



# Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Convention Business Meeting June 18, 2016

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The Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Saturday, 18 June, 2016 at the Meadowview Conference Resort and Convention Center in Kingsport, TN. with 73 members present, representing 15 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 0912 hours by President Bill Nunley. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Nunley welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. Mike Moles introduced the following special guest:

Melvin D. Carter Executive Director. Virginia Department of Fire Programs

- Mr. Carter addressed the members present
  - VDFP will support and attend future Southwest Association conference and association meetings
  - VDFP offers a conference and education grant
  - VDFP would like to have a 1 day summit with the association 2 times a year

President of the Virginia State Firefighters Association Larry Logan

- Addressed the members present and discussed the Virginia State Firefighters Association
- Invited members to stop by the VSFA booth in the vendor area for additional information

Virginia State Firefighters Association member Mr. Dickie Harris

Virginia State Firefighters Association member Mr. Charlie Singelton

## **Reports:**

### **President:**

President Nunley offered the following report.

- Thanked the members Green Spring Fire Department for their work helping with the convention.
- Thanked everyone for the great turnout at the Memorial Service.
- Reported on the convention training,
  - 🇺🇸 208.5 training hours with 139 people attending the classes
- Need help with competition (timers and judges).
- Reminded everyone to stop by and see the vendors and thank them for coming.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Brian Hollins offered the following report.

- Thanked the members of Green Spring Fire Department for their work on the convention

## **2nd Vice President:**

2nd Vice President Nathan Brewbaker offered the following report.

- Thanked the members in attendance at the conference
- Advised that the training went very good

## **Treasurer:**

Treasure Billy Cook offered the following report.

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read.
- Motion to accept made by Jeremy Williams and seconded by Potsie Smith
- **Motion voted and passed**

## **Asst. Treasurer:**

Asst. Treasure Potsie Smith offered the following report.

- Gave a report on the Convention account
- Motion to accept made by David Akers and seconded by Barry Simmons
- **Motion voted and passed**
- Requested that the books be audited at the September meeting

## **Secretary:**

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Advised that the association website has been changed due to a software issue and we are in the process of getting it set back up
- Training was a success and everyone appeared to like the new format

## **Asst. Secretary:**

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Thanked Green Spring Fire Department
- Thanked Amanda Henegar for her help with the convention
- Thanked everyone for having the registrations completed and sent in prior to the deadline.
- Advised that there were only a few late registrations

## **Chaplin / Welfare:**

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Thanked Horne Funeral Home for their continued support of the Memorial Service
- Thanked everyone that attended the Memorial Service and those that had a part in the service
- Reminded everyone of the Sunday Morning Departure Service

## **Sgt. At Arms:**

- No report

## **Executive Committee:**

Jeff Saunders offered the following report.

- Reported on the 501 c3 status for the association
  - Page Brockenbrough also reported on the 501 c3 process
- Advised that Curtis met with a lawyer from Blacksburg and he advised that the association should look at a Non-Stock Corporation status.

- A motion was made to proceed with the Non-Stock Corporation status by Potsie Smith and seconded by Todd Chrisley
  - **Motion voted and passed**
- **Southwest Scholarship Fund (Jeff Saunders)**
  - We need additional people on the Scholarship Committee
  - There was a discussion about setting a number of scholarships per year to be awarded, in the past there has never been a set number.
  - The discussion was based around 3 scholarships per year and increasing the amount to \$500.00 per scholarship.
  - The association will add to the current amounts given by VFIS and The Red Knights to bring them up to the \$500.00 level.
  - A motion to set the number of scholarships per year at 3 and the amount of \$500.00 per scholarship was made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by Mark Smith.
  - **Motion voted and passed**

### **Legislative Committee:**

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- The reports for this committee were covered by the guest speakers at the beginning of the meeting
- There are several house bills in the works and Mike will keep the membership up to date

### **Membership Committee:**

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- We are getting some departments back into the association that have not paid dues in several years and some new department
- A motion was made to have the association look into accepting credit cards for dues and registrations by John Linkous and seconded by Todd Chrisley
- **Motion voted and passed**
- Larry Logan advised he would help the association look into this

