

Executive Committee Meeting
December 8, 2020
Newberry, SC

Attendance: Keith Minick, Jamie Caggiano, Josh Holzheimer, Jamie Helms, Tres Atkinson, John Bowers, Marquis Solomon, Ross Vezin, Billy Dillon, Tracy Williams, Jason Pope, Ryan Eubanks, Rick Cramer, Gary Rogers, Zorrina Harmon, Patti Graham, Carter Jones, Rick Dunn, Bryan Bailey, Jeff Oswald, Charlie King, Ashley Boltin

Guest: Mark Calomarinno – Provident Ins., Joe Munn – SCFIS Board, Pete Reid – SCFIS Board, Chief Robert Stewart – Lobbyist, Cindy Konduros – Lobbyist, Annie Wooten – Lobbyist, Tony Dicks

11:36 am Meeting called to order by President Keith Minick

Invocation by Gary Rogers

Introduction of Guest by President Minick

Committee Reports

Legislative – Chairman Holzheimer, The committee meet on November 17 and started prioritizing next year’s legislative agenda for the year 2021. We had some great discussion top on our agenda will be funding for PTSD, Cancer Bill & USAR. Everything is contingent on how our state handles COVID, we will continue to monitor and move forward.

Advisory – Chairman Helms, The award deadline is January 31st. Please encourage folks to submit for awards. It was announced that 2020 and 2021 Awards will be recognized at the 2021 Conference.

Foundation – Chairman Atkinson, The committee has meet and approved two scholarship recipients, both of those will be awarded in January.

Supervisory – Chairman Bowers, This is a busy time of the year for our folks. We are making improvements for approvals of 1%. We are looking at hosting 1% classes in 2021, currently we are in discussion with West Florence, Dorchester and Spartanburg.

Finance & Audit -Chairman Solomon, Green Finney will be in the office on January 18 – 21, 2021 to conduct our 2019 -2020 Audit.

Member Benefits – Chairman Vezin, The committee has meet and will be meeting again on December 15th to review and discuss the potential increase in price for member benefits. We will have the details sorted out and be presenting these finding so the Executive Committee in January.

Training & Education – Chairman Dillon, The committee has meet and made selections for the 2021 Fire Rescue Conference, Ashley is in the process of notifying those individuals and compiling the agenda. We continue to work on the Virtual Fire Service Improvement Conference.

Health & Safety – Chairman Williams, The cancer coalition met via zoom to discussed continuing our efforts on awareness, prevention and education. We are trying to determine what our scope is going to be, we will meet again in January. Health and Safety meet last Friday they are going to continue to support the cancer coalition.

By Laws – Chairman Pope, The committee met in person on December 2 for a workday, it was a good meeting with good discussion we will meet again on January 6th.

EMS – Chairman Eubanks, The committee has not meet since our last executive committee meeting, but we continue to have discussion and work with our partners. DHEC 61-7 updates and changes are due to be released on Wednesday. We will continue to monitor that and provide our input. The academy has a EMT class beginning in January.

SCFIS – Chairman Cramer & Zorrina, They continue to meet with their partners through Insurance and Member Benefits to discuss funding for membership dues, PTSD and Cancer. They are working on a strategic plan for the Executive Committee in January.

SCFAST – Patti Graham, She is thankful for the team members and how they continue to step up to the plate. She looks forward to getting back into some training after the first of the year.

History – Carter Jones, On Thursday we will be moving a 47 Mack truck and delivering it to the SC Fire Academy as it will be displayed in the Denny Auditorium. We are now members of the South Carolina Federation of Museums. Last week we had the opportunity to meet with Retired Chief Jack Jansen he is on board and going to loan us some of his collection for our Heritage room. If we were to have a space big enough for a museum, today we would have 7 to 10 pieced of apparatus to display just a thought going forward. Next time you are in the office take a look at our room, it is coming along nicely.

Webmaster – Rick Dunn, We have been meeting with stake holders and 37 gears for updating our website, if you have not yet and you would like we encourage you to express your opinion, now is the time we are in the developmental stages.

A motion was made by Jamie Caggiano to go into Executive Session and to include all Executive Committee members voting and nonvoting and the executive director; seconded by Josh Holzheimer. All in favor.

A motion was made by Tres Atkinson to adjourn Executive Session; seconded by Jamie Helms. All in favor.

Chief Minick recognized our lobbyist, he welcomed them and thanked them for what they do on a daily basis for us. Chief Stewart spoke to the group and said it was an honor for them to work with us.

Chief Minick mentioned that lunch was ready, our chef today is Ben Dukes and he has for us Ribs, BBQ, Hash and Rice, Coleslaw, Pork rinds so everyone enjoy. After you eat feel free to hang around and enjoy a relaxing day by the fire.

Chaplin Rogers Blessed the food.

A motion to adjourn.