

South Dakota Firefighters Assn. Membership Meeting Minutes
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Saturday, September 26, 2020, at 9:00 AM CDT

Meeting was called to order by President Charlie Kludt at 9:09 AM on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at the Ramkota Motel, Pierre, SD. There were 47 members attending, therefore a quorum was present.

Board members present: Kludt, Hines, Gorton, Gustad, Baumgarten, Kuenkel, Jorgenson, Cronin, Stoks, and Erickson.

President Kludt informed everyone that due to the Covid-19 this year's membership meeting was moved to this date after the cancelation of State Fire School in Mitchell in June.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Moment of silence was observed for all national firefighters who have died in the line of duty this year and all south Dakota firefighters.

Parliamentarian: Don Ward of Belle Fourche VFD and Maynard Konechne of Kimball VFD will be the parliamentarian for the 2020 Membership meeting. At the beginning of the meeting there were not adequate members present, however if later in the meeting a quorum is gained then the Membership meeting can be continued for any items that require formal action.

Introduction of S DFA Board members: All Board members are present at the meeting and introduced themselves.

Recognition of New certified firefighters: President Kludt asked for those who are newly certified firefighters to stand. There were three new firefighters at the meeting. Great job.

Newly certified firefighter's scholarship program was explained that those who have completed and passed the Certified Firefighter 1 & 2 program are eligible to receive a \$50 cash card and no cost registration. They must inform S DFA Director Gustad so he can assign the firefighter an individual "discount" code".

State Fire Marshal's office: Doug Hinkle, Chief Deputy of the State Fire Marshall, introduced his staff. Thank you to all on the staff for their help in classes, training, and everything else. It is greatly appreciated. The Fire Instructors training will be December 12 & 13, 2020 and will again host a class at State Fire School.

Welcome Comments: President Kludt welcomed attendees to the 135th State Fire School and thanked all the firefighters for what they do.

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VIP's: President Kludt introduced NVFC Chairperson Steve Hirsch and Instructor Rob Franklin.

Provident Insurance Coverage: President Kludt reported that to date Provident Insurance has paid out in excess of \$130,000 in benefits to members of the Association. This benefit is available only if a department is 100% Membership. It was explained that there are two policies, a \$10,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D), and a \$10,000 Accident & Health (A&H).

Nomination Committee Report: Gorton, Schuelka, Diez, Jorgenson, said they have received one letter of intent to run for present from Charlie Kludt, Viborg VFD and Joe Foss Field Crash-Fire-Rescue. The Committee said they would be able to accept nominations from floor at a later time, but any floor nominations the individual must be present to accept the floor nomination.

Approval of the agenda. Agenda was presented, President Kludt asked if there were any additional items. There not being a quorum present, no formal action was taken.

Approval of the June 7 & 8, 2019 membership meeting minutes. There not being a quorum present these minutes will be approved at the Membership Meeting in June 2021. Minutes were printed in the May 2020 *South Dakota Firefighters* newspaper and on the webpage.

Treasurer's report. The year-end financial reports for 2019 were published in the May issue of the newspaper, with three reports: Net Worth, Newspaper Report for general funds and Newspaper Report for State Funds. There not being a quorum present these financials reports will be approved at the Membership Meeting in June 2021.

Appointment of auditing committee to review the 2019 accounts. President Kludt appointed an auditing committee consisting of Maynard Konechne, Kimball VFD; Don Ward, Belle Fourche VFD. They will report their findings at the 2021 State Fire School in Mitchel.

Business and/or comments from Membership: none received.

Old Business

Nominating Committee: Nominations Committee reported that at this time they have received a letter of intent to run from Charlie Kludt for the position of President. Due to not having a quorum the elections will be postponed until June 2021 Fire School. The president term will be for a two (2) year term ending June 30, 2023. Nomination committee noted that at State Fire School in 2021 there will be elections for vice-president.

President Kludt said that the elections for President will be held first and then Vice-president following the president elections.

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2020 Legislative Report: Steve Willard and Maynard Konechne reported on the past session. Willard said he has been the firefighters' lobbyist for 20+ years.

Items of note:

Digital Radio System: The Governor has put the approximately \$5,000,000 for finishing out the digital radio system.

Mover Over: passed that drivers have to move over 300 feet from emergency vehicles.

Texting bills: passed to prohibit texting and driving.

Replicate bill: allow a compact of 22 other states to allow EMT's and paramedic's to be certificated in multi-states. Some agencies who are along state borders have to have multi certifications from many states.

Search and rescue services--Costs--Limitation. The state, a fire department, a law enforcement agency, or a county-recognized entity that provides public search and rescue services may collect the actual costs of the search and rescue services provided on school or public lands or in a national park, national forest, or state park. not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Summer study for Mental Health issue – A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, to encourage the Executive Board of the Legislature to create an interim legislative study to address the mental health of first responders. Listening sessions open to firefighters at www.sdlegislature.gov and individuals can provide input. Considerable discussion on the need for this study and why mental health is important.

