



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association
Quarterly Business Meeting
September 14, 2014
We Protect Southwest Virginia

14 September, 2014

The Fall Quarterly Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 14 September, 2014 at the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department in Blacksburg, VA. with 26 members present, representing 8 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 13:06 hours by Past President Potsie Smith. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. Past President Potsie Smith of the Christiansburg Fire Department welcomed everyone in attendance. Past President Smith also thanked the members of the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department for lunch. He also recognized Blacksburg Assistance Chief Bobby Carner. Chief Carner welcomed everyone to Blacksburg.

Reports:

President:

- No report

1st Vice President:

- No report

2nd Vice President:

- No report

Treasurer:

Past President Smith gave an abbreviated 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:

- No report

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Website and Facebook are up to date
- Dues notices will be sent out in January 2015

Asst. Secretary:

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- All convention money has been turned in and accounted for.

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- No deaths that he is aware of for this quarter

Sgt. At Arms:

- No report

Executive Committee:

- No report

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- The Virginia Fire Service Board meeting will held in Blacksburg on 8 November, 2014 at the Inn at Virginia Tech beginning at 0900 hours.
- There will be a social on Friday night, 7 November, 2014, for the members of the board, Past Presidents, current association officers and local representatives beginning at 1800 hours at the South Endzone Club at Lane Stadium at Virginia Tech.
- The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association will be hosting this social and meeting.
- The travel restrictions on the Fire Service Board have been lifted.
- \$2,500 was requested to provide the meal for the Friday night social and refreshments for the Saturday morning meeting.
 - This money is to come out of the normal operating account
 - Motion was made by Potsie Smith and seconded by Leon Reed
 - **Motion voted on and passed**
- Flyers and reminders will be mailed out about this meeting
- 1 of the 5 items that the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association sent in a letter to the Fire Board was to look into dropping the Pro Board Certification.
 - It was decided at the Fire Board meeting to drop the Pro Board Certification

Membership Committee:

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

- Several members from Alleghany County attended convention.
- Several members from Selma Fire Department had registered for convention but could not attend due to work issues

Training Committee:

Mr. Nathan Brewbaker offered the following report for Mr. Roy Redd:

- The Wise school will be next weekend.
- Check VDFP site for upcoming schools.

By-laws Committee:

- No report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- Contest will be the same location as last year

Ways and Means Committee:

Mr. Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Working on the 50/50
- The association made \$1,600 on the Cruise Raffle at convention

Scholarship Committee:

Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- Awarded four scholarships at the 2014 convention.

Convention Committee:

Mr. Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- Thanked Potsie Smith and the Christiansburg Fire Department for the 2014 convention in Kingsport.
- It would help the Convention Committee if each department would sell at least 1 golf hole for the tournament
- We had 16 departments register for the 2014 convention
- We will be returning to Kingsport in 2015

Old Business

NONE

New Business

The Fire Chief from Rocky Mount, Chief Charlie Robinson, addressed the membership present.

- The 2010 loss of life in Rocky Mount was due to an accident.
- Chief Robinson has asked the association to endorse legislation about protection for volunteer firefighters and their families.
- There was a motion made by Mr. Roy Redd and seconded by Mr. Andrew Whitt to support this legislation pending research of the information.
 - Motion voted on and passed
- Mr. Mike Moles will be contacting Mr. David Bailey about this legislation and will let the secretary and/or the membership know of his findings.

The City of Martinsville is now has a ISO rating of 3

The meeting was adjourned at 1353 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

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

**The next meeting will be Sunday, January 11, 2015 at the Pembroke
Fire Department in Pembroke, VA. at 1:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,
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