



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association
Fall Business Meeting
September 30, 2018
We Protect Southwest Virginia

30 September, 2018

The Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 30 September, 2018 at Blacksburg Fire Department Station 3 with 29 members present, representing 13 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1301 hours by President Andrew Whitt. The invocation was given by Mr. Page Brockenbrough of the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department. President Whitt welcomed everyone in attendance.

President welcomed the following guest and allowed them to address the membership:

Chief Bobby Carner of Blacksburg Fire Department

- Chief Carner welcomed everyone and advised if you need anything to contact him or a member of his department
- Chief Carner recognized Capt. Mike Linkous

Reports:

President:

President Whitt offered the following report.

- Thanked the members of Blacksburg Fire Department for hosting the meeting and providing lunch
- Working on the 2019 Convention

1st Vice President:

1st President Bill Nunley offered the following report

- No report / not present

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Todd Chrisley offered the following report.

- Thanked Blacksburg Fire Department for hosting the meeting

Treasurer:

Treasure Robbie Kiser offered the following report.

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read.
- Motion to accept made by David Akers and seconded by Mark Smith
- **Motion voted and passed**

Asst. Treasurer:

Asst. Treasure Potsie Smith offered the following report.

- No report

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- The 501 c 3 project is completed
- Working with the Convention Committee to get the member and Convention registrations sent out before the 1st of the year

Asst. Secretary:

Assistant Secretary Dereck Thompson / Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Convention report was given
- Will be working with Derek Thompson for the changeover in Mark's position as Assistant Secretary

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- N/R
- Curtis asked the membership to keep the following in their prayers
 - Firefighter Zach Duncan of Riner Fire Department, Zach lost his father the week before the meeting
 - Firefighter Roy Wall of Dublin Volunteer Fire Department who experienced a medical issue this week

Sgt. At Arms:

Sgt. At Arms Mark Smith offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

David Akers offered the following report.

- No Report

Legislative Committee:

David Akers offered the following report:

- HB1224 is a bill addressing places of assembly that are also agricultural operations.
 - This is addressing places that are being used as Wedding Venues, Brewery's and Event Venues that are not required to meet the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.
 - As a result these venues are not inspected by localities or the State Fire Marshal's office
 - Often these locations do not have the appropriate number of exits, panic hardware on exit doors, exit signs and emergency lighting as well as other items addressed in the VSFPC.
- There will be additional information provided at the Winter meeting

Membership Committee:

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- Still working on the membership drive information

Training Committee:

Roy Redd offered the following report:

- No Report

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- Provided the first reading of the proposed By-Laws change to reflect the changes needed for the 501 c 3 status of the association
 - Motion to accept the first reading was made by Leon Reed and seconded by Nathan Brewbaker
 - **Motion passed**
- See the attached
- The second reading of the By-Laws changes will be done at the Winter meeting

Rules and Contest Committee:

Billy Cook offered the following report:

- Will work with the other members of the committee to make the transition from Danny Yopp

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Doing a 50/50 during the meeting, a little over \$61.00 to the winner

Scholarship Committee:

Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- No Report

Convention Committee:

Jeremy Williams offered the following report:

- Has met with the Convention Committee and reviewed the 2018 convention
- All bills have been paid for the 2018 convention
- The committee is continue to work on the 2019 convention

Old Business

- The proposed funding for the Wise Regional School did not happen due to communication issues
- If you want to take the Southwest trailer to an event or parade contact Dublin Fire Department or President Whitt
- Room block numbers for the 2019 convention in Kingsport, TN need to be sent to Barry Simmons if you have not already done so
- There are several fire prevention parades in the area coming up, see the website for a list of parades and times
- Danny Yopp commented that no one from the association was at the Wise Regional School to address the students in attendance
 - President Whitt advised he would contact Division Chief Mike Parris
- Mr. Jim Talley of Marion Fire Department asked if there was information about the association that can be given out to non-members
 - He was advised that the Membership Committee is working on this

New Business

The list of the 2018-2019 committee list will be posted on the website in the near future

Jeremy Williams invited everyone to the Christiansburg Fire Prevention Parade on 2 October, 2018 in Christiansburg. He also advised that Blacksburg Fire Department Capt. Mike Linkous will be the 2018 Grand Marshall for this year's parade

Jeremy made a motion that the association percentage of the 50/50 drawing money be given to Capt. Mike Linkous to assist in any way need with medical expenses.

The motion was seconded by everyone in attendance and passed.

The winning member's portion of the 50/50 was also give to Capt. Linkous for a total donation of \$122.00

The meeting was adjourned at 1405 hours with Mr. Page Brockenbrough 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 6, 2019 at the Pulaski EOC
Building at 89 Commerce Street in Pulaski, Va. at 1300 hours**

Respectfully Submitted,
Curtis Whitt
Secretary
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