



**Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association**  
**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
**January 11, 2015**  
*We Protect Southwest Virginia*

11 January, 2015

The Winter Quarterly Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 11 January, 2015 at the Pembroke Volunteer Fire Department in Pembroke, VA. with 30 members present, representing 14 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 13:40 hours by President Morgan O`Quinn. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Morgan O`Quinn welcomed everyone in attendance. President O`Quinn also thanked the members of the Pembroke Volunteer Fire Department for lunch. He also recognized Pembroke Chief Chris Neice. Chief Neice welcomed everyone to Pembroke.

**Reports:**

**President:**

President O`Quinn offered the following report.

- Currently in the academy for a new job, was unable to make the September meeting because of this new job.
- Has been in contact with Chief Hoback of Roanoke City. There will be an Officer 101 class here in Southwest Virginia in the spring. Information will be sent out as it comes in.

**1st Vice President:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Nunley offered the following report.

- No report

**2nd Vice President:**

- No report

**Treasurer:**

Treasure Billy Cook offered the following report.

- The report for the September meeting was read.
- Motion to accept made by Page Brockenbrough and seconded by Potsie Smith
- **Motion voted and passed**
- The report for this meeting was read.
- Motion to accept made by Leon Reed and seconded by Mark Smith
- **Motion voted and passed**

**Asst. Treasurer:**

Asst. Treasure Potsie Smith offered the following report.

- Gave a report on the Convention account

**Secretary:**

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- The dues invoices will be sent out by the end of the month

- Our current website program is no longer being supported by the manufacture. We will need to upgrade the version of the current program or convert the site to a different program. The cost to make this change should stay under \$100.00 dollars.
- David Akers made a motion and second by Potsie Smith to do what is needed to keep the site current and up to date.

**Asst. Secretary:**

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- No Report

**Chaplin / Welfare:**

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- There were 4 deaths reported to him during the past quarter:
  - Mr. Charlie Haymore of Pulaski Fire Department
  - Mr. Sid Stigger of Pulaski Fire Department
  - Mr. Doug Wilson of Pulaski Fire Department
  - Mr. Jimmy Blount of Christiansburg Fire Department and Past President of the association
- Please keep the following in your prayers due to recent or current illnesses:
  - Mr. Jeff McCoy of LongShop McCoy Fire Department is in the hospital in Wake Forrest
  - Mr. Jimmy Williams of Christiansburg Fire Department recently had knee surgery and a heart attack and is recovering
  - Mr. Jimmy Epperly of Christiansburg Fire Department
- Kenny thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers and messages after his recent heart attack

**Sgt. At Arms:**

- No report

**Executive Committee:**

- No report

**Legislative Committee:**

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Recapped the September meeting about the request for support on legislation from Rocky Mount Fire Chief Charlie Robinson
  - Mike researched the information that was in the request
  - Mike re-read the request at this meeting
  - He also researched the legal documents associated with this case
- There was never a law suit from one firefighter against another firefighter
- Mike reported his findings back to the members present
  - The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association has not taken a stand for or against the proposed legislation
  - Mike has spoken with Chief Charlie Robinson on several occasions and advised him of his findings. Chief Robinson has told Mike that he appreciated the information.
- There are currently 2 bills that are being watched for the fire service at this time

- HB 1560 – This is to amend the weight limit ratings on bridges and culverts to held emergency services
- SB 845 – This bill deals with the Immunity Law in Virginia
- The Virginia Fire Service Board meeting was will held in Blacksburg on 8 November, 2014 at the Inn at Virginia Tech beginning at 0900 hours.
  - There was a social on Friday night, 7 November, 2014, for the members of the board, Past Presidents, current association officers and local representatives at 1800 hours at the South Endzone Club at Lane Stadium at Virginia Tech.
  - The representatives and members of the Virginia Fire Service Board were very impressed with the location and the hospitality of Southwest Virginia
  - Mike thanked the association and the members that made the social and meeting possible
- A lot of good things came out of this meeting:
  - The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association is now considered as a stake holder with the Virginia Fire Service Board
  - The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association will have our logo with a link posted on the VDFP website with a link to our association site
  - The members of the Virginia Fire Service Board has asked to return to Southwest Virginia for the November meeting
  - Mike has asked that the members think about a location for this meeting
  - One idea that was discussed is that the meeting be held in a fire department that will show the true spirit of the fire service in Southwest Virginia
- Please contact Mike or Curtis with any ideas

### **Membership Committee:**

Mr. Leon Reed and Mr. Steve Hall offered the following report:

- No Report

### **Training Committee:**

Mr. Andrew Whitt offered the following report on behalf of Mr. Roy Redd:

- Check VDFP site for upcoming schools

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

- No report

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

- No Report

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

Mr. Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Working on the 50/50 (\$60.00 to the winner)
- Chris Loan has asked if the association would be interested in another raffle for convention this year. Possibly a \$1,500.00 gift card to the winner to use at their location(s) of choice

### **Scholarship Committee:**

Mr. Jeff Saunders and Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- Scholarships are due by April 1, 2015
- The application is available on the association website

### **Convention Committee:**

Mr. Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- Advised that Curtis will be sending out a email to the members requesting the email addresses of the spouses or dates that will be attending the convention to make sure they are aware of all the events that will be offered to the ladies and to get any feedback or suggestions
- Barry asked that all members respond to this request

### **Old Business**

NONE

### **New Business**

Riner Fire Department Turkey and Oyster Dinner will be held at the Riner Elementary School on 7 February, 2015 from 1600 hours till 1900 hours

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$13.00 or \$15.00 at the door

The meeting was adjourned at 1419 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

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

**The next meeting will be Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the Glade Spring  
Fire Department in Glade Spring, VA. at 1:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Curtis Whitt  
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