CARES act funds: State has approximately \$400 Million for the CARES Act and how the fire service could qualify for reimbursement. Several ideas have been proposed. It was asked of those attending how has the past year been for your fund raising. Some have not started, and others were able to complete their fund raising. There is a simple survey monkey available to gather information on how the Covid has affected your departments fund raising efforts.

National Volunteer Fire Council Report:

President Charlie Kludt attended the spring meeting in Washington D.C. and reported on the latest activities and issues they are working on. The spring meeting was conducted via Zoom.

AFG and VFA grants were discussed and the actual increase in funding along with the SAFER grants.

The wildland grants were discussed, they gave a detailed report on their past actions and future issues and officers. The NVFC is beginning a program to have wildland fire training that is directed more towards grass lands, not so much timber, fires. A committee has been set up to look at this issue. The proposal would be presented to the National Wildfire Coordinating Committee (NWCC). This would be SOP's, training classes, and other.

The All-State membership benefit was discussed and the Make Me A Firefighter recruitment program.

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Anhesuer Busch has begun a program to provide canned drinking water to fire departments at no cost. They only ask that departments do not request large quantities of water and then it just sits. They have increased their production from 1 million cans to 1.5 million cans for the next program.

Globe/MSA gear give away. They give 13 sets of 4 away each year.

Encourage membership and at the least have the officers become members as the benefits are good and worth the \$18 per member.

The S DFA Board is working on hosting the 2025 fall conference of the NVFC in Rapid City.

Fire School 2021: Will be on June 10, 11, & 12 at Mitchell MTI. (last minute change was fire school will be in Fort Pierre)

Action Training program: Adam Frick runs the SD Redbook Fund. The Fund is run by firefighters for firefighters. Any profits stay to fund further training for firefighters.

Newspaper: It was asked that chiefs and others on the departments check to see who receives paper and confirm their mailing address. It was also asked for members to submit articles and photos. Gorton said that sometimes he does not have a valid mailing address for members and the paper is returned. Gorton said he then changes the mailing address to the fire departments address so at least the member does get a paper.

Fire school Memorial Service: Will be held at 5:00 PM today in the amphitheater to pay our respects to those firefighters who have died the past year. 32 names were honored at the Memorial service.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service: Sunday, September 27, 2020, at 2:00 PM CT at Capitol Rotunda in Pierre. At this time, there will be one name added to the Memorial and that is Duane Hudson, Argyle Volunteer Fire Department.

Dear Old Timers: They will be meeting today after the Memorial Service at the Red Rosa. There were 24 members attending and paying dues of \$10 per person. The DOT's turned \$240 to the Treasurer for deposit and transfer \$300 from their funds to the S DFA account for 2020 scholarship's.

Comments/Announcements: Fort Pierre Fireman's Ball will be Saturday evening from 9 – 12 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Issues in the Volunteer Fire Service NVFC Presentation: Steve Hirsch, Chair of the NVFC presented what the NVFC is currently involved with. There are many programs that offer, legislation they support, and other items.

L.A.C.K. Class: Rob Franklin presented his class on Leadership, Accountability, Courage, Knowledge.

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Meeting was recessed until Sunday September 27 at 9:00 AM.
The Meeting was reconvened at 9:00 AM Sunday.

SD L.A.S.T.: The Team gave a presentation on the services they have to offer to families and fire departments of the State who have had a member die. There services are available whether it is a Line of Duty Death or other. There is no charge for the Team. They will work with funeral homes and other agencies or groups. The Team will assist in working through the PSOB program.

Jack Diez Recognition: President Kludt thanked Jack Deiz with a plaque for his years of service as the Badlands Director. Jack has been a valuable Board member and represented his District well. Thank you sir and we wish you well.

Recognized new firefighters: Kludt presented new firefighters with a challenge coin for joining the fire service.

Recognition of years of service for Fire Service: recognize those with years of service and attending state fire school.

Election of President: It was asked what the Board was going to do with the President elections. Kludt said that he checked state law and that the president will be elected at the 2021 fire school and will serve a two (2) year term. There will then be elections for both president and vice-president at fire school in Mitchell 2021. The position of president will be elected first, then vice-president.

Chaplains Meeting: Rod Veldhuizen announced there will a meeting for anyone interested in the chaplain's service or wanting to learn more information.

Chaplin Association: Anyone interested in working with the chaplain's association should contact Rod from Custer.

High school scholarship recipients: There were two high school seniors who received the combined scholarships. They were Ember Fluck, Custer VFD and Cheyanne Deiber, Webster VFD. They will receive their \$1,000 scholarships after registering for the second (2nd) semester at their school along with documentation from the school. The scholarship is a combined effort of the SD Firefighters, SD Firefighters Auxiliary and Dear Old Timers.

Final comments: SD Fire Chiefs meeting in Deadwood, will be Dec 4-6, 2020.
SD Joint Council meeting will be Jan. 8, 2021, at the Ramkota.
SD Fire Instructors meeting will be Jan 9-10, 2021, at the Ramkota.

