



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Convention Business Meeting 8 January, 2023

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The Winter Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 8 January, 2023 at the Boiling Springs Volunteer Fire Department in Covington, VA with 21 members present, representing 9 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1307 hours by President Roy Wall. The invocation was given by Mr. Nathan Brewbaker of the Christiansburg Volunteer Fire Department. President Wall welcomed everyone in attendance.

Reports:

President:

Roy Wall offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone for their attendance
- Thanked Boiling Springs for hosting the meeting and for lunch
- Dublin Fire Department is working on the upcoming convention

1st Vice President:

Ray Musselman offered the following report:

- No Report

2nd Vice President:

Joshua Stitt offered the following report:

- Thanked the association for the donation in memory of Curtis Dean Crawford
- Advised the Department of Health has a program on the use of Narcan that is available to fire departments.
 - The following is the link to the program information:
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/naloxone/>

Treasurer:

Robbie Kiser offered the following report:

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read
- Motion to accept made by Jeremy Williams and seconded by Barry Simmons
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Asst. Treasurer:

Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Have an account balance report
- Motion to accept made by Mark Smith and seconded by Barry Simmons
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Secretary:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues notices will be sent out by the end of the month

- Once the Dublin Fire Department and the Convention Committee set the convention agenda the Convention Registration Packages will be mailed out

Asst. Secretary:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- No Report

Chaplin / Welfare:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report for Kenny Hancock:

- Kenny was not able to attend the meeting, please keep Kenny in your thoughts
- Kenny advised, by text, that he had been notified of 5 members passing since the Fall meeting
 - Firefighter Curtis Crawford – Barren Springs Volunteer Fire Department
 - Firefighter George “Bud” Foltz – Draper Volunteer Fire Department
 - Firefighter Billy “Beaver” Kyle Stoots – Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department
 - Firefighter Butch Reed – Radford Fire Department
 - Firefighter William “Bill” Greear – Riner Volunteer Fire Department

Sgt. At Arms:

Mathew Holbrook offered the following report:

- No report

Board of Directors:

No report offered by this committee:

Legislative Committee:

No report offered by this committee:

Membership Committee:

No report offered by this committee:

Training Committee:

President Roy Wall:

- Working on training planning for the convention along with the members of the Convention Committee

Chief Dennis Price – VDFP

- Division 4 Chief Michael Parris has been promoted within VDFP and the Division 4 Chief position is vacant
- VDFP is looking into a Modular Firefighter I program. Chief Price would like to run one of the modular Firefighter I programs in the Division 6 / Division 4 area
- Additional information will be sent out at a later date from VDFP
- VDFP is looking to possibly offer a Instructors Symposium in the spring of 2023

By-laws Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Offered the third reading of the proposed Revised By-Laws
- There was not discussion at this reading
- A motion to accept the revisions to the By-Laws was made by Jeremy Williams and seconded by Potsie Smith

- **Motion votes and passed (A Copy of the approved By-Laws are attached)**

Rules and Contest Committee:

No report offered by this committee:

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- 50/50 at this meeting

Scholarship Committee:

- Reminder that the scholarship applications are due by 1 April, 2023
- Application and guidelines are available on the association website

Convention Committee:

Jeremy Williams offered the following report:

- Reminder that the Life Member Award nominations need to be sent to any Past President for review
- Above and Beyond Award nominations need to be sent to Jeremy Williams and he will contact the Past Presidents to review
- The Convention Committee will have a meeting at Dublin Volunteer Fire Department on 18 January, 2023 at 1830 hours
- Reminded everyone to support and visit the vendors at the 2023 convention. Without their support the convention would not be as successful

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

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

The next meeting will be Sunday, 16 April, 2023 at Hiltons Volunteer Fire Department, in Hiltons, VA at 1300 hours

Respectfully Submitted,
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