



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Second Convention Business Meeting June 15, 2013

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The Second 2013 Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Saturday, 15 June, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Valley View in Roanoke, VA. with 73 members present, representing 17 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 0903 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 recognized Mr. Larry Logan with the Virginia State Firefighters Association. Larry informed the members present about the upcoming state convention in August.

Reports:

President:

President Joe Rakes offered the following report:

- Thanked the Virginia State Firefighters Association for sponsoring the Sunday breakfast.
- Thanked the members of Elliston fire department for their hard work on convention.
- Thanked Mr. Kenny Hancock, Horne Funeral Home and the Montgomery County Honor Guard for their participation in the Memorial Service on Friday night.
- The Roanoke Regional HTR Team will have a display set up outside after the meeting.
- Requested that everyone try to stop by the vendor area.
- Thanked David Akers, Barry Simmons, Mike Moles and Mark Smith for their help with 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:

- Recapped the report from the first business meeting.

Asst. Treasurer:

Secretary Chris Lloyd offered the following report:

- Recapped the report from the first business meeting.

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:

- No report

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone that attended the Memorial Service
- Thanked Elliston Fire Department for the work they did for the Memorial Service

Sgt. At Arms:

Sgt. at Arms Bill Nunley offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- No report

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Advised the Chief Lee Day is intending to run for the 3rd Vice President for the Virginia State Firefighters Association and would like the support of the members from the southwest association.

Membership Committee:

Mr. Leon Reed offered the following report:

- No Report

Training Committee:

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

- Thanked everyone for the discussion at the first business meeting about the training issues.
- See the first business meeting minutes for additional information about concerns with VDFP testing.

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. Patsie Smith offered the following report:

- Working on the 50/50

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:

- No report

Old Business

Audit committee reported on the Treasurer's report and advised that the books are in order.

Motion made by David Akers and seconded by Bill Nunley to accept the committee report.

Motion voted and passed

The resolutions Committee will give its report at the dinner this evening.

The Nomination Committee offered the following slate of officers for the 2013 – 2014 year:

- President – Mr. Patsie Smith, Christiansburg Fire Department
- 1st Vice President – Mr. Morgan O'Quinn, Bristol Fire Department
- 2nd Vice President – Mr. Bill Nunley, Green Springs Fire Department
- Treasurer – Mr. Billy Cook, Elliston Fire Department
- Secretary – Mr. Curtis Whitt, Dublin Fire Department
- Chaplain – Mr. Kenny Hancock, Draper Fire Department
- Assistant Treasurer – Mr. Chris Lloyd, Abingdon Fire Department
- Assistant Secretary – Mr. Mark Smith, Blacksburg Fire Department
- Sergeant at Arms – Mr. Mavin Ogle, Riner Fire Department
- Convention Coordinator – Mr. Barry Simmons, Christiansburg Fire Department

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

The Nomination Committee made a motion that the nominations presented be accepted by acclimation. Seconded by Mike Moles.

Motion Passed

New Business

Jeremy Williams:

Advised the members that Mr. Mike Moles is a representative on the state Legislative Committee. Jeremy is asking the association to help support Mike by possibly helping to cover some of the cost to Mike for travel or meals for his work with the state legislative committee. This is being requested because of the amount of time that Mike spends representing the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association and the interest of its membership.

Larry Logan:

Reported on legislative issues in the fire service.

He also advised that the feeling is that legislation in mandating training and is making it harder on the volunteer firefighters in Virginia. He advises to talk with your state legislator and express any concerns that you may have.

Mr. David Bailey is the lobbyist for the Virginia State Firefighters Association.

The 2013 – 2014 meeting schedule was set as follows:

The Fall Meeting: 8 September, 2013 at the Martinsville Fireman's Cabin, Martinsville, Va.

The Winter Meeting: 12 January, 2014 at the Abingdon Fire Department, Abingdon, Va.

(This meeting will be hosted by Abingdon, Green Springs and Glad Spring fire departments)

The Spring Meeting: 6 April, 2013 at the Dublin Fire Department, Dublin, Va.

Convention Business Meetings:

First Meeting: 20 June, 2014 at the Meadowview Marriott

Second Meeting: 21 June, 2014 at the Meadowview Marriott

President Rakes welcomed the new 2013 – 2014 officers and wished the luck in the future.

Reminded everyone of the 2013 – 2014 convention in Kingsport, TN 19 – 22 June, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 0945 hours with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

**The next meeting will be Sunday, September 8, 2013 at the
Martinsville Firefighters Cabin in Martinsville, Va. at 1:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis Whitt

Secretary

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