



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association
Fall Business Meeting
6 January, 2019
We Protect Southwest Virginia

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The Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 6 January 2019 at Pulaski Fire Department with 33 members present, representing 14 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1301 hours by 2nd Vice President Todd Chrisley. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. 2nd Vice President Chrisley welcomed everyone in attendance.

2nd Vice President Chrisley asked for all Past Presidents to stand and be recognized, there are 13 present.

Reports:

President:

Andrew Whitt was unable to attend due to work schedule but sent the following report

- Association pamphlet is coming along and should be finished shortly.
- Anyone who can help sell golf hole sponsorships will be greatly appreciated. Get with myself or Curtis for the letter and/or the tax form for sponsor.
- Still need door prizes if anyone can assist with that. Again see myself or Curtis for the letter and/or the tax form.
- Working on the 2019 Convention

1st Vice President:

Bill Nunley offered the following report

- Was unable to attend due to work schedule

2nd Vice President:

Todd Chrisley offered the following report.

- Thanked Pulaski Fire Department for hosting the meeting
- Reminded the members of the Fire Rescue Conference that will be held in Virginia Beach, 20-24 February, 2019
- The FDIC Conference will be April 8 - 13, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana

Treasurer:

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 Kenny Hancock
- **Motion voted and passed**

Asst. Treasurer:

Potsie Smith offered the following report.

- Was unable to attend but asked to have the books audited at the April meeting

Secretary:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Convention vendor packages have been sent to Mark and Derek
- Convention registration packages will be sent to the printers this week and mailed out next week
- Dues notices will be sent out with the convention registration packages
- The Convention registration package and individual pages are on the association website

Asst. Secretary:

Derek Thompson offered the following report:

- Vendor packages have been emailed out

Chaplin / Welfare:

Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

Since the convention we have lost the following members:

- Firefighter Roy Rogers Meadows – Green Springs
- Firefighter Mike Hall – Pulaski Fire Department
- Firefighter Bobby Camble – Twin Community Fire Department
- Firefighter Roy Redd – Christiansburg Fire Department
- Firefighter Archie Midkiff – Hillsville Fire Department

The membership asked that the following member's be kept in your thoughts and prayers:

- Firefighter Lee Cochran – Christiansburg Fire Department
- Captain Mike Linkous – Blacksburg Fire Department
- Retired Chief Jimmy Epperly – Christiansburg Fire Department
- Firefighter Jimmy Williams – Christiansburg Fire Department
- Firefighter Buck Stevens – Dublin Fire Department
- And any other members that are sick

Sgt. At Arms:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Is working with the Assistant Secretary getting the vendor packs sent out

Executive Committee:

David Akers offered the following report.

- No Report

Legislative Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- The 116th Legislative session started last week
- There is a hot topic for the fire service that will be addressed in this session
 - Agritourism and safety for these venues is a big issue of concern for the fire service
 - There are concerns from the fire service because many of these venues do not have to meet the fire prevention codes
 - The fire prevention organizations are trying to get educational information out to these venues
 - The Virginia stake holders are trying to send a common message about safety and concerns about these venues
 - Fire Prevention Inspectors have no jurisdiction to inspect these venues

Membership Committee:

Leon Reed was unable to attend:

- President Whitt advised the membership flyer was in progress and working with the committee on this.

Training Committee:

Forest Redd offered the following report:

- President Whitt asked Mr. Forest Redd to be the new chair of this committee.
- Mr. Redd asked Mike Parris with VDFP to offer a report about training:
 - VDFP is working on a on-line training calendar
 - VDFP forgot to send out the needs assessment surveys for the upcoming year
 - If you want a class in your area you need to submit a school request to the VDFP Division office
 - The VDFP division offices are currently being moved around to new locations
 - VDFP has a weekly newsletter that comes out via email and this is a great way to learn about upcoming classes and VDFP events and news
 - If you are currently registered in the VDFP training system (FSTRS) with a current email address you should be receiving this newsletter
 - If you are not receiving this newsletter then update your information in your FSTRS profile
 - There have been several classes in the southwest that have been cancelled due to lack of attendance
 - These classes are being cancelled due to the lack of attendance because of the cost to VDFP. The minimum for a funded class is 12 people.
 - There have been several classes in Division 4 that have been cancelled due to lack of attendance
 - The bottom line is this
 - IF YOU SIGN UP, SHOW UP
- If a department wants to run a non-funded class there is no limit on the number of students, VDFP will assist as needed
- The more non-funded basic firefighter classes that can be taught the more training money there will be for VDFP to offer additional classes
- VDFP recognized Smyth County for holding a volunteer academy to get the members of this county the fire training they need

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- Provided the second 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 the By-Laws Committee and seconded by Jeremy Williams
 - **Motion passed**
- See the attached
- The third and final reading of the By-Laws changes will be done at the Spring meeting

Rules and Contest Committee:

Billy Cook offered the following report:

- Everything is on course for the 2019 convention.

