



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Quarterly Business Meeting April 6, 2014

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6 April, 2014

The Spring Quarterly Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 6 April, 2014 at the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department in Dublin, VA. with 33 members present, representing 13 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1300 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 Chief Ronnie McClure, the Dublin Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and the members of the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.

Chief David Hoback of Roanoke Fire and EMS was a guest of the association and spoke about training in Southwest Virginia.

Reports:

President:

President Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- No report

1st Vice President:

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

- No report

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Bill Nunley offered the following report.

- No report

Treasurer:

Treasure Billy Cook submitted the following report.

- Submitted the Treasure's report
- 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 Kenny Hancock and seconded by Page Brockenbrough to accept.
- **Motion voted and passed.**

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues invoices were mailed out at the end of January
- Convention registration packages have been mailed out
- Vendor packages were sent out by Andrew Whitt

Asst. Secretary:

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Convention registrations are coming in at this time

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Reported that the association has lost 2 members in the last quarter
 - Mr. Jack Slagle
 - Mr. Frank Martin of Floyd County
- Mr. Roy Redd had surgery on 3 April, 2014 and is doing well

Sgt. At Arms:

Mavin Ogle offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- Reminded everyone that the “Lifetime” and “Above and Beyond” awards are due by the end of this meeting

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Attended the Mid-Winter Conference
- There will be a ATL workshop in Richmond this Thursday
 - Additional workshops will be in Richmond and Roanoke in the future
 - Refer to the Department of Fire Programs website for future workshops
- Attended the Fire Board meeting
- Attended the Fire Council meeting
 - They are trying to get the Line of Duty Act back to the state to fund instead of the locality
 - ATL money has been raised from \$8,000 to \$10,000 and the baseline to \$20,000 for towns
 - In 2013 EMS calls made up 70% of the calls for service for fire departments
 - Only 3% of the calls for service were working fires
 - The fire Service Board has expressed interest in holding a meeting in conjunction with the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association convention in the future
- Mike Moles introduced Chief David Hoback of Roanoke Fire & EMS and President of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association who spoke about training in Southwest Virginia
 - He spoke about the fact that the Virginia State Firefighters Association, Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association and other organizations have gone to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs with concerns about training in Virginia
 - This has resulted in a Training and Professional Development Committee
 - This committee will be reinstated
 - The Fire Board has requested the state fund 6 meetings instead of 4 per year

- There are several issues that were discussed and training pre-requisites was a example of the concern brought to VDFP
- Chief Haoback asked this association for 5 suggestions to take back to the Fire Board. A copy of the letter submitted to Chief Hoback is attached to these minutes.
- He advised that NFPA dictates the number of hours for training for VDFP classes
 - Pro Board does not dictate the number of hours for training it is a accreditation standard
- If you have any suggestions for the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association please contact Chief Hoback

Membership Committee:

Mr. Steve Hall offered the following report:

- Advised that the association has 3 new members from Allegany County
 - Selma, Sharron and Dunlap fire departments
- Big Stone Gap fire Department has expressed interest in paying for 5 years at a time
- Weber City Fire Department has expressed interest in joining the association

Training Committee:

Mr. Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- There will be a Basic Pump Operations class in Blacksburg in May

By-laws Committee:

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- Adding Allegany County will require by-laws change.
- Third reading of the proposed by-laws change to add Allegany County.
 - Motion to accept the change made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by David Akers
 - **Motion passed**
- Proposed change:
 - **CURRENTLY READS:**
ARTICLE 1
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:

- Captains meeting will be after the 2nd business meeting
- Competition will be held on the golf course driving range
- Suggest that members bring pop up tents for the competition because there are no trees for shade at the competition location

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:

- We currently have 5 applications for the scholarship at this time
- Deadline for applications was 1 April, 2014

Convention Committee:

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

- Advised that the convention registration package is on line if needed
- The committee has a tentative schedule of events for the ladies at this years convention
 - A copy of the events flyer is attached to these minutes
- If you have any questions please Barry Simmons

Old Business

None

New Business

There was a request to donate \$250.00 to the Virginia State Fallen Firefighters Memorial

Motion made by Jeremy Williams and seconded by Andrew Whitt

Motion voted and passed

If you are interested in being an officer in the association please get your letter of support from your department to the Nomination Committee.

President Pottsie Smith appointed the following committees:

- Audit – Leon Reed, Frank Wright and Mike Moles
- Nomination - Page Brockenbrough, John Campbell and Billy Hanks
- Resolutions – Mike Stevens and Fred Linkous

The Claytor Lake Festival and Fire truck Munster will be at Claytor Lake State Park on 14 June, 2014

There was a lot of discussion about the 5 issues to be sent to Chief Hoback. See the attached letter for the issues the southwest submitted.

If you have a room list for the convention hotel please make sure it is turned in as soon as possible.

If you have raffle tickets out please make sure they are returned at the convention in June

The meeting was adjourned at 14:28 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

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

The next meeting will be Friday, June 20, 2014 at the MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center in Kingsport, TN. at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Curtis Whitt
Secretary
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Attachments:
Letter of Virginia Fire Chiefs Association
Ladies Activities Flyer