

STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2017
SFFMA Offices

Meeting called to order at 11am

by President: Cheshire

Board Members present on site:

President Harvie Cheshire
2nd Vice President Tim Smith
3rd Vice President Richard Van Winkle
4th Vice President Chuck Richardson
Assistant Secretary Jim White
Secretary Joe Ondrasek

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Mascot Daisy Svatek

Board Members NOT PRESENT: 1st VP Mike Richardson, IPP Henry Perry, Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members NOT Present: N/A

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Chris Barron

Guests present: Morris Locknane, Kyle Stephens, Donny Boggs, Brent Allen, Tommy Anderson, Rex Klesel, Frank Marcinkiewitz, Jeffery Thompson, Louise Watts, Kent Watts.

Invocation given by: Rayford Gibson

Roll Call of Board Members Present: by Secretary Ondrasek

Motion is: To approve the minutes from July 21, 2017 and September 29, 2017 as presented.

Motion by: 4th VP C. Richardson 2nd by: 2nd VP Smith

Motion Passed with 5 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

Old Business:

- SFFMA Database software update by Director Barron
 - Everything is on schedule
 - Prototype website is up
 - Director Barron is having daily and weekly meetings with the vendor
 - Estimated roll out is 2/15/18

- By Law Proposals discussion by President Cheshire
 - Discussion about recommended dues increase by law proposal
 - Information presented on why we need on and what money would be used for
 - We will need to have it ready for presentation at planning conference
 - President Cheshire is working on proposal

New Business items:

- NVFC firefighter of the year nomination discussion by Louise Watts
 - Is requesting permission to submit SFFMA FFOY Alonzo Morales from Guadalupe District to the NVFC.
 - No additional request

Motion is: To approve submission of FFOY Alonzo Morales to NVFC

Motion by: 2nd VP Smith 2nd by: 4th VP C. Richardson

Motion Passed with 5 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

- 2018 Budget discussion by President Cheshire
 - Finance chair Melissa gave report and reported committee approval of budget as discussed and submitted.

Motion is: To accept and approve 2018 SFFMA budget as presented

Motion by: 4th VP C. Richardson 2nd by: 3rd VP VanWinkle

Motion Passed with 5 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

- Report on Hurricane Harvey equipment project by 3rd VP VanWinkle
 - VP VanWinkle is on TFS committee working to allocate equipment donated to those affected by Hurricane Harvey.
 - Discussed the system to categorize and prioritize
 - TFCA and SFFMA agreed on the process
 - Overview of program provided
 - 5 engines, 2 ladders, 1 ambulance and about 225,000 in money donated
- SFFMA Hurricane Harvey relief effort update by Director Barron
 - We have received about 330,000 in donations to date, with another 10,000 due in
 - 222 applications received and reviewed
 - 2,500 to each applicant, 1,500 to those with some impact, 500 to those affected
 - Additionally, received boots, mugs, and cups to distribute
- Conference update by Gabi Glass
 - The host hotel is full and they will not release any more
 - The overflow hotels still have some rooms
 - The conference website is up
 - Exhibitor registration to start this week
 - Discussion of what to do Monday night since the rangers are playing that night
- Certification, TCFP inspector discussion by President Cheshire
 - The TCFP inspector discussion is back on the commission agenda
 - At the last TCFP meeting in October Director Barron and President Cheshire attended
 - Inspector 1 breakout is what big departments want
 - TSAF is against it
 - TCFP asked advisory board to revisit issue
 - TCFP workshop in December, President Cheshire will attend
 - Inspector 1 is basically to inspect and Inspector 2 is to enforce

- New membership type – retired firefighter’s discussion by Director Barron
 - We can create an internal retired firefighter membership to meet the need of our membership
 - Questions: what is a retired firefighter, what will they be allowed to do, what is the fee
 - President Cheshire directed Director Barron to steer a committee to include himself, 4th VP Richardson, and Rayford Gibson. In order to bring a recommendation to the board for approval.
- Public comment section discussion by President Cheshire
 - The discussion surrounded intent to streamline meetings and establish a public comment protocol for items not on the agenda
 - Agreed that the President can establish such rules
 - For future meeting, Director Barron will develop a card to fill out if anyone in the audience or if any board members want to speak and provide public comment. Give the card to secretary.

President Cheshire asked for audience comments.

- Donnie Boggs thanked the board for hard work and announced he is running for 4th VP
- Brent Allen is running for Secretary
- Rex Klesel apologized for being late
- Frank Marcinkiewitz is running for 4th VP
- Louise Watts thanked the board
- Kent Watts thanked the board

President Cheshire asked for board comments.

- President Cheshire: Lots going on behind the scenes at the office and he appreciates all the hard work
- 1st VP M. Richardson: not present
- 2nd VP Smith: Great meeting
- 3rd VP VanWinkle: Good meeting
- 4th VP C. Richardson: commented on many VFD’s using damaged hurricane cars for training
- IPP Perry: not present
- Secretary Ondrasek- good meeting
- Asst. Sec. White-. Great meeting
- Chap. Kennedy- not present
- Mascot Svatek: raising money for MDA

- E.D. Barron- good meeting
- Rayford Gibson – good meeting

The next scheduled meeting is January 26 in Arlington at 1pm

There being no further agenda items.

Motion to adjourn by: Asst. Secretary White Second by: 4th VP C. Richardson

Motion Passed with 5 voting for the motion, 0 against the motion, and 0 abstaining

President Cheshire ended meeting at 12:15 pm

Respectively Submitted
Joe Ondrasek
Secretary
1/3/2018