



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Convention Business Meeting September 19, 2021 *We Protect Southwest Virginia*

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The Fall Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 19 September, 2021 at the Barren Springs Volunteer Fire Department in Barren Springs, VA with 27 members present, representing 11 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1305 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 their attendance
- Thanked Barren Springs for hosting the meeting and for lunch

1st Vice President:

Roy Wall offered the following report:

- No Report

2nd Vice President:

Jimmy Byer offered the following report.

- No Report

Treasurer:

Jeff Saunders offered the following report for Robbie Kiser

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

Asst. Treasurer:

Potsie Smith was not present

- No Report

Secretary:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone for attending and Barren Springs for hosting the meeting and lunch
- Website, Facebook and Twitter socials are up and running.
 - If you want anything changed or added please let me know

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 3 members passing since the Convention
 - Retired Firefighter Graham Wickline of Radford Fire and Rescue
 - Mr. Don Shaw, Life Member of Christiansburg Fire Department
 - Former Wytheville Fire Chief, James Edward "Ikey" Davidson
- Thanked everyone for the thoughts and prayers with the recent loss of a family member

Sgt. At Arms:

- No report

Board of Directors:

David Akers offered the following report.

- Requested to sponsor a training break at the Virginia State Firefighters Association Conference in Va. Beach next week.
 - The amount of this sponsorship will \$500.00
 - Motion made by David Akers and seconded by Leon Reed
 - **Motion voted and passed**
- There was a recommendation from the BOD to raise the Annual Convention Registration from \$30.00 per member and guest (Children 12-17, \$15.00 and Children Under 12 FREE) to \$50.00 per member and guest (Children 12-17, \$15.00 and Children Under 12 FREE) with a \$10.00 late fee for the member only
 - There was much discussion that this rate increase is needed to help offset the cost of food at the hotel
 - Motion was made by Kenny Hancock and seconded by Josh Stitt
 - **Motion voted and passed**
- The BOD recommended that the association look into offering the ability to take credit card payments at the convention for training and registration fees.
 - It was mentioned that the association should look into Square for payment processing
 - There will be a service fee associated with the Square payment system and this should be passed to the attendees or vendor
 - The association will also look into accepting credit card payments for convention registrations as well
 - There was a motion made to allow the association to purchase an iPad and Square. This cost is not to exceed \$2,000.00
 - Motion was made by David Akers and seconded by Billy Hanks
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Legislative Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- The Virginia Fire Service Board will be meeting on Friday, 24 September at the Virginia State Firefighters Association Conference in Va. Beach
- On 12 July, 2021 the ATL (Aid to Localities) funding was increased by 5.41%.
 - 75% of the ATL funding is distributed to the localities and 25% to VDFP
 - The funding for localities will increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000
 - The funding for the towns will increase from \$20,000 to \$30,000

- The 2021 Legislative Summit will be coming soon

Membership Committee:

Leon Reed offered the following report:

- No report

Training Committee:

Susie Ratcliffe offered the following report:

- The Convention Training Committee proposed that the 2022 Convention will host two (2) eight-hour training. The first will be on Thursday, 16 June, 2022 with the second training on 17 June, 2022.
 - The training will be presented by Mr. Phillip Josie
 - The cost of this training will cost the association \$7,500. This will cover the class instructor and travel
 - The committee will need a space at the convention that will hold 250 people
 - The cost per member for the training \$50.00
 - If a member is registered in the conference the cost of the training is covered in the members registration
 - The association will hold 100 seats in the training for its members that are registered in the convention
- The committee also requested an additional \$7,500 to cover meals during the trainings for the two days.
 - These will be Certificate of Attendance classes and not Certification classes
 - The registration for these classes will open up 1 February and close 1 April, 2022
 - Motion was made to allow the Training Committee to spend up to \$15,000 for the instructor, training and meals for the 2022 Annual Conference training
 - Motion made by Billy Hanks and seconded by David Akers

By-laws Committee:

Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- No Report

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- No 50/50 at this meeting

Scholarship Committee:

Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- Reminded everyone to look into the scholarship opportunities offered by the association

Convention Committee:

Barry Simmons offered the following report for Jeremy Williams:

- No Report

Old Business

No old business

New Business

At the Convention Business Meeting in June the election of the Board of Directors members was left out.

- President Smith has contacted each of the current Board of Directors members directly and asked if they would like to remain on the board. All of the current members agreed to serve another term on the board.

- Motion made by Mark Smith and seconded by Kenny Hancock.

- **Motion Passed**

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The Convention Committee books need to be audited at the Winter meeting in January

Christiansburg Fire Department will be having a Fire Prevention Parade in 5 October, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 1405 hours with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

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

**The next meeting will be Sunday, 16 January, 2022 at Selma Fire
Department, Selma, Va. in Selma, VA at 1300 hours**

Respectfully Submitted,
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