



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Convention Business Meeting 16 April, 2023

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The Spring Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 16 April, 2023 at the Hiltons Volunteer Fire Department in Hiltons, VA with 11 members present, representing 7 organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1315 hours by 1st Vice President Ray Musselman. The invocation was given by 1st Vice President Ray Musselman of the Riner Volunteer Fire Department. 1st Vice President Musselman welcomed everyone in attendance.

Chief Dale Sanders of Hiltons Volunteer Fire Department welcomed everyone in attendance.

Reports:

President:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report for President Wall:

- Thanked Chief Sanders and his wife for hosting the meeting and their hospitality
- President Wall sent his apologies for not being able to attend due to work
- Dublin Fire Department is working on the upcoming convention

1st Vice President:

Ray Musselman offered the following report:

- Will be looking over the committee lists and will be contacting folks to serve after the June meeting
 - If you are interested in serving on a committee contact Ray
- Riner Fire Department is looking into Natural Bridge as the 2024 convention location

2nd Vice President:

Joshua Stitt offered the following report:

- Barren Springs is looking into the planning for the 2025 convention

Treasurer:

1st Vice President Ray Musselman offered the following report for Robbie Kiser:

- Treasurer's report for the past quarter was read
- Motion to accept made by Mike Moles and seconded by Mark Smith
 - **Motion voted and passed**

Asst. Treasurer:

- No report

Secretary:

Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Dues invoices have been sent out
 - Response is down this year
- Dublin Fire Department is working on the upcoming convention

- This will be Curtis's last year as your Secretary
 - The membership needs to plan for open vacancies in the association officers positions
 - I would like to continue to maintain or assist with the association website

Asst. Secretary:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Registration is slow coming in this year
- Vendor registrations will be down this year due to a new conference in the eastern part of the state

Chaplin / Welfare:

- No Report

Sgt. At Arms:

- No report

Board of Directors:

- No Report

Legislative Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- HB 2451 is in committee
 - This bill is in reference to Electric Vehicle Training
- HB 2175 references the funding of the fire service in the Commonwealth
 - One current source of funding, and in many cases the only source, is through the ATL money.
 - President Wall had a letter sent to legislators in support of HB 2175
 - This legislation will be to provide additional funding source and distribution method for the fire service
 - There will be a study conducted to look at the additional funding at the cost of \$105,000.00
 - The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association is a stakeholder in the legislation process

Membership Committee:

- No Report

Training Committee:

Michael Parris, Deputy Chief of Training and Operations offered the following report:

- Introduced Division Chief Dennis Price of Division VI and Division Chief Chad Stanley of Division IV
- VDFP is currently moving forward with online testing (internally testing)
 - This will change the method of testing in the Commonwealth
 - One advantage of this testing method will allow for quicker student results notification
 - VDFP will be able to bring a self contained testing site to a location
 - This unit will include tablets, WIFI capability and the ability to generate random test questions

- Reminded everyone to check on Cornerstone for upcoming classes as well as on demand classes
- The Modular Firefighter I class is currently being field tested
- All HTR Programs have been reviewed and updated
 - They will Pro Board and IFSAC accredited
 - The ARRF class has been re-designed
- Fire Programs will be more supporting of training events and conferences
 - The Division Chief's will be in the field more
- The Wise Regional School will be 9-11 September 2023
- Watch the VDFP website and Cornerstone for additional information

By-laws Committee:

- No Report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mike Moles offered the following report:

- No Report

Ways and Means Committee:

Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Billy Cook will not be able to assist with the Competition this year
- Mike has some folks lined up to help with competition

Scholarship Committee:

- Curtis reminded everyone that applications were due 1 April, 2023

Convention Committee:

- No Report

Old Business

No old business

New Business

The Virginia Firefighters Memorial will be held on 3 June, 2023 at the Richmond International Speedway

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

The next meeting will be Saturday, 17 June, 2023 at the Convention Business Meeting at 0900 hours

Respectfully Submitted,
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