

Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
December 10, 2013

Attendance: Jonathan Jones, Joe Palmer, Skip Hannon, Tommy Norris, Kyle Minick, Brent McClellan, Tony Dicks, Dennis Ray, Zorrina Harmon, Ken Kerber, Jim Still, Mike Sonefeld, Gary Rogers, Charlie King, John Bowers, Will Vaigneur, Ashley Boltin, Kevin Landers, Joshua Holzheimer, Alvin Payne, Scott Smith, Jeff Harkey, Paul Miller, Barry Balliet, Jim Stout, Jason Pope, Joel Stoudenmire, Jeff Oswald, Patti Johns

10:00 am Meeting called to order by President Jonathan Jones

Invocation and Pledge was given by Chaplain Gary Rogers

President Jones welcomed guests and made the announcement that the supervisory committee has had a committee member change, Morris Russell will no longer server on the committee and Bill Ale will take his place.

Motion made by Skip Hannon to approve the November 6, 2013 minutes as presented; Seconded by Tommy Norris. All in favor.

Abbreviated Committee Reports were given.

Old Business

None

New Business

The IRS has ruled that Volunteer Firefighters are employees, if you have 50 or more you will have to offer Health Care. The NVFC is proposing legislation on this; we need to support preventative legislation.

Joint Council has decided to have 3 conference calls a year on a quarterly basis and 1 face to face meeting with all parties' executive boards. The meeting will be held in January of each year in conjunction with the Fire Service Improvement Conference.

The Fire Department Fitness Challenge has 7 departments signed up so far. In January the Safety & Health Committee will announce an individual challenge.

Jason Pope gave an update on new items to look for on the scfirefighters.org website.

The 2014 Fire-Rescue Conference schedule is almost complete. We have a lot of local and national instructors. We have a new activity this year with Wonderworks the first 400 people can attend Wonderworks at Broadway at the Beach on Friday night for \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 for a family meal.

Joe Palmer gave an update on Palmetto Resource Solutions. This company will be a company created under SCFIS. This company will provide benefits for other associations such as website, database and other benefits to include insurance.

The Planning & Goals Committee proposed the new mission and guiding principle statement for the South Carolina Firefighters' Association Executive Committee to review.

Motion made by Tommy Norris to accept the following: “The mission of the South Carolina State Firefighters’ Association is to serve our membership as the leader in advocacy, benefits, education and safety while acting as the steward of the Firemen’s Insurance and Inspection Fund” as the new mission statement. Seconded by Skip Hannon. All in favor.

Motion made by Kyle Minick to adopt the guiding principle as stated: “We will accomplish this by:

- 1) Ensuring the continued strength and fiduciary health of the Firemen’s Insurance and Inspection Fund through sound financial advocacy, proper record keeping, and auditing of the process;**
- 2) Securing the best benefits to our members in keeping whole their behavioral, physical, and financial well-being; and,**
- 3) Fostering a collaborative working environment where the larger collective of our fire service wisdom and skills can come together to plan and shape the future of our profession through training, education, and advocacy.”**

Seconded by Tommy Norris; 6 In Favor 1 Opposed.

Motion made by Ken Kerber to Adjourn at 12:18 pm; Seconded by Skip Hannon. All in favor.