



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association Convention Business Meeting 27 April, 2025

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The Spring Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Sunday, 27 April, 2025 at the Riner Volunteer Fire Department in Riner, VA with 25 members present, representing 10 organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by President Josh Stitt. The invocation was given by Chaplain Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Stitt welcomed everyone in attendance.

President Stitt thanked Riner Fire Department and Chief Todd King.

Reports:

President:

Josh Stitt offered the following report:

- Thanked Riner Volunteer Fire Dept. for hosting the meeting and their hospitality. Also, for the wonderful meal!
- The association did email state Senators as d
- The Virginia Fire Rescue Conference was cancelled due to weather.
- Convention planning is in the final stages. Would like to meet with the convention committee briefly after this meeting.

1st Vice President:

Matt Holbrook offered the following report:

- No Report

2nd Vice President:

Joey Griffith offered the following report:

- No Report

Treasurer:

Robbie Kiser offered the following report:

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

Asst. Treasurer:

Barry Simmons offered the following report Buddy Joe Smith Jr:

- Convention Account balance is \$35,651.74

Secretary:

Nathan Brewbaker offered the following report:

- Thank you to Riner Fire Dept. for hosting the meeting.
- Dues notices have been sent out. Many have already been returned.
 - If you have not received a dues notice please let me know ASAP
 - If any of your department info has changed please let me know.
- Convention packets have been emailed and mailed to departments
- The association is having problems with the 501c3.
 - The association has not submitted the proper paperwork to the IRS since the creation of the 501c3.
 - We need to meet with an accountant to rectify the paperwork issue. I will be meeting with someone soon.
 - The commission paperwork has been submitted properly, just the IRS paperwork.

Asst. Secretary:

Eddie Entsminger/Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Convention Packets have been sent out.
- There are no late fees for departments this year. But please get your info in ASAP.
- We also need your room information back ASAP.

Chaplin / Welfare:

Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- There have been 3-member deaths since our last meeting
 - Steve Weikle- Boiling Springs Fire Department
 - Wesley Bradley- Rich Creek Fire Department
 - Mary Teany- Christiansburg Fire Department Auxiliary

Sgt. At Arms:

Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- No Report.

Board of Directors:

Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- The following offices will be open for voting at convention: 1st Vice President, Sgt. at Arms, Convention Chair.
- There will be an open Board of Directors spot, as well as other officer positions that need to be filled. Please recruit your members to fill these spots.

Legislative Committee:

Mikey Moles offered the following report:

- 16 bills were submitted for the fire service this year. 12 of those were left in committees and not voted on.
- No major funding bills left the committees for vote.
- Made a motion to send \$300 to the Wise Fire School.
 - Motion seconded by Todd Chrisley
 - **Motion passed**

Membership Committee:

No Report

Training Committee:

Josh Stitt offered the following report:

- Convention committee is working on training for convention
- There will be a motivational speaker for Friday at convention, Kenny Mitchell Jr.
- Dominion energy is planning a solar safety class for Thursday morning.
- Dominion Energy Grant is open. Please encourage your departments to apply.

By-laws Committee:

- No Report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Billy Cook offered the following report:

- He would like to see Billy Trump and Barry Simmons appointed co-chair of this committee.
- He thanks the association for their support but due to other commitments he will not be able to carry on in this capacity.

Ways and Means Committee:

- 50/50 winner was drawn.

Scholarship Committee:

Barry Simmons offered the following report:

- Received 2 applications so far. Please continue to submit applications.

Convention Committee:

Barry Simmons and Josh Stitt offered the following report:

- Convention planning is on track.
- Please get registrations in ASAP

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Jeremy Williams would like to be considered for the open Board of Directors position.

Jeremy Williams would also like to meet with the past presidents in attendance after the meeting.

Jeremy Williams also suggested we get vendor packets out earlier for next year. Many companies are not attending this year due to not having enough notice for their budget.

Chad Stanley with Department of Fire Programs offered the following

- Wise Regional School will be September 11-14 2025
- Blacksburg Instructor School will be June 26-29

The meeting was adjourned at 1359hrs with Chaplain Kenny 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 Saturday, 14 June, 2025 at the Meadowview
Convention Center in Kingsport, TN at 0900hrs.**

Respectfully Submitted,
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