



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Quarterly Business Meeting September 9, 2007 *We Protect Southwest Virginia*

9 September, 2007

The Fall Quarterly Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 9 September, 2007 at the Green Springs Volunteer Fire Department in Green Springs, VA with 33 members present, representing 11 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 13:10 hours by President Mike Moles. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Mike Moles of the Riner Vol. Fire Department welcomed everyone in attendance.

President Mike Moles recognized Chief Mike Shaffer of Green Springs Vol. Fire Department and thanked the members of the Green Springs Volunteer Fire Department for providing the meal.

Reports:

President:

President Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Insurance program update – there are currently 81 members in the program at this date.
- If there are any questions about this plan see President Moles or Mark Bowery.
- The convention agenda is on the web site and copies are available at the front table.
- President Moles reviewed the committees for the 2007-2008 year.
 - ✓ Motion was made by David Akers to accept the committees and seconded by Patsie Smith. **Motion Carried.**
- President Moles attended the Virginia State Firefighters Association Convention in Hampton, VA.
 - ✓ The southwest association was well represented at the business meeting with about 40 people.
 - ✓ Roy Redd placed 2nd in the Truck Rodeo, the Montgomery County competition team placed 3rd in 2 events and won the sportsmanship award.
 - ✓ Mr. Larry Logan of Fort Lewis Vol. Fire Department was elected as 3rd Vice President of the state association.
- The officers meeting and the convention committee meeting was held in Wytheville on 11 August, 2007
- Input from the membership is needed for the convention committee.

1st Vice President:

1st Vice President John Campbell offered the following report.

- Working on the convention in Abingdon for 2009.

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Jennifer Holloway offered the following report.

- Attended the Virginia State Firefighters Association Convention in Hampton, VA.

Treasure:

Asst. Treasure Billy Cook offered the following report:

- Treasures report
- A motion was made by Mr. Leon Reed and seconded by Mr. Patsie Smith to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion voted on and passed.**
- All bank changeovers have been completed.

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- The motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. **Motion voted on and passed.**
- Web Site is up and running, if there is information that you or your department wants posted please get it to the secretary.
- Second dues notices have been sent out.

Chaplin:

Chaplin Mr. Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- Notified the association of the passing of Mr. Bill Harris, of Riner Vol. Fire Department, father passed away.
- Kenny has been approached by several people about the change in the time of the Memorial Service. After a lot of discussion President Mike Moles said that the Memorial Service will be moved back to 7:00 PM for the 2008 convention.

Sgt. At Arms:

No Report

Historian:

No Report

Executive Committee:

No Report

Legislative Committee:

Mr. John McCormick offered the following report:

- There is a proposal to have "firework shooters" licensed. Will this affect any local fire departments?

Membership Committee:

Mr. Steve Hall offered the following report:

- There are 17 delinquent departments in the association. Steve and Curtis will work on getting in touch with these departments.
- Retention and recruitment needs to be done by all members of the association.

Training Committee:

Mr. Roy Redd offered the following report:

- Roy thanked the membership for their support during his run for the 3rd vice president of the Virginia State Firefighters Association.

- Brought back memorial flowers from the state convention and delivered to the families of the southwest association in the area.

The Wise Regional School is the weekend of September 15 – 16.

- The Galax Regional School will be October 27 – 28..
- Roy reminded everyone to please pre-register for the schools.

Welfare Committee:

No Report

By-laws Committee:

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- The changes to the by-laws have been sent out and are posted on the web site.
- If you have any questions please contact Page.
- The changes to the by-laws have been approved.

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mr. Danny Yopp of the Rules and Contest Committee offered the following report:

- 167 participants in the contest at LongShop McCoy.
- Narrows Fire Department won the Sportsmanship Award for 2007.
- The association needs to review the Velcro and Zipper contest for the future.

Ways and Means Committee:

Mr. Potsie Smith offered that following report:

- The committee is still working with the Texas Road House restaurant about a fund raiser for the association.

Web Page Committee:

Mr. Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- Any upcoming events please contact me for posting on the web site.
- Will set up a section on the site that members can the welfare committee members in the event of a death, sickness or event.

Scholarship Committee:

Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- The committee is working on the application and will have it at the January meeting.

Convention Study Committee:

Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- The committee meet in Wytheville to look at facilities in that area.
- David requested that if anyone had questions or ideas for the committee please contact him.
- The committee is looking for sponsors to assist with the cost of the association putting on the convention.
- The committee is looking at the association hosting the convention as a way for departments that could not host a convention to become more involved.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed at this meeting.

New Business

There was no new business discussed at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:40 with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

Thanks to the members of the Green Springs Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting and serving lunch.

The next meeting will be Sunday, January 13, 2008 at Christiansburg Volunteer Fire Department in Christiansburg, VA. at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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