



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association
Winter Business Meeting
January 14, 2018
We Protect Southwest Virginia

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The Winter Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 14 January, 2018 at the Newport Volunteer Fire Department in Newport, VA with 30 members present, representing 12 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1320 hours by 1st Vice President Brenda Hankins. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. 1st Vice President Brenda Hankins welcomed everyone in attendance and recognized Newport Fire Chief John Winters and thanked the members of the fire department for the hospitality.

Reports:

President:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report for President Brewbaker

- Greetings from Key West. I will hopefully be done and back to the hotel room by 1pm and I can try to call you for teleconference (speaker phone), if you think that will work, I'm not sure how it will go over with everyone but I'm willing to try. If not, I wanted to go ahead and give you a report from me.
- Thank you to everyone in attendance. I apologize for my absence .I wanted to discuss the progress on the 501c3. If you want to discuss that in your report or this one, your call.
- I also want to remind Potsie and/or Robbie that we need to meet with an accountant. Planning for the convention is progressing.
- I am looking at some different topics for training. If anyone has any topic suggestions please let me know. We are planning to do training as we have the past couple years. But, I want to make sure we have topics that people want and will attend.
- As always, if anyone needs anything, please feel free to contact me.

1st Vice President:

1st Vice President Brenda Hankins offered the following report.

- No Report

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Andrew Whitt offered the following report.

- No Report

Treasurer:

Treasure Robbie Kiser offered the following report.

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read.
- Motion to accept made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by Page Brockenbrough
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Asst. Treasurer:

- No Report

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues notices have been sent out
- Convention registration packages and vendor packages are pending the convention committee approval and will be sent out soon
- Training flyer for convention will be sent out with the registration packages and all information will be posted on the association website and Facebook site
- The website is current

Asst. Secretary:

Asst. Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- We are currently having a problem collecting from a vendor from the 2017 convention
 - Kenny Hancock suggested to close the books out and show it as a loss
- The 2018 Vendor packages should be sent out within the next few weeks

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Advised that we lost the following members this past quarter
 - Mr. Robert "Bob" Carner of LongShop McCoy Fire Department (Founding Member)
 - Mr. Sam Lucas of Pembroke Fire Department
 - Mr. Joe Pack from Riner Fire Department
 - Mrs. Debbie Linkous from Christiansburg Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
- Asked that the membership keep those that are sick in your thoughts and prayers

Sgt. At Arms:

- No report

Executive Committee:

- No Report

Legislative Committee:

- No Report

Membership Committee:

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- Working on membership zones

Training Committee:

Lawrence Keffer offered the following report on behalf of Mr. Roy Redd:

- Check the VDFP site for upcoming training opportunities

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- Waiting on some additional information from the association attorney

Rules and Contest Committee:

Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- Asked members to be ready to begin the contest at 1300 hours
- If you are interested in becoming the Chairman of the Rules and Contest Committee in 2019 please contact 1st Vice President Brenda Hankins

Ways and Means Committee:

- No Report

Scholarship Committee:

Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- Scholarship applications are due 1 April, 2018
- The application and instructions are on the association website
- Encourage people to apply
- We are looking for sponsors for the scholarships

Convention Committee:

- The committee is working on the 2018 convention

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Above and Beyond nominations need to be turned into Page by 1 April, 2018

Life membership nominations need to be turned into Jeff Saunders by 1 April, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 1340 hours with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

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

The next meeting will be Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Christiansburg Vol. Fire Department in Christiansburg, Va. at 1300 hours

Respectfully Submitted,
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