to be done on line

Asst. Secretary:

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- No Report

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Reported that Mr. Roy Redd attended services for the following members:
 - Mr. Tim Worrell – Roanoke County
 - Mr. Louis Sowers – Riner
 - Mr. Freddy Jones – Newport
 - Mr. Ronald W. Neice, Sr. - Pearisburg
 - WM “Ray” Richardson – Wytheville
 - Assistant Chief Donald “Donnie” Wimmer – Eggleston
 - Mr. Roy Brookman – Upper Craig’s Creek

Sgt. At Arms:

Sgt. at Arms Bill Nunley offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

Mr. Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- Lifetime membership award nominations need to be to Jeff by the April meeting
- Above and Beyond award nominations are due to Page by the April meeting
- If you are interested in being an officer in the association you will need a letter of support from your department

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- New legislative session will begin 16 January, 2013
 - Info on issues that might be of interest to the association will be emailed to the association members
- The Mid-Winter Conference will be in February
 - Fire fund money list has been resent to the membership
- VFIS offers insurance offers an insurance policy that can be purchased by the members
 - If you have a change in beneficiary please let VFIS know
 - The insurance policy could be used as a tool to assist with membership recruitment and retention.

Membership Committee:

Mr. Leon Reed offered the following report:

- Page met with Henry County about joining the association
- Working on membership and will have more to report at the April meeting

Training Committee:

Mr. Mike Stevens offered the following report for Mr. Roy Redd:

- Firefighter I in Washington County just started
- Firefighter II just started in Hillsville or Galax
- Driver Operator – Pumper will be in Dublin starting in April
- Aerial Operator will be in Radford this spring
- Officer II will be in Radford this spring
- HTR Module I is online in the VDFP Knowledge Center
- VFIS has a new ATV training program, this is a classroom class and if you would like the class please contact VFIS
- VFIS has a variety of on-line programs

By-laws Committee:

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No Report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- There is a new gauge for the air pack competition for the shoulder straps
- The revised rules that were approved at the September meeting will be posted on the Southwest Association web site

Ways and Means Committee:

Mr. Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Working on the 50/50 (Mike Moles winner)

Scholarship Committee:

Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- Reminded everyone about the scholarship and that the applications are due by 1 April, 2013
- The application is posted on line
- The Virginia State Firefighters Association has a scholarship that is available on line at VSFA.org

Convention Committee:

Mr. Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- Passed out hotel information flyers for the 2013 convention
- Convention registration packages will be sent out by mid-February
- Convention registration will be available on line
- We are looking into a PayPal account for convention registration

Old Business

David Akers discussed the trailer that Mark Bowery is donating to the association; Mark showed the members the graphic design for the wrap.

The trailer will be a 6' x 12' trailer and the association will pay for the graphic wrap.

Mark will get a price for the wrap and get the information to David before the April meeting

New Business

Riner Volunteer Fire Department Oyster Dinner 2 February, 2013 at Riner Fire Department. Tickets are \$13.00 per person in advance and \$15.00 per person at the door. See any Riner Fire Department member.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:20 hours.

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

The next meeting will be Sunday, April 14, 2013 at the Blacksburg Fire Department in Blacksburg, VA. at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Curtis Whitt
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