

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020

Attendance: Keith Minick, Jamie Caggiano, Josh Holzheimer, Malcolm Burns, Tres Atkinson, John Bowers, Marquis Solomon, Ross Vezin, Billy Dillon, Tracy Williams, Jason Pope, Zorrina Harmon, Rick Cramer, Carter Jones, Jeff Allen, Jan Kassianos, Jeff Oswald, Carter Jones, Charlie King, Brick Lewis, Ashley Boltin

Via Zoom: Jamie Helms, Rickie Jenkins

Guest: Joe Irons - Newberry FD, Trey Carter – City of Beaufort FD, Pete Reid – Bluffton Township, Isaiah Cooper – Howe Springs FD

10:00 am Meeting called to order

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance by Jason Pope

President Minick welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming today. We went around the room and the guest introduced their self.

A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to accept the minutes from September 24 -25, 2020 as presented; seconded by Josh Holzheimer. All in favor.

Committee Reports

Legislative – Josh Holzheimer – Tomorrow will be the Cancer Bill Signing at the SC Fire Academy, 11:00 am at the Fire Station. Our next committee meeting is November 17, we will be preparing for next year’s legislative agenda and planning. Ms. Farr has confirmed next year they will be putting back in to continue funding for the USAR team. A date for the VSAFE Signing has not be announced yet.

Strategic Planning – Malcolm Burns – We took the executive committee suggestions on the survey back to strategic planning committee; Brick has the final copy of the survey and we are waiting for the approval to send it out.

Advisory Committee – Jamie Helms – Acceptance and denial letter have gone out to the 2021 Leadership Institute class. We will have a zoom call for suggestions on how to change the process and make it go smoother in the future.

Foundation – Tres Atkinson – The Foundation committee will be reviewing scholarships and funding approvals in the next several weeks.

Supervisory – John Bowers – We have a meeting in Newberry on November 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Request forms have been a little more active lately.

Finance & Audit – Marquis Solomon – Last month we approved the budget, you should have received yesterday the P and L statement for September. As a reminder, the short fall this showing is pending the funds for PTSD.

Member Benefits – Ross Vezin – On October 9th we met with Proactive MD, they provide medical physicals to the Spartanburg, Simpsonville and Mauldin area. Although they are doing great things in this area, we didn't feel that it was feasible for our whole membership. We will be adding more benefits to our discount page for firefighters this week.

Training & Education – Billy Dillon – He relayed back to the T&E Committee the rebranding ideas, we will have a meeting next month, the collection of class proposals for the 2021 Conference, Ashley will be sending those out to the T&E Committee in the coming days. We continue to work on Hands On Training classes for Fire Service Improvement Conference, we are looking at maybe a Large Animal Rescue Class and an Elevator Rescue class.

Health & Safety – Tracy Williams – Tomorrow is a historical day, but it is just the beginning. We still have obstacles to hurdle; our committee will be meeting in November to discuss our direction. The Cancer Coalition group will be meeting soon. For tomorrow we have a banner and Koozies, the conversation doesn't stop tomorrow, we will continue the fight for funding. Malcolm Burns suggested that we send back out the survey, it was discussed but then determined it is probably smarter to remind folks of the cancer data base that we have on our website and encouraged folks to share their story.

By-Laws – Jason Pope – We hosted a zoom meeting yesterday; the By-Laws committee met with the Executive Committee to hear their thoughts and concerns on the ascending chairs discussion. The By-Laws committee will be taking their comments in to consideration and the By-Laws committee will be meeting again soon.

Officer Section – Rickie Jenkins – The office section meet via zoom, we are currently working towards some goals for the upcoming year. Suicide awareness training for our firefighters is on the forefront.

SCFIS- Rick Cramer – Zorrina Harmon – We have had an introductory meeting with Chief Reid for the Insurance board, we still have to meet with Scott Garrett. We have fielded lots of calls for the Cancer Bill. We are working with our carries to make sure they are ready for what is coming down the road.