- Any questions contact Billy or Mike Moles

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Doing a 50/50 during the meeting, \$152 collected

Scholarship Committee:

Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- The scholarship deadline has passed with no submissions.
- He asked that the deadline be extended to 30 April, 2019
- The application and eligibility requirements need to be reviewed and reprinted
 - The revised information will be posted on the association website and Facebook page

Convention Committee:

Jeremy Williams offered the following report:

- President Whitt is working on the convention and will have more information to share with the committee
- The committee will start meeting once a month
- If you would like to assist with the convention please contact someone on the committee
- If you could help sell golf hole sponsors please do so, please see the attached golf hole sponsorship letter
- If you could help with door prizes please contact the committee

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1420 hours with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

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

**The next meeting will be Sunday, April 14, 2019 at the Martinsville Fireman's Cabin in Martinsville at 1300 hours
See the attached directions**

Respectfully Submitted,
Curtis Whitt
Secretary
Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association
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Recommended proposed changes in the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Constitution and By-Laws required by 501c3 accreditation.

Existing in italics Proposed changes **from in red** with changes **to in black**

Changing only the words **Executive Committee** to Board of Directors

CONSTITUTION

Article 3 Section 2 / Section 3 (3 times) / Section 5 / Section 8 / Section 15

Article 4 Section 4

BY-LAWS

Article 1 Membership Section 2 & Section 3

ARTICLE 3 Dues Section 1

ARTICLE 4 Committees Section 1 (2 times) / & Section 2 (2times)

Change Sections of the Constitution and By-Laws

CONSTITUTION

Article 3 Officers and *Executive Committee* Board of Directors

Section 2. *The Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the President.*

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members elected at the regular meeting of the Association held in June of each year. Board of Director members may succeed themselves in office. The Board of Directors shall keep minutes of any Board of Directors meetings and provide a copy to the association Secretary to be included in the Association records.

BY-LAWS

Article 5 Expenditures of the Association

Section 1. The members at a regular meeting, with the exception of the following, shall approve all expenditures made by the Association:

(a) The Association shall reimburse a Department or Company its expenses in hosting a regular meeting, not to exceed the sum of \$125.00.

(b) *The Secretary and the Treasurer shall each be compensated by the Association the sum of \$50.00 per year for services rendered.*

(c) *Salary to be paid at the Convention.*

Proposed to delete sub section (b) and (c) No one can remember the last time either Office accepted the compensation and the 1023EZ form (pg2) #6 pay compensation to any Officers is checked NO



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association

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Golf Hole Sponsorship

The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association is requesting your help.

The purpose of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association is to represent all firefighters, career and volunteer, throughout Southwest Virginia. The association works to get firefighter training in southwest Virginia. It is through this training we become stronger and more proficient in our skills and abilities to protect our communities and neighbors. Training also keeps us healthier and safer as an organization. The association also sees that firefighters are represented on both the state and federal levels, through our lobbyist and state representatives.

This request will give you, your business or organization the opportunity to show your support for the firefighters of southwest Virginia. Every June the association hosts an annual convention that includes training and golf tournament. We are asking for your support by sponsoring a golf hole at this year's golf tournament. This will be a great way to show your support. The sponsors will be recognized in the convention program book and a sign will be placed at a hole that you help sponsor. The cost for a hole sponsorship is \$100.00.

Again thanks for your support of the firefighters of southwest Virginia.

Sincerely,

Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association

Directions to the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Company's Fireman's Cabin

If you are coming from:

US 220N (from Roanoke) – At the US 220 By – Pass take the 220 South Business Collinsville / Martinsville Exit - SEE ***

Route 8 (from Christiansburg & I 81) – take Rt. 57 towards Fairystone Park and Bassett- this turn off will be between Woolwine and Stuart.

Follow Rt. 57 through the US 220 By – Pass staying on US 220 Business & Rt. 57 - SEE ***

Route 58 (from Hillsville & I 77) – take the US 220 By-Pass North towards Roanoke for approximately 6 miles to the US 220 Business Collinsville / Martinsville Exit - SEE ***

*** From the US 220 Collinsville/Martinsville Exit - stay on 220/Rt 57 Business (also known as Virginia Ave) at the 1st Stop Light

Turn left on Kings Mountain Road (Rt. 174) - go to the 3rd Stop Light

Turn left on College Dr Continue on College Drive approximately 1 mile

Turn left on Redskin Dr go approximately 100 feet

Turn right on to gravel road go through gate which will be marked - follow gravel road through another gate and across dam spillway (may be running water) continue on gravel road to CABIN (gravel road Redskin to Cabin about a mile)

NO TELEPHONE AT CABIN (WE RELY ON CELL PHONES)

The phone number at the Fire Station is 276-403-5325