

Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
December 13, 2016

Attendance: Skip Hannon, Kyle Minick, Tres Atkinson, Keith Minick, Tommy Norris, John Bowers, Marquis Solomon, Dennis Ray, Sammie Castles, Mike Norket, Greg Bulanow, Brent McClellan, Tony Dicks, Jamie Caggiano, Bryan Riebe, Carter Jones, Patti Graham, Jenna Pritchett, Jeff Oswald, Jason Pope, Rick Dunn, Joe Palmer, Ashley Boltin

Special Guest: Randy Safer, Tim Travers, Charles Turner, Mary Brockman Finney

10:00 am Call to Order by President Skip Hannon
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance by Gary Rogers
Welcome & Introduction of guests by Skip Hannon

A Motion was made by Kyle Minick to Approve the minutes as presented from November 15, 2016; seconded by Mike Norket. All in favor.

Abbreviated Committee Reports were given.

Strategic Plan- Shauna Davis has agreed to help update the existing plan by the Spring meeting for approval and then it will be disseminated to the membership in June.

Advisory –A reminder was offered that awards are due in by January 31, 2017.

Finance & Audit - Bryan Bailey is doing a great job. The QuickBooks transition went smoothly.

Training & Education – We have no movement on finding a superintendent for the fire academy. 2017 Fire – Rescue Conference instructors have been selected and will be notified.

Health & Safety – The H& S Committee is working on several issues to include, Poster campaigns, Rehab policies, and a statement on Vaping. We will be pushing this fitness award after the holidays.

Life Safety Education – We have a little over 100 members. We are working on partnerships with the Fire Marshals office and looking to provide training and attending several conferences coming up to include, NC Life Safety Conference Feb. 22- 24, 2017, SC Fire Service Improvement Conference & 2017 Fire-Rescue Conference. We are working on bridging the Sprinkler Coalition and Life Safety Education section to work together.

Recruitment and Retention – Brian Riebe was able to get the 2012 grant extended to January 22, 2017 so they can finish up several projects. The 2013 grant is just shy of 100 new firefighters getting physicals. Bryan is meeting with Firehouse Subs owner in the upstate and is always looking for money to help the program. The Recruitment & Retention Group is going to meet January 5th.

Tony Dicks shared that Gene Rushing from Hampton County is not doing well, he has been brought home on hospice.

Foundation – The Foundation has had a good year and Phil Leventis has done an excellent job. He is always looking for new contacts. Duke Energy has given \$75,000 to North Carolina and \$25,000 to South Carolina for the Pinnacle Mountain Fire. Our Foundation is serving as a pass through for this money. Amanda from Duke Energy and Phil Leventis have come up with an application and guidelines of how you can apply for this money. We plan to cut a check this week for the Fire Service couple in Nichols SC that has lost everything.

FAST – Patti has been working with the EMS side of the house, and is excited for what the future holds. Two people from the upstate have been appointed as EMS Coordinators Keith Hughey & Kristen McConnell. FAST has several peer trainings coming up in January.

LAST – Ashley has been in touch with Whitesville FD on the death of Jeff Worsham. They know what we have to offer and we are awaiting a phone call back from them to let us know if they need assistance.

History – Carter has been meeting with the Lt. Governor's Office to get an endorsement and help for the summit in February dealing with fire fatalities. He has had lots of speaking opportunities, and has been working with Rick and Jenna on producing several videos. You can find those videos on our YouTube channel.

North Greenville Fitness, Charles Turner thanked everyone he has been in the business 37 years and the application of physicals to all personnel of the South Carolina fire service is by far the best out of all 11 states he services.

NFPA Randy Safer & Tim Travers addressed the group with an NFPA update.

Old Business

The Fire Service Improvement fee has been removed; there is no fee any longer. We are going to have to have some discussion on fees for the future, maybe an information campaign in the future of what those T&E Fees cover.

Content of the article in the Post and Courier on December 4th about retirement pension was discussed. Chief Bulanow thinks it is something we need to address on behalf of our members. Chief Palmer agreed and we are having discussion with our

partnering agencies. Our lobbyist has been present at the PEBA meetings and have been in communications back with us.

New Business

A packet from CCM that our elected officials need to sign, please see Joe before you leave.

You must let Ashley know your hotel needs for Fire Service Improvement Conference today before you leave.

Our Bugle is missing, it has been taken from the office, not malicious we don't think, but someone has borrowed it, and we just don't know who or where it is at. We need your help being our eyes and ears for us if you see one. We have ordered another one.

Lunch directions were given.

A motion was made by Kyle Minick for Executive Session to include elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee to discuss personnel issues; seconded by Tommy Norris. All in favor.

The Executive Committee came out of session without action taken.

A motion was made by Kyle Minick to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Minick. All were in favor.