



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Convention Business Meeting January 16, 2022

We Protect Southwest Virginia

16 January, 2022

The Winter Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 16 January, 2022 via ZOOM with 11 members representing 10 member departments. This was done in response to the sharp rise in COVID-19. Thank you to Selma Volunteer Fire Department for planning to host this meeting.

The business meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by President Mark Smith. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Smith welcomed everyone in attendance.

Reports:

President:

Mark Smith offered the following report.

- Thanked everyone for logging into the meeting
- Thanked Selma Volunteer Fire Department for planning to host the meeting

1st Vice President:

Roy Wall offered the following report:

- No Report

2nd Vice President:

Jimmy Byer offered the following report.

- President Smith stated that he has received a letter from 2nd Vice President Byer advising that he will be stepping down as 2nd Vice President

Treasurer:

Robbie Kiser offered the following report

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read.
- Motion to accept made by Lawrence Keffer and seconded by Jeremey Williams
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Asst. Treasurer:

Potsie Smith was not present

- No Report
- President Smith requested that the Assistant Treasurer's books to be audited at the April meeting.
 - Motion made by Billy Cook and seconded by Jeremey Williams
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Secretary:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues invoices for the 2022-2023 year will be sent out soon
- Convention registration and vendor packages will be sent out soon

- Looking into setting up online payment options for member and vendor convention registrations

Asst. Secretary:

Todd Chrisley offered the following report:

- No Report

Chaplin / Welfare:

Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Advised that he had been notified of 5 members passing since the last meeting
 - Robert (Bobby) Nelson, Fries FD
 - Frank Starns, Jonesville FD
 - Lewis Moore, Jonesville FD
 - Don Stoneman, Past SW President, Former Chief Collinsville FD
 - Johnny Tickle, Draper FD
 - Otitis Martin, Draper FD
- Asked the membership to keep David Akers, Joey Griffith and JoAnn Burke in your thoughts and prayers as well

Sgt. At Arms:

- No report

Board of Directors:

David Akers offered the following report.

- Nothing at this time

Legislative Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- More legislative information will be coming out soon
- 911 dispatches are being added to the VOLSAP eligibility
- This is a proposal to offer free hunting and fishing licenses for First Responders
- Bills are being submitted

Membership Committee:

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- No report

Training Committee:

President Smith offered the following report for Susie Ratcliffe:

- The Convention Training Committee is lined up
- The training flyers have been sent out to departments and posted on the association social media
- The instructor is to be paid 30 days prior to the convention

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mike Moles / Billy Cook offered the following report:

- No Report

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- No 50/50 at this meeting

Scholarship Committee:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Reminded everyone to look into the scholarship opportunities offered by the association
- Application is on the association website

Convention Committee:

Jeremy Williams offered the following report for Jeremy Williams:

- Everything for convention is on track
- Let Jeremy know if there is anything that you would like to see different with this year's convention
- Room blocks are secured
- Working to review the convention registration packages

Old Business

No old business

New Business

The association received 2 checks from Mission BBQ, totaling \$5,728.95 from the sales of the 9-11 cups and a night to support the Southwest Association.

- Motion was made by Jeremy Williams and seconded by Billy Cook to confirm that this donation is to be used for scholarships
- President Smith sent a letter to Mission BBQ thanking them for their support
- There was discussion about purchasing a plaque for the store to display
 - Jeremy Williams will handle this

The association has purchased a iPad and Square reader to help process payments for the convention training and convention registrations

The Southwest Association will have a booth again this year at the 2022 Fire Rescue Conference in Va. Beach in February.

- The association will be setup inside the convention center in Booth #6

This is a reminder that the 2022 Life Membership and 2022 Above and Beyond Award nominations are due by the April Business meeting.

- Please make sure that Above and Beyond nominations are turned in to Page Brockenbrough at or prior to this meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1330 hours with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

**Thanks to the members of the Selma Volunteer Fire Department for
planning to host**

**The next meeting will be Sunday, 10 April, 2022 at Riner Fire
Department, in Riner, VA at 1300 hours**

Respectfully Submitted,
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