



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Convention Business Meeting April 10, 2022

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10 April, 2022

The Spring Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 10 April, 2022 at Riner Volunteer Fire Department in Riner, Va. with 19 members representing 10 member departments.

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 and thanked River Fire Department for hosting the meeting.

Riner Chief Gatton thanked everyone for attending.

Reports:

President:

Mark Smith offered the following report.

- Thanked Riner Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting

1st Vice President:

Roy Wall offered the following report:

- No Report

2nd Vice President:

This office is vacant

Treasurer:

Robbie Kiser offered the following report

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read.
- Motion to accept made
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Asst. Treasurer:

Potsie Smith was not present

- No Report

Secretary:

Curtis Whitt was not present:

Asst. Secretary:

Todd Chrisley offered the following report:

- Advised Curtis could not be here due to a funeral
- Thanked everyone for the continued support of the association
- Advised that a detailed report would be given at the Convention meeting

Chaplin / Welfare:

Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Asked everyone to keep Blacksburg Firefighter Wayne Garst in prayers
- No deaths had been reported to him since the last meeting

Sgt. At Arms:

- No report

Board of Directors:

Leon Reed for David Akers offered the following report.

- Would like to have a Board of Directors meeting at the convention

Legislative Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Thanked the association for the booth at the VSFA Conference
- New vendors will be attending the convention this year
- House bill 747 for volunteer training was voted on and passed. Money comes from the general fund from the legislation
- House bill 911, municipalities fees waved to give relief to volunteer firefighters passed
- Discussed breakdown in modules for VDFP. Dennis Price also commented on the program
- Chief Hanks stated that there will be a meeting on 14 April, 2022 at the Bedford Community College. This meeting is for departments that have concerns about VDFP (training and operations). He asked that any departments that have concerns to please attend
- Mike Moles thanked Dennis Price for being at the meeting

Membership Committee:

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- Abingdon Fire Department has rejoined the Association

Training Committee:

President Smith offered the following report for Susie Ratcliffe:

- There has been some confusion on the training flyer for convention. No charge for the member departments. They are asking for registration to get a head count for the meals for the training.
- Mike Moles asked Dennis Price if VDFP could post the flyer on its website. Dennis stated that it could be done.

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough was not present:

- No report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Billy Cook offered the following report:

- Billy Cook has been doing inventory and is ready to move forward

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- No 50/50 at this meeting

Scholarship Committee:

Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- Need to get applications for the Scholarship in ASAP (past deadline)

Convention Committee:

Jeremy Williams offered the following report for Jeremy Williams:

- For those golfing on Thursday training will be available on Friday
- Check your registrations for hotel, reminder that the Bristol Drag is the same weekend
- Craig Helvey is on track for the Memorial Service
- Riner Fire is handling the Cornhole Tournament
- Ashley Smith is working on women's programs

Old Business

The deadline for the Above and Beyond award is 1 May, 2022. Need to have nominations presented by then

New Business

President Smith appointed the following committees:

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

Jeremy Williams asked for a quick past presidents meeting after this business meeting

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

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

**The next meeting will be Sunday, 18 June, 2022 at convention
business meeting starting at 0900 hours**

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Chrisley
Asst. Secretary
Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association