

Executive Committee Minutes
Meeting Location : SC Sheriff Association
May 11, 2021

Attendance: Keith Minick, Jamie Caggiano, Josh Holzheimer, Malcolm Burns, Jamie Helms, Tres Atkinson, John Bowers, Marquis Solomon, Ross Vezin, Billy Dillon, Tracy Williams, Jason Pope, Ryan Eubanks, Carter Jones, Jeff Allen, Rick Dunn, Brick Lewis, Brook Mixon, Zorrina Harmon, Charlie King, Ashley Boltin

Guest: Chad Beam, Ken Kerber, Jeff Bagwell- Croft FD, Chief Flowers – Greer FD, Chief Ogden – City of Beaufort, 2020 Leadership Institute Members – Blake Cole, Martyn Dixon, Ryan Goller, Joshua Jordan, Brad Kavetski, Lee McJunkin, Andrew Morris, Marvin Murray, David Owens, Mat Tidwell

Meeting called to order at 10:01 am by President Minick

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance by Jason Pope

President Minick had opening comments to welcome everyone and recognized guest. We are looking forward to the Leadership Institute presentations today.

John Bowers Supervisory committee chair thanked Jana and Jeff for their hard work, then he turned it over to Larry Finney & Emily Sobczak for presentation on one percent audits results. Jeff Oswald mentioned that they have trainings set up for June 26th at 9:00 am in Abbeville, 2 courses at the Fire – Rescue Conference and we are working with Dorchester County to get a date set.

Leadership Institute Group Presentations

Group # 1 Presentation - EMS Education Needs Assessment, Brad Kavetski, Ryan Goller, Josh Jordan

Group # 2 Presentation – Association Communications, Andrew Morris, Marvin Murray, Blake Cole, Mat Tidwell

Lunch Break

Group # 3 Presentation – Mobilization – Martyn Dixon, David Owens, Lee McJunkin

A motion was made by Malcolm Burns to accept the April 13, 2021 Minutes as presented; seconded by Tres Atkinson. All in favor.

Legislative Committee – Josh Holzheimer – The House and Senate have passed budgets they are currently working on the final details. We are on target to get funding for the 3 items we had ask for. Last week we testified on H.3466 with amendment. There will be a full LCI Committee meeting on Thursday at 9:00 am. Last year you all voted on the Society of the Maltese Cross awards to be given to Senator Wes Climer and Representative Shannon Erickson, is there anyone else that we would like to recognize this year?

A motion was made by Josh Holzheimer that we consider recognizing Senator Sean Bennett from Dorchester County; seconded by Malcolm Burns. All in favor.

Foundation – Tres Atkinson – We will be hosting our annual golf tournament at Fire – Rescue on June 9, 2021 at 2 pm, we encourage you to help spread the word. We have made 2 donations to firefighter that have lost their homes in house fires in the last several weeks. We have had an individual apply for assistance 3 times in the last 12 months. Per our policy you can only apply once per calendar year, a note has been sent to this individual that his application will not be accepted due to receiving funds this calendar year already.

Supervisory – John Bowers – Wanted to recognize and thank Jason Dennis and Ben Bowers for serving on the committee and the hard work they do. If there are any questions on the audits that were presented earlier feel free to direct those questions to us.

A recommendation out of committee to remove the following departments that are not in good standing due to not passing the one percent audit Bonneau Rural FD, Cedar Mountain, Harris Creek, Springfield FD & Marion FD; seconded by Malcolm Burns. All in favor.

These departments will have to apply for membership to get back into the association. The Membership votes at the annual conference for voting departments back into the association.

Finance & Audit – Charlie King gave the report as Marquis Solomon had to leave early. There was an error on the initial P&L statement that we sent out, since it has been corrected and Chief King has sent out an updated P & L statement to the committee. If you have any questions feel free to let him know. The Schwab accounts have been created but they are not reflective on the current balance sheet.

Member Benefits – Ross Vezin – The Member Benefits committee will be meeting at conference.

Training & Education – A quick overview that Fire – Rescue is on track we will talk more in dept later, the regional trainings will not happen before conference due to personnel changes that have happened from the host department we will continue to work on them after conference.

Health & Safety – Tracy Williams – The Safety & Health & Cancer Coalition will have upcoming meetings.

By- Laws – Jason Pope – Packets have gone out to the departments.

EMS – Ryan Eubanks – Regulation 61-7 continue to hold stakeholder meetings. A draft document is out we have been talking with the EMS association to make sure we are all together. We have not received an update on the Roll Funding from DHEC.

SCFIS – Zorrina Harmon – Thank you to you all for your assistance with the Memorial Service, we are looking forward to it on June 13th at the Koger Center for the Arts.

FAST Team has been very busy, we continue to support them in any way we can.

History – Carter Jones – We are getting ready for the Conference.

Jeff Allen report given by Ashley he continues to attend and present at meetings, he is almost complete with stocking the Side by Side burn trailers, we have 6 Volunteers for the conference so far.

Communications- Rick & Brook talked about new website and Brook gave a social media analytics communications presentation.

Brick reminded everyone that you must select your delegates by May 28, 2021. Voting will be open June 1 – 11 closing at 1:00 pm.

We will have a zoom meeting next week to discuss Fire – Rescue further.

Billy Dillon asks to keep Zach Berg in your thoughts and prayers he is 26 years old member of his department going through treatments for his testicular cancer. They are doing a fundraiser for him and will be selling ticket if anyone is interested.

Jamie Caggiano thought the Leadership Institute did a great job on group projects today.

A motion was made by Josh Holzheimer at 3:05 pm to adjourn; seconded by Malcolm Burns. All in favor.