



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Spring Business Meeting 18 April, 2021 *We Protect Southwest Virginia*

The Spring Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 18 April, 2021 at the Montgomery County Fire Training Center in Merrimac Va. with 17 members present, representing 9 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1325 hours by President Todd Chrisley. The invocation was given by Page Brockenbrough of the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department. President Chrisley welcomed everyone in attendance.

Reports:

President:

President Chrisley offered the following report.

- Recognized Virginia Department of Fire Programs Division Chief and association Past President Dennis Price
- Recognized Mr. Phillip Nelson, Region 3 Team Leader with NAFECO.
 - Mr. Phillips advised he is the team leader for sales in VA, NC and SC
- Thanked Blacksburg Fire Department for providing lunch for the meeting
- Convention is on track for June

1st Vice President:

1st President Mark Smith offered the following report

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Looking forward to the 2022 convention
 - 2022 will be the 100 year anniversary of Blacksburg Fire Department

2nd Vice President:

- No Report

Treasurer:

Treasure Robbie Kiser offered the following report

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read and shared with everyone.
- Motion to accept made by David Akers and seconded by Potsie Smith
 - **Motion voted and passed**
- Blacksburg Fire Department donated lunch for this meeting

Asst. Treasurer:

Asst. Treasure Potsie Smith offered the following report.

- The report was presented
- Motion to accept made by Jeremy Williams and seconded by David Akers
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Convention packages have been mailed out
- Convention information is posted online at www.swvafirefighters.com/2021-convention-information/

Asst. Secretary:

Position is currently vacant.

Chaplin / Welfare:

- No Report

Sgt. At Arms:

- No Report

Board of Directors:

David Akers offered the following report.

- No Report at this time

Legislative Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report.

- There was a book sent to the legislators with the items that the stakeholders were wanting to be passed by the legislators
 - 90% of the fire related bills were left on the table for the next session
- VDFP has switched to Cornerstone for training records
 - Chief Dennis Price commented on this change over
 - Some information did not transfer over from the FSTRS system
 - One of the programs that was discussed is the FF1 online, this can still be done but should be done with the Jones & Bartlett navigator online
- Members should have uploaded their transcripts from the FSTRS system and uploaded to your Cornerstone account.
 - If this has not been done you can contact your VDFP Division Office and request a PDF copy of your transcript

Membership Committee:

- No Report

Training Committee:

President Todd Chrisley presented the following report

- Working on training classes for convention
 - A training flyer will be sent by email and posted on the association socials
- Has requested assistance from VDFP with classes
 - VDFP is sending a out of state request to Glen Allen for approval
- The following classes are tentatively lined up at this time:
 - Nozzle demo / training presented by The Firestore

- Air Track Management presented by Martinsville Fire Department
- Chief Price advised everyone to check and update your information in Cornerstone

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No new business at the time of this meeting.

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- The 2021 Contest will be held at 2000 hours, after the banquet, on the golf course driving range (same place as 2019 competition)
 - Trophies will be presented after each competition
 - There will be tailgate or department space decorating competition
 - In the event of rain the competition will be held inside

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- \$95 collected on the 50/50 with \$48 to the winner

Scholarship Committee:

Curtis Whitt for Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- Currently has 2 application turned in at this time
- Information is posted on the association site at www.swvafirefighters.com/scholarships/
- Reminder that the 2020-2021 applications are due by 30 April, 2021

Convention Committee:

Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- Please turn in your room list to the hotel as soon as possible
- The convention information is on line at the association website at www.swvafirefighters.com/2021-convention-information/
- The host hotel is good to go for the convention at this time
 - The hotel restaurant is open, the hotel bar is not open at this time
- At this time the Saturday night banquet will be plated dinner
- The association needs to be thinking of a new Convention Committee Chairman because Barry's term is over this year
- Unique Memories & Gifts will be doing a Paint Event at this year's convention. If you are interested, please sign up on line and complete the registration form
- There will be a band at the Friday Night Social
- The Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday starting at 1200 hours
- The association will be raffling off (2) TV's at this years convention

- Motion by Jeremy Williams seconded by Potsie Smith to purchase 2 TV's for the raffle.
 - **Motion voted on and passed**
- Members are encouraged to sell golf hole sponsorships

Old Business

Lifetime Membership nominations need to be turned in to anyone of the Past Presidents by the end on April

Above and Beyond nominations are to be turned into Page by the end of April

The association needs to recognize the mothers and spouses of its members at the Saturday night banquet

Any Memorials for the 2021 service need to be turned into Craig Helvey as soon as possible

- This will include any memorial recognitions from May 2019 thru April 2021

New Business

Martin Keffer

The Past President badges has been donated by Martin Keffer and his business, Keffer Enterprises, for the past 49 years.

Martin advised that he will not be able to continue this donation in the future. Mr. Keffer was thanked for his donations in the past

The following committees were set at this meeting:

Audit Committee

Leon Reed – Martinsville
 Frank Wright – Christiansburg
 Mike Moles – Riner

Resolutions Committee

Jeremy Williams – Christiansburg
 Mike Stevens – Abingdon
 Forest Redd – Christiansburg

Nomination Committee

Billy Hanks – Christiansburg
 Craig Helvey – Elliston
 Lawrence Keffer - Salem

- Meeting was adjourned at 1425 hours with the closing prayer by Page Brockenbrough

**Thank you to Blcksburg and Christiansburg Fire Departments for
 hosting the Spring Meeting**

**The next meeting will be Saturday, 18 April, 2021 at the 2021
Convention starting at 0900 hours**

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis Whitt
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