



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association

Fall Business Meeting

September 15, 2019

We Protect Southwest Virginia

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The Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 15 September, 2019 at Christiansburg Fire Department with 26 members present, representing 13 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1307 hours by President Bill Nunley. The invocation was given by Chaplain Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Nunley welcomed everyone in attendance.

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

Chief Billy Hanks of Christiansburg Fire Department

- Chief Hanks welcomed everyone and advised if you need anything to contact him or a member of his department
- Chief Hanks thanked everyone for the calls and messages of support over the past several months with the recent losses within Christiansburg Fire Department

Virginia State Firefighters Association Past President Jimmy Byer

- Past President Byer advised if you need anything from the State Firefighters Association please contact him or President Ken Brown

Reports:

President:

President Nunley offered the following report.

- Thanked the members of Christiansburg Fire Department for hosting the meeting and providing lunch
- Working on the 2020 Convention

1st Vice President:

1st President Todd Chrisley offered the following report

- Thanked everyone for attending
- Thanked Mike Moles for help with the Wise School

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Mark Smith offered the following report.

- Advised that the Twitter page is coming along
- Thanked Mike Moles for helping get the association information out at the Wise Regional School

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 Kenny Hancock
- **Motion voted and passed**

Asst. Treasurer:

Asst. Treasure Potsie Smith offered the following report.

- Assistant Treasurer's report for the convention was read.
- Motion to accept made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by Danny Yopp
- **Motion voted and passed**

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Working with Mark Smith on the social media for the association
- 2020-2021 dues will be sent out at the first of the year

Asst. Secretary:

Mark Smith offered the following report for Dereck Thompson:

- The 2019 convention workbook has been completed

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Please keep the members of the association that have experienced loss or illness in your thoughts and prayers
- The association lost the following members in the last quarter:
 - Mr. Paul Altizer – Riner Fire Department
 - James “Jimmy” Williams – Riner Fire Department
 - Asst. Chief Mike Linkous – Blacksburg Fire Department
 - Phyllis Williams – Christiansburg Ladies Auxiliary
 - Firefighter Brian Horne – Christiansburg Fire Department
 - Mason Snider – Pembroke Fire Department
 - Sonny Dalton – Fairlawn Fire Department
 - F. H. “Tater” Anderson – Galax Fire Department

Sgt. At Arms:

Sgt. At Arms Roy Wall offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

David Akers offered the following report.

- Helped work on the tri-fold brochures, pull up banners to have them made for the association
- Thanked Mike Moles, President Nunley and his wife for representing the association at the Wise Regional School and for talking with the different departments that were in attendance
- The Board of Directors met after the convention business meeting and discussed moving the association membership forward
- Thanked VSFA Past President Byer for his support of the Southwest during his term as President
- If you would like to take brochures to a fire prevention parade see David or Mike to get some

Legislative Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- The legislative summit was this past week

- More information will be coming out soon

Membership Committee:

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- Thanked Mike and David for working on the membership brochure
- This brochure will serve as a roadmap for the association when talking with others about the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association

Mike Moles reported

- Thanked the membership for the support getting the brochures and pull up banners produced
- Thanked Mark Bowery for the donation of the art work for the brochures and banners
- The Southwest wants to keep in touch with the Wise Regional School to part of the 2020 school
- Wise County representatives have requested a meeting with the Southwest Association representative and Mark Bowery with VFIS
- There were 3 items that were brought back to the association from the Wise school
 - This was a excellent opportunity to make connections with members of departments from far Southwest Virginia
 - Atlantic Emergency Solutions offered to sponsor a training at the 2020 convention for the membership. This will be a extrication training that will be limited to 2 classes of 10 participants each. Atlantic would provide all tools and vehicles for this training
 - The Firestore and TFT would like to offer a nozzle and hose demonstration and training at the 2020 convention

President Nunley

- Would like to see a certification class offered at the 2020 convention
 - Would like to offer a Surface Water I & II class at the 2020 convention

Curtis Whitt

- Asked if the association would consider offering a “Scholarship” or “Training Grant” to be offered to departments that cannot afford to send members to the annual convention for training and lodging as another incentive to get new members involved
- Curtis will write up a proposed guideline

Training Committee:

Forest Redd offered the following report:

- No Report

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No new business at this time

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- No Report

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Doing a 50/50 during the meeting, \$59.00 to the winner

Scholarship Committee:

Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- 1 scholarship application has been received at this time for the 2020 convention

Convention Committee:

Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- The date for the 2020 convention will be 18-21 June, 2020 in Kingsport, TN
- A save the date flyer will be sent out soon
- Next time you are at the Marriott in Kingsport please take a minute to thank the hotel staff for their support and hospitality for the Southwest Association
- Anything that you like to see done different or changed, questions or comments please contact the Convention Committee

Old Business

None at this time

New Business

Smyth County Fire / Rescue will be offering a fire academy that will begin after the first of the year and end before Memorial Day. This will be opened to member of the counties that surround Smyth County and will information will be available on the Smyth County Fire/Rescue Facebook page.

There was a great deal of discussion about the training at the convention. Should this training be offered to anyone for free or should members of departments be asked to pay the convention registration.

A motion was made by David Akers and seconded by Jim Talley that reads as follows:

To offer the 2020 convention training, vendor sponsored training, VDFP certification training and association sponsored 4 hour training. This will be offered as a free training and conference package that will include the conference registration for all to the benefits of the convention. The free training offer will NOT include the Friday Night Vendor Social, Saturday Vendors Lunch or Saturday Night Dinner and Awards.

Motion voted on and passed

Curtis advised that he is in the process of putting all of the association minutes, programs and other documents in a digital format and has asked to purchase a program to create PDF flip books for the website.

Motion to purchase this program was made by David Akers and seconded by Mike Moles to purchase this program.

Motion voted on and passed

Meeting was adjourned at 1505 hours with a closing prayer by Kenny Hancock

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

**The next meeting will be Sunday, January 19, 2020 at the Green
Spring Volunteer Fire Department at 22623 Green Spring Church Rd.
in Green Spring, Va. at 1300 hours**

Respectfully Submitted,
Curtis Whitt
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