FAST – President Minick ask that you continue to keep Patti and Steve Graham in your thoughts and prayers.

Web Masters – Brick Lewis mentioned to please keep Rick in your prayers he is home with COVID. We continue to work jointly on the fall quarterly meeting coming up on October 28th. We have a big project on the horizon with the rebuild and redesign of our website.

Jeff Oswald – A reminder anyone is welcome to attend the one percent classes, even if it isn't in your area. Fee In Lieu of on a local level has no bearing on one percent, we will be sending out letters over the next couple of weeks on the Fee In Lieu Of stance. Jamie Caggiano ask if we could do a Treasurer Handbook.

History – Carter Jones – He was the staff highlight for the month, he reviewed over all that he has been doing. He is excited to be back out and about. He has currently written the early history of 14 departments. He talked about Mr. Gamewell being from Camden and on the Camden Fire Department at one time. He discovered in his research 1902 Newberry Hose Wagon named Otto. They are working on getting a vintage fire apparatus displayed in the Denny auditorium at the SC Fire Academy. He has ordered a few new display pieces for our History / Heritage room and he look forward to getting that up and going. He has a ticker tape that is going to be on loan to us to display and a Gamewell pull box thanks to Greenville Fire Dept. Last week he meet with the State Museum Curator and Director of Development, they gave us some great tips and advice on how to get our room up and going and gave direction on SC Federation of Museums on how we can be recognized as a museum. Our next step is we need to think of a the name we want to call this room, Heritage room, relic room, Museum room... etc.

His next project is he wants to capture information on video some of these older folks David McClellan from Sea Pines, Dick Campbell, Richie Fanning, and if you have some names please send them to him so we can interview them and spotlight them on leadership. It was ask if there is a road map of different stops throughout the state that have Fire Service history rooms or places you can visit. Not to our knowledge but that his something Carter feels he can put together. Billy Dillon thanked Carter for the work his is doing, he is looking for Howe Springs history currently for there 50 year anniversary and he know the struggles he is having. Carter mentioned back in the day we use to have a museum committee maybe we should look into reinstating that committee.

Fire Sprinkler Coalition Chair – Jeff Allen – He has been working on and has now completed the re- graphing of all three trailers so that there is a consistent look. We have only had one Fire Sprinkler Burn lately and that was at Howe Springs Fire Rescue at their open house. We are currently in the process of redoing our Sprinkler Display so that it is a little more interactive and up to date. Jeff is researching Fire Prevention grants to cover the cost of the new displays. The new plan has digital screens and will be interactive.

Lunch Break

Old Business

Fire – Rescue Update – Ashley informed the group that contracts for 2022 -2024 have been signed and submitted with Myrtle Beach Convention Center and Sheraton. The T & E Committee are in the process of planning the training side for 2021 in Columbia.

Fall Qtly Meeting – We will have our virtual Fall Quarterly meeting on October 28th. Rick Dunn is working hard to get all of the prerecorded information put together.

Fire Service Improvement Conference planning is under way, we do plan to host it in North Augusta January 21 -23, 2020.

Strategic Planning Discussion Continued from October. (See Attached)

New Business

Rick Cramer and SCFIS for procedural process, we would like your approval for our two new members of the SCFIS Board Pete Reid and Scott Garrett. WE do have one open spot if you know someone that is interested in serving please let Rick or Zorrina know.

A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to accept Pete Reid and Scott Garett to the SCFIS Board; seconded by Tracy Williams. All in favor.

Executive Director Charlie King mentioned that they are working on finalizing the details for the Marketing Director.

Billy Dillon mentioned that they had their open house a few Saturdays back and he was appreciative to have a representative from the Firefighters Association there.

President Minick thanked out guest for being here and ask for the executive to continue to bring guest next month as well.

Our next meeting will be November 10, 2020.

A motion by Josh Holzheimer to adjourn at 1:43 pm; seconded by Tres Atkinson. All in favor.