



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Convention Business Meeting June 19, 2021

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The Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Saturday, 19 June, 2021 at the Meadowview Conference Resort and Convention Center in Kingsport, TN. with 75 members present, representing 17 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 0925 hours by President Todd Chrisley. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Chrisley welcomed everyone in attendance.

President Chrisley welcomed Ken Brown, President of the Virginia State Firefighters Association

- President Brown addressed the members and complimented the association on the success of our conference.
- He reminded everyone of the Virginia State Firefighters Association conference in Va. Beach, 22-25 September, 2021.

President Chrisley welcomed Division Chief Michael Parris of Virginia Department of Fire Programs

- Chief Parris addressed the members.

Reports:

President:

Todd Chrisley offered the following report.

- Thanked everyone for their attendance and participation at the conference

1st Vice President:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Thanked President Chrisley and the members of Christiansburg Fire Department for their hard work putting on a successful convention
- His focus during his term as President will be on training. To work to get certification training at the conference and more training for the departments of Southwest Virginia

2nd Vice President:

Roy Wall offered the following report.

- No Report

Treasurer:

Robbie Kiser offered the following report.

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

Asst. Treasurer:

Potsie Smith offered the following report.

- Gave a report on the Convention account
- Motion to accept made by Jeremy Williams and seconded by Pete Haslip
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Secretary:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone for attending

Asst. Secretary:

1st Vice President Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone for getting their registrations in on time. This made the entire process run smooth

Chaplin / Welfare:

Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone that attended the Memorial Service and those that had a part in the service
- Thanked Craig Helvey and Horne Funeral Home for their support of Memorial Service
- Reminded everyone of the Sunday Morning Departure Service
- There were no deaths reported during the last quarter

Sgt. At Arms:

- No report

Board of Directors:

David Akers offered the following report.

- No report

Legislative Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Thanked President Chrisley, the Convention Committee and the members of Christiansburg Fire Department for all of the work they put into this convention
- 90% of the legislative issues that were dealing with Public Safety were left on the table during the past session
- Advised that the association has supported the Wise Regional School in the past and will be asking to support this school again
- The association was well represented at the 2019 Fire Rescue Conference in Va. Beach in 2019 and would like to consider setting up a booth at this conference in 2022
 - A motion was made to be a sponsor at the Wise Regional School, the cost is \$300.00, the motion also included 1 night lodging for an association representative to be at the school and speak about the association
 - Motion made by John Linkous and seconded by Leon Reed
 - **Motion voted and passed**
 - A motion was made to setup at the VFCA Fire Rescue Conference in Va. Beach in February 2022. The cost will be reported back to the association at the January meeting, the motion included lodging for the association representative to be at the booth to answer question about the association

- Motion made by Jeremy Williams and seconded by David Akers
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Membership Committee:

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- No report

Training Committee:

Forest Redd offered the following report:

- Thanked the Convention Committee and President Chrisley for lining up the training for convention
- The association thanked VDFP for their help with the convention training
 - This year the association provided 199 manhours of training to its members at this convention at the time of this meeting
- ACI will be doing a short demo after the meeting
- Chief Parris will bring up some new training in the New Business Section

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Billy Cook offered the following report:

- Contest will be in the grass area across from the hotel at 2000 hours
- Captain's meeting will be after the business meeting
- Thanked Mark Bowery and VFIS Insurance for sponsoring the contests

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- The 50/50 purse was \$350.00 with \$175.00 going to the winner

Scholarship Committee:

Billy Hanks offered the following report for Billy Hanks:

- The association will give out 3 scholarships this year at \$500 each
- There were 3 applications this year
- The committee encouraged everyone to apply in the future

Convention Committee:

Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone on the Convention Committee and everyone else that assisted with the convention and activities
- Thanked the vendors for their support and encouraged everyone to visit the vendors
- Any issues or suggestions contact the committee members

Old Business

No old business

New Business

The Audit Committee reviewed the Treasurers books and reported that the books are in order

- A motion was made to accept the committee report by Barry Simmons and seconded by David Akers
 - **Motion passed**

Mike Stevens will be reading the Resolutions at the dinner this evening

The 2021 – 2022 meeting schedule was set as follows:

The Fall Meeting: 19 September, 2021 at Barren Springs Fire Department, Barren Springs, Va.

The Winter Meeting: 16 January, 2022 at Selma Fire Department, Selma, Va.

The Spring Meeting: 10 April, 2022 at Riner Fire Department, Riner, Va.

Convention Business Meeting: 18 June, 2022 at the MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center, Kingsport, TN.

The Nomination Committee offered the following slate of officers for the 2021 – 2022 year:

- President – Mr. Mark Smith, Blacksburg Fire Department
- 1st Vice President – Mr. Roy Wall, Dublin Fire Department
- 2nd Vice President – Mr. James W. Byer, Boiling Springs Fire Department
- Treasurer – Mr. Robbie Kiser, Pulaski Fire Department
- Secretary – Mr. Curtis Whitt, Dublin Fire Department
- Chaplain – Mr. Kenny Hancock, Draper Fire Department
- Assistant Treasurer – Mr. Patsie Smith, Christiansburg Fire Department
- Assistant Secretary – Mr. Todd Chrisley, Christiansburg Fire Department
- Sergeant at Arms – Mr. Ray Musselman, Riner Fire Department
- Convention Coordinator – Mr. Jeremy Williams, Christiansburg Fire Department
- Motion made to accept the slate of officers except the Convention Coordinator, which will have to come from the floor, was made by Mr. Barry Simmons and seconded by Mr. Pete Haslip
 - **Motion Passed**

Forest Redd reported that the Training Committee is looking into bringing bigger classes to the conference in the future. Possibly 16 hour certification classes.

Chief Mike Parris advised that if the association wants more hands on classes that we need to work directly with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

The association will look into grant funding to help with the cost of the classes, possibly AFG or VDFP grants. The AFG grant money could help get training classes through out southwest Virginia to help departments that may not be able to afford training.

A motion was made for the association to cover the cost of a Grant Writer to assist with grants for training.

- Motion made by Mark Smith and seconded by Mike Moles.
 - **Motion Passed**

The meeting was adjourned at 1025 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

**Thanks to the members of the Christiansburg Volunteer Fire
Department for the work hosting the convention**

**The next meeting will be Sunday, September 19, 2021 at Barren
Springs Volunteer Fire Department in Barren Springs, VA at 1300
hours**

Respectfully Submitted,
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