



# Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Convention Business Meeting June 21, 2014

*We Protect Southwest Virginia*

21 June, 2014

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Saturday, 21 June, 2014 at the Meadowview Conference Resort and Convention Center in Kingsport, TN. with 71 members present, representing 17 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 0904 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.

## **Reports:**

### **President:**

President Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone for attending the 2014 Convention
- Thanked everyone for the help with the memorial service
- Invited everyone to go see the vendors
- Recognized the past presidents in attendance

### **1st Vice President:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Morgan O'Quinn offered the following report:

- No Report (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **2nd Vice President:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bill Nunley offered the following report.

- No report (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **Treasurer:**

Treasure Billy Cook submitted the following report.

- Submitted the Treasure's report
- Motion made by Leon Reed and seconded by Chris Loan 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 Leon Reed and seconded by Billy Hanks to accept.
- **Motion voted and passed.**

### **Secretary:**

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- No Report (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **Asst. Secretary:**

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- No Report (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **Chaplin / Welfare:**

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Thanked Brian Horne and everyone involved with the memorial service for a good job.
- (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **Sgt. At Arms:**

Mavin Ogle offered the following report:

- No Report (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **Executive Committee:**

Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- No Report (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **Legislative Committee:**

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Welcomed everyone to the convention and thanked Christiansburg for their hard work
- Reviewed 2 legislative issues from 2013
  - ATL funding, baseline funding was increased from \$8,000 to \$10,000 for counties and up to \$20,000 for towns
  - Concerns about training and education
- At the Spring meeting in Dublin the association was asked to produce a list of 5 items that were of concern about training and education. This list was created and forwarded to the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association and the Virginia Department of Fire Programs
- Mike also recognized the representatives from the Virginia State Firefighters association
- He advised that one of the reasons that the 2014 convention was moved to the Kingsport location was to help create more interest in the association in this end of the state.
- The Fire Service Board wants to expand the number of meetings from 4 per year to 6 per year. This board has also expressed interest in possibly having one of these meetings at the southwest convention.
- The voice of the fire service has always been east of Richmond. This trend is beginning to change with the growth of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association. As the association grows so will our voice in the fire service in Virginia.

### **Membership Committee:**

Mr. Leon Reed offered the following report:

- The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association is one of the largest in the state.
- (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **Training Committee:**

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

- No Report (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **By-laws Committee:**

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No Report (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **Rules and Contest Committee:**

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- Captains meeting will be after this meeting
- Competition will be held on the golf course driving range at 1300 hours
- Timers are needed
- Please carpool to the contest if possible

### **Ways and Means Committee:**

Mr. Chris Loan offered the following report:

- 50/50 drawing
- Reminder of the \$1,500 Carnival Cruise gift card raffle tickets are still for sale

### **Scholarship Committee:**

Mr. Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- No Report (See 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Minutes)

### **Convention Committee:**

Mr. Barry Simmons and Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone for attending
- Encouraged everyone to go see the vendors
  - Billy Hanks recognized the members of the Convention Committee and thanked them for their hard work

### **Convention Committee:**

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

The Nomination Committee offered the following slate of officers for the 2014 – 2015 year:

- President – Mr. Morgan O’Quinn, Bristol Fire Department
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mr. Bill Nunley, Green Springs Fire Department
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Mr. Brian Hollins, Dublin 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. Potsie Smith, Christiansburg Fire Department
- Assistant Secretary – Mr. Mark Smith, Blacksburg Fire Department
- Sergeant at Arms – Mr. Joe Kingrea, Elliston Fire Department
- Convention Coordinator – Mr. Barry Simmons, Christiansburg Fire Department

There were two nominations from the floor for the office of Assistant Treasurer

Mr. Chris Lloyd of Abingdon Fire Department

Mr. Potsie Smith of Christiansburg Fire Department

Mr. Chris Lloyd was nominated by Morgan O’Quinn and seconded by Chris Loan

Mr. Potsie Smith was nominated by the Nomination Committee

Page Brockenbrough made a motion to accept the nominations with the exception of Assistant Treasurer by acclamation, motion seconded by Jeremy Williams, **Motion voted on and passed**

A roll call vote of the member departments present was conducted and the vote count was for Mr. Potsie Smith

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Kenny Hancock made a motion for the association to purchase a gavel for business meeting. The motion was made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by Jeremy Williams

**Motion voted and passed**

Virginia State Firefighters Association President Me. Larry Logan thanked everyone for their support

The 2014 – 2015 meeting schedule was set as follows:

The Fall Meeting: 14 September, 2014 at the Blacksburg Fire Department, Dublin, Va.

The Winter Meeting: 11 January, 2015 at the Pembroke Fire Department, Pembroke, Va.

The Spring Meeting: 12 April, 2015 at the Glade Spring Fire Department, Glade Spring, Va.

Convention Business Meetings:

First Meeting: 19 June, 2015 at the Meadowview Marriott

Second Meeting: 20 June, 2015 at the Meadowview Marriott

The meeting was adjourned at 1017 hours with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

**The next meeting will be Sunday, September 14, 2014 at the  
Blacksburg Fire Department in Blacksburg, Va. at 1:00 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis Whitt

Secretary

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