

Executive Committee
Minutes
February 14, 2017

Attendance: Skip Hannon, Kyle Minick, Tres Atkinson, Charlie King, Keith Minick, Tommy Norris, John Bowers, Marquis Solomon, Dennis Ray, Sammy Castles, Mike Norket, Greg Bulanow, Tony Dicks, Brent McClellan, Lee Levesque, Carter Jones, Bryan Riebe, Jamie Caggiano, Patti Graham, Jenna Pritchett, Rick Dunn, Jeff Oswald, Marcia Greer, Ken Kerber, Shauna Davis, Ken Meadows, Tommy Windsor, Ashley Boltin, Jason Pope

10:00 am Meeting called to order by President Hannon
Invocation and Pledge by chaplain Gary Rogers
Opening remarks by President Hannon

A motion was made by Kyle Minick to approve the December 13, 2016 minutes as presented; seconded by Dennis Ray. All in favor.

Special Guest recognition; Mr. Tommy Windsor is with the State Treasurer Office attended to talk about the status of the State Retirement System.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee – The Chair gave a few updates, and asked all to visit the website for the latest info. The Committee is in need of help in spreading the word and getting folks to escort for Legislative Day.

Strategic Plan – The Chair discussed potential revisions which are being reviewed and will be ready for the spring retreat, if anyone has any thoughts or visions please get with Shauna Davis, we would like to capture your ideas. Charlie will email everyone the current plan.

Advisory Committee – **A recommendation from the Advisory Committee was made to approve (handout) of the awards for 2017. All in favor.**

Supervisory Committee – **A recommendation was made out of committee to increase Drill night allowances to \$15.00 per meal and holiday allowances to \$40.00 per meal. This will be implemented in the 2018 budgets. 9 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion passed.**

Member Benefits – The Committee will meet next month with another medical helicopter company and will hopefully have 2 companies on board soon. Pennwell has come aboard for material discounts and all are asked to visit the website for updates and discounts.

Jason Pope updated the group that he has a meeting today at the State House with Senator Alexander, Emily Farr, Cindy Konduros, and Chief Stewart to discuss our relationship with LLR. LLR has a desire to work with us and the fire service is willing to work with them. Joe, the elected officials and Jason recently met with a potential candidate for the State Fire Marshal position, the meeting went well.

A motion was made by Kyle Minick to have the Executive Director put forth the name of Jonathan Jones as our State Fire Marshal Candidate; seconded by Tres Atkinson. All in favor.

The Committee expressed that the direction of the Firefighters' Association is due primarily to the strong presence of a candidate to fulfill that role.

Training & Education – The Committee held a meeting on February 8th, there was a large crowd, Farrar Stewart, of SC LLR, reinforced LLR's stance on making money available and completing capital projects. Current projects are the Fire Station & Dormitory refurbishment. During the Advisory meeting, Bonita Waters gave an update on equivalency and reciprocity. Reciprocity has not changed. Equivalency currently provides that you must challenge the test. In addition, pre-employment screenings can still be done but the Fire Chief has to send it to the academy instead of the individual. There will be no Southeastern Fire School this year but they are hosting three other events, Fire Escape in May, Fall Fire School and a Boy Scout Camporee. Next meeting is May 3rd.

Health & Safety – The committee is meeting today to go over award applications and has 2 to review. The committee will continue to promote the cancer campaign.

Recruitment & Retention – Bryan Riebe and Tony Dicks gave an update. Tony Dicks asks that you keep Greg Gambrel in your prayers he has been diagnosed with Liver Cancer; he is a 38-year veteran of the Fire Service.

EMS – The Committee is participating in the deliberations of the process of EMT & Paramedics training with the focus of the new standards and less contact hours. The committee is meeting on February 28th and will have Mr. Wronski in the room to answer questions. The Committee is also working on EMS week and the Competition for June 2017.

Life Safety – The Section will be meeting next week in Concord N.C. Jointly with the NC Life Safety group.

Foundation – The Foundation continues to work on the Duke Energy grants. Howe Springs FD had a firefighter who was in an accident and leg was amputated. The Fire Service is building her a home and the Foundation is working on getting it sprinkled for free.

A quick break for Lunch was taken.

Ken Meadows with Green Finney and Horton presented the annual audit of the Association, Foundation, and SCFIS.

Carter Jones offered an update on activities.

Patti Graham gave a update that they have had 535 contacts over the last 8 weeks. She plans to have a training in Columbia in April, and another training in June at the Conference.

Rick Dunn reported that he is working hard on the new website, he continues to build and add content.

Old Business

A 2017 Fire Service Improvement Conference AAR was held.

The conference had about 140 in attendance and lots more joined us on our live feed.

Friday we had 101 logins, Saturday 97 and Sunday 94.

All agreed that they liked having the Memorial Service on Saturday. The location was convenient, they would like to see more classes offered.

It was brought up that this is more of a leadership conference where as Fire Rescue is more of a technical conference. It was suggested that the Association should look at changing the name to Fire Service Leadership Conference and have a rebrand of the event.

Ken Kerber gave a quick update that SLED Grants are coming due very soon. USAR just traveled to Mississippi for a 9-day training. He has a full time position open. He has been ask by the Interim Director to put together a strategic plan for the task force. He gave a hand out for review. He is confident on where his division is currently.

New Business

Future Dates.

March 8, 2017 – Legislative Day

April 4 -7, 2017 – CFSI in Washington DC

April 25 -29, 2017 – FDIC in Indy

Our Spring Work Session will be March 23 -25, 2017

A motion was made by Tommy Norris at 1:32 to Adjourn; seconded by Keith Minick. All in favor.