### **Training Committee:**

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

- The convention training went very well
- Introduced Michael Parris, the new VDFP Division 4 Chief
  - Mr. Parris addressed the members present
  - Advised that VDFP will start working with a 18 month calendar
  - VDFP will be sending out a training brochure in the near future
  - The convention training was a success and the classes have been entered into the VDFP system and certificates of attendance can be printed out.
- Larry Logan advised that the training schedule for the VSFA Convention is now on line

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

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

The following is the first reading of the purposed changes to the by-laws

- **APRICLE 1 Article 1 Name and Purpose Section 1** currently reads
  - The name of this Association shall be "The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Incorporated"

- **Article 1 Name and Purpose Section 1** changed to read
  - The name of this Association shall be "The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association"
- **Article 3 Officers and Executive Committee Section 2** currently reads
  - The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past President and four (4) members appointed by the President.
- **Article 3 Officers and Executive Committee Section 2** proposed
  - The Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the President.

Changes recommended by the By-Laws Committee - 2nd by Mike Hutchison, motion carried - the second and third readings shall take place at the September and January Meetings.

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

Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- Contest will be on the Golf Course Driving Range same as last year
- Captain's meeting will be after the business meeting
- Thanked Mark Bowery and VFIS Insurance for sponsoring the contests
- Need additional timers

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

- Doing a 50/50 during the meeting
- \$131.00 to the winner (Roy Redd)

### **Scholarship Committee:**

Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- The association will give out 3 scholarships this year
- 1 sponsored by the Red Knights, 1 sponsored by J. Mark Bowery Insurance and 1 sponsored by the association
- The application on line will be revised to reflect the changes as stated in the Executive Committee report.

### **Convention Committee:**

Bill Nunley offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone on the Convention Committee
- Thanked Amanda Henegar for her hard work with the committee and Green Spring Fire Department

Barry Simmons offered the following report

- A lot of the vendors have said they will be returning to the convention next year in Roanoke
- Working on a room block at the hotel for next year's convention
- The 2017 convention will be 15-17 June, 2017 in Roanoke
- Thanked everyone for their help with the convention
- Asked that the members stop by and see the vendors and thank them for being at the convention, especially the t-shirt vendor.

## *Old Business*

- ✓ We will have metals for the kids that compete in the contest this year

## *New Business*

Audit Committee:

Mr. Leon Reed offered the following report about the Treasure's books:

- The books are in order

There was discussion about purchasing the Treasure a laptop and needed software to maintain the association books.

- Motion to purchase the laptop and software was made by Jeremy Williams and seconded by Derek Thompson
- **Motion Voted and Passed**

The 2016 – 2017 meeting schedule was set as follows:

The Fall Meeting: 25 September, 2016 at the Christiansburg Fire Department, Christiansburg, Va.

The Winter Meeting: 15 January, 2017 at the Selma Fire Department, Selma, Va.

The Spring Meeting: 9 April, 2017 at the Dublin Fire Department, Dublin, Va.

Convention Business Meeting: 17 June, 2017 at the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center

David Akers:

- Reminded everyone of the lunch with the vendors after the meeting

The Nomination Committee offered the following slate of officers for the 2016 – 2017 year:

- President – Mr. Brian Hollins, Dublin Fire Department
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mr. Nathan Brewbaker, Christiansburg Fire Department
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Ms. Brenda Hankins, Martinsville 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. Andrew Whitt, Dublin Fire Department
  - Convention Coordinator – Mr. Jeff Saunders, Dublin Fire Department
- Motion made to accept the slate of officers was made by Donnie Reed and seconded by Jeremy Williams
    - **Motion Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 1050 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

**Thanks to the members of the Green Spring Volunteer Fire  
Department for the work hosting the convention**

**The next meeting will be Sunday, September 25, 2015 at  
Christiansburg Vol. Fire Department in Christiansburg, Va. at 1100  
hours**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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