

**South Dakota Firefighters Association
General Membership Business Meeting
June 3 & 4, 2016 Sioux Falls, SD**

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Call meeting to order 7:30AM CST by President, Charlie Kludt

Approval of agenda Chris Delmar, Watertown 2nd Glenn Sealey, Colome MC.

Motion to approve minutes from June 2015 General Membership Business meeting motion by Maynard Konechne, Kimball 2nd Rick Cronin, Fort Pierre MC.

Motion to approve treasure report TJ Sanborn, Split Rock 2nd LeRoy Koopman, Colton MC.

Audit committee – Don Ward Belle Fourche, Maynard Konechne, and TJ Sanborn.

General Business- Newspaper anyone who has stories/pictures please keep sending them to Jeff it is much appreciated.

NVFC – LeRoy gave report update, this report was also in the newspaper – Cancer is a big topic in the fire service due to not cleaning the bunker gear properly. If any departments have a Jr. Firefighter program please submit your applications to the NFVC as they do not receive many applications.

The state of SD is now members of the NVFC and your department can also become a member for a reduced rate and receive many discounts and online training.

Legislative update- Steve Willard, please talk to your legislative representative in your community and get to know them, they are here to help serve you. Thanks to Maynard for all his updates and reports during the legislative issues.

2017 State Fire School June 8-9-10, 2017 – There is a list of classes on the table in the South Dakota Firefighters booth, please take a look at the list and let us know if you have any questions or ideas for instructors.

2017 is also an election year for President- Nominating committee Denny Gorton, Damon Hartmann and Ron Hines, send your nomination letters to either of these gentlemen.

Action Training website- This site is available for a yearly fee of \$20. Contact the Red Book Fund to get set up. This is a great training tool please take advantage of the opportunity to utilize this great tool. This is not a replacement of the Firefighter 1 course, just a supplemental training tool.

New Certified Firefighters –are eligible for free fire school the year they complete their certified program. This year there were 25 new firefighters who registered. They are also eligible for a \$50 gift card for attending state fire school.

Planning meeting for state fire school 2017- as in the past the host department was allowed 50 free host members. If anyone would want to help out with State Fire School the next three years please let one of the board members know. Watch the newspaper and the website for areas requesting assistance.

Memorial expansion – the hope was to never have to expand, however with much sadness we need to look at expand the location. We are currently adding a wedge similar to the Peace Officers. The cost of this wedge is \$15,000 plus. If your department would like to make a donation of any amount, that would be appreciated. We will also be working with the other agencies to expand the location. We will keep everyone posted of the changes.

Memorial Service will be October 2, 2016 and we will be adding the name David Ruhl.

Dakota Area Chaplin Association, President Rodney Veldhuizen from Yankton. This group is available for training or if your department needs incident stress debriefing assistance.

Recess until 5:15PM CST Saturday June 4th

Report from audit committee- Maynard indicated that the committee found all financial records up to June 3, 2016 to be in order. Motion by Glenn Sealey 2nd by LeRoy Koopman to approve the audit report. MC.

Recognition was given to the new firefighters in attendance-

\$1000 Scholarship winners – Ben Lembcke from Brandon and Carly Sparks from Armour.
\$250 Schmidt Scholarship winners – Shaun Maher Timber Lake and Allison Carda from Tabor.

Evolution results; No 5-firefighter evolutions this year, only 3-firefighter evolution. There were five teams competing. Over all 2016 champion for the 3-firefighter evolutions was Fort Pierre. This year Minnehaha County hosted water fights and the overall winner for the water fight was Lake Andes Fire Department.

A huge thank you goes out to the Minnehaha County Fire Departments for a job well done. It was a great 2016 State Fire School!!

Football was passed from Minnehaha County to President Charlie Kludt, as he welcomed everyone to Mitchell for the next three years of State Fire School.

Motion by TJ Sanborn 2nd by Nate Cronin, Fort Pierre to adjourn at 5:55pm CST. MC

Recorded by
Deedra Gesinger, Secretary