

2010 State Fire School  
Brookings, SD  
June 11, 2010  
Business Meeting  
**DRAFT NOT APPROVED**

Call to order: 7:45

Motion by Tim Behlings, Rapid City Fire Department 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Brunick, Vermillion Fire Department to approve 2009 minutes as published in the 2010 SD Firefighter's Newspaper MC.

Treasure report- Motion by Maynard Konechne, Kimble Fire Department 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Behlings to approve treasure report MC.

Election committee; LeRoy Koopman anyone wishing to make nomination for 2014 State school see LeRoy

Audit committee – Woody Brownell, Spearfish Fire Department and Maynard Konechne

Resolution committee – Russ Hendrix, Pierre

Evolution committee; Dale Hartmann, Pierre Fire Department, Rick Cronin, Fort Pierre Fire Department and Craig Oberle

Additional items; None

**Old Business;**

South Dakota Firefighters web page is up and running, this is a work in progress any and all suggestions are welcome.

On line registration – Other than a few bugs all seem to be going well. Any comments you may wish to share please let one of the board members know.

Jeff Gargano, with the Iowa newspaper – If you have new equipment or a truck you would like to show off send pictures to Jeff, if your department has been featured for anything send in your picture and article, and support the advertiser in the paper they help pay for the paper.

Evolution committee- Larry Nickels, Yankton Fire Department and Rick Cronin Chair- Looking at NFPA 14-10 as an alternative this addresses today's fire ground applications. Larry will put an article in the paper with what the committee has come up with as far as changes.

Fire school committee- Rick Gustad, – School seems to be meeting the needs of the firefighters today, attendance could be higher, how do we get our numbers up. Rick will put an article in the newspaper to let the membership know some of the suggestions the committee has come up with and would appreciate any feed back the membership may have.

Nominations for 2014 fire school; None at this time

Assistance to firefighter grant is going to go away unless the fire service starts writing letters. If you receive a grant take a picture of your truck or department and put an article in the paper in appreciation for the money so others know you are getting assistance.

The SD Firefighters Association and EMT Association have discussed combining there publication with ours. President Gorton will visit with the EMT's Association more about merging the papers.

Jim Burke – SD Wild Land fire- RFA money- VFA 50/50 money application on the web site, deadline end of July. We hope to hear from the RFA before the deadline of the VFA. Please remember you need to sign the grant agreement or the application will be denied. Need Federal tax ID number not state ID number.

Recess until 7:45 Saturday

2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting

Resume meeting 7:45 AM Saturday June 12, 2010

No nominations for 2014 fire school at this time if anyone wishing to put their department name in the hat please contact LeRoy Koopman.

Audit report-Maynard Konechne gave report, Motion by Joe Behlings, Custer Fire Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Behlings to accept MC.

Resolution committee met; Russ Hendrix and Larry Cronin, Fort Pierre Fire Department met and gave thanks to all who had a helping hand in making this a successful state fire school.

Evolution committee – Craig Oberle, continue discussion taking place on changes...

The board signed a marketing agreement with AFLC, and what it does is allow any firefighters to receive 20-30% discount on their product, if you are a current AFLC holder you can convert and get the savings.

By Law change- Article V, #2, Other nominations may be made (by a voting member from the floor for a voting member, who has agreed to serve, prior to the close of nominations at the first session of the annual meeting.)

The Board is proposing to eliminate Article V #2. Motion by Tim Behlings 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Nickles to make the change to the by laws, discussion MC.

Koopman- gave update on what is happening with NVFC

Evolution committee-The board has asked the committee to make a few changes and to incorporate an NFPA approved evolution for both the 3 and 5 firefighter evolution, and eliminate one of the current evolutions. They will need to present a draft of these evolutions by the September board meeting, and at the January board meeting the board will review and add these changes to the web site. A safety issue was also addressed; the rules will change to reflect all connections must have a full coupling turn and no running. Comment from the committee, everyone was ok with the full coupling turn, but the running, they are all covered on their own policy and there hasn't been any injuries. The committee doesn't totally agree with this so will discuss and get back to the board. This will be implemented for 2011 fire school.

Fire school committee – There were some comments and suggestion, please continue to call or email Gustad with further suggestions [chief@plattevfd.com](mailto:chief@plattevfd.com). If you want to see some changes this is the time. There will be some surveys in the paper to cut out and return or maybe a survey monkey. Some questions could be; If you have members that don't come to fire school why don't they, and what would it take to get them here. What is the best time of year for state fires school? One Fire school change would be to add another day to fire school.

Motion by Tim Behlings 2<sup>nd</sup> by TJ Sanborn for the SDFSA to create a resolution to support the use of fire sprinkler system in SD and allow local control of the usage MC.

**ACTION ITEM:** Gorton will draft resolution

Resolution;

South Dakota Firefighters Association supports the use of residential fire sprinklers systems within one and two family dwellings within the state of South Dakota. Furthermore allow local Government to utilize/adopt the codes necessary to govern the use of the fire sprinkler systems.

Motion by Tim Behlings 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maynard Konechne Request a letter to our representatives to sign onto the fire sprinkler incentive act to support it as per our request MC.

Letter to direct our congressional delegation to co-sponsor the fire sprinkler Act of 2010  
House Rep Herseth-Sandlin  
Senate Thune and Johnson

Legislative update by Steve Willard

Recess until 5:45PM

Resume 3<sup>rd</sup> business meeting

Evolutions;

3FF Race #1 Ladder- Yankton

Race #2 Length Hose – Beresford

Race #3 Gated Wye- Fort Pierre

Race #4 Truck – Fort Pierre

Over all winner Yankton Fire Department

5FF Race #1 Ladder & Hose- Madison

Race #2 Combination window and Hose – Beresford

Race #3 Hose- Madison

Race #4 Bursted Length – Avon

Race #5 Truck – Madison

Over all winner Madison Fire Department

Auxiliary evolutions;

Race #1 Length hose- Beresford

Race #2 Gated Wye- Yankton

Race #3 Truck- Yankton

Over all winner Yankton auxiliary

Walker trophy- 3 FF evolution -Yankton Fire Department

Walker trophy 5FF evolution – Avon Fire Department

Auxiliary Walker trophy – Yankton ladies auxiliary

Amy Zink Brandon ladies auxiliary

Harry Cronin- Yankton ladies auxiliary

Furthest travel Belle Fourche Fire Department

Oldest truck – Tea fire department

Most in line of march Beresford Fire Department

South Dakota Firefighters association, South Dakota Auxiliary association and the DOT (Dear old timers Association) issued two Scholarships Girl- Shannon Kehrwald, Ipswich Boy- Chase Baker, Tea.

This year there was also two scholarships issued by the Family of the late John Schmidt for one boy and one girl. They were Kathryn Mehlhaff, Hartford and Nicholas Huber, Gayville.

Recognition was given to Prostrollo and a plaque was presented to Jerry Prostrollo for the years of service to the firefighters for the use of a vehicle to pull the utility trailer across the state to state fire schools.

Years of service award was presented to Glenn Mehlhaff for his years of service to the firefighters' association board he served from 1998-2010.

Lifetime membership award was presented to LeRoy Koopman for his years of dedication and service to the association and firefighters of South Dakota.

Thank you to all who had a helping hand in organizing the 2010 state fire school, you done an awesome job.

Passing of the ball to Brown County fire school 2011.

Motion by Pete Bolzer, Brookings Fire Department 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrell Hartmann to adjourn 6:55PM CST MC.

Minutes recorded by  
Deedra Gesinger, Secretary