Thank you too all.

Benediction by given by Rod Veldhuzien.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Dennis Gorton, Secretary

Attachment #1 – 2019 Net Worth Report

Attachment #2 – Newspaper Report for General Fund Acct. #1038930

Attachment #3 – Newspaper Report for State Fund Acct. #1039100

Attachment #4 – 2020 Auditing Report

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Net Worth 2019 Year End - As of 1/1/2020
(Includes unrealized gains)

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Account	1/1/2020 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Gen Fund Sav DSFCU *038930 A	345.02
GENL FUND CHECKING DSFCU 10...	91,734.48
GENL FUND CONTINGENCY CD B...	0.00
GENL FUND CONTINGENCY SAVI...	0.00
GENL FUND MONEY MARKET DSF...	49,158.65
GENL FUND MONEY MRKT BHFCU...	0.00
GENL FUND SCHOLARSHIP CD10...	36,493.10
MEMORIAL FUND SAVINGS DSFC...	4,983.88
REG FUND SAVINGS 1056040 A	6,761.81
SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHECK DSF...	7,853.27
STATE FUND CD BHFCU #5-Matur...	0.00
STATE FUND CHECKING DSFCU 1...	242.50
STATE FUND HY SAVINGS BHFCU	0.00
STATE FUND MONEY MARKET DS...	27,143.47
STATE FUND MEMB ACCT SAV DS...	5.08
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	224,722.16
Other Assets	
SD DEPT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	0.00
SDEMT ASSOC	0.00
TOTAL Other Assets	0.00
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LIABILITIES	
Credit Cards	
President Credit Card	0.00
Secretary Credit Card	0.00
Treasurer Credit Card	0.00
TOTAL Credit Cards	0.00
Other Liabilities	
Sales Tax	0.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	224,722.16

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General Fund 2019 Inc/Exp - Last year
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Category	1/1/2019- 12/31/2019	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
DOT Income	475	475
Drug Discount Reimbursment	28	28
Fallen Fighters Memorial	990	990
INTEREST	768	768
MEMBERSHIP-MEMBERSHIP INCO...	163,080	163,080
Penn Co Muster	130	130
SD EMS Assoc.	16,492	16,492
SD Fire Chiefs Assn.	-11	-11
SD Fire Instructors	2,205	2,205
SDFA Auxiliary Income	2,104	2,104
State Fire School	33,800	33,800
FROM MEMORIAL FUND SAVINGS ...	1,179	1,179
FROM REG FUND SAVINGS 105904...	15,171	15,171
FROM SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHEC...	1,588	1,588
TOTAL INCOME	237,998	237,998
EXPENSES		
Board Travel Expenses	2,361	2,361
Contract	7,000	7,000
Credit Card Service Expense	1,985	1,985
DOT Expense	174	174
DUES OVERPAY-REFUND OF MEM...	75	75
Evolutions	-10	-10
FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL...	3,431	3,431
INSURANCE-INSURANCE (ROBOT...	66,586	66,586
Membership Drive	1,429	1,429
Membership Software	3,717	3,717
MISC	134	134
NEWSLETTER	39,681	39,681
NVFC-NVFC EXPENSES FOR 1 MTG.	4,493	4,493
OFFICE EXPENSE	1,791	1,791
POSTAGE	16	16
Reimbursement	2,123	2,123
Schlarship	1,088	1,088
SD FIRE SCHOOL-FIRESCHOOL EX...	43,287	43,287
SD Joint Council	650	650
SDFA Auxiliary Expense	-2,420	-2,420
SDFA BOARD EXP-SDFA BOARD E...	488	488
VOIDED	0	0
WFRSITE EXPENSES	3,648	3,648
TO Gen Fund Sav DSFCU 1038930 A	341	341
TO GENL FUND CHECKING DSFCU ...	18,010	18,010
TO STATE FUND CHECKING DSFC...	32,000	32,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	230,079	230,079
OVERALL TOTAL	7,918	7,918

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State Fund 2019 Inc/Exp Year End - Last year
1/1/2019 through 12/31/2019

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Category	1/1/2019- 12/31/2019	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Grants	30,000	30,000
INTEREST	104	104
State Fire School	5	5
Transfers In	2,000	2,000
FROM REG FUND SAVINGS 105604...	32,000	32,000
FROM STATE FUND MONEY MARK...	28,350	28,350
TOTAL INCOME	92,459	92,459
EXPENSES		
Uncategorized	0	0
Board Travel Expenses	0	0
District Fire Schools-DISTRICT FIRE...	7,037	7,037
FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL...	0	0
MISC	3	3
NEWSLETTER	0	0
NVFC-NVFC EXPENSES FOR 1 MTG...	0	0
OFFICE EXPENSE	0	0
Reimbursement	0	0
SD FIRE SCHOOL-FIRESCHOOL EX...	57,149	57,149
Transfers Out	2,000	2,000
VOIDED	0	0
TO STATE FUND CHECKING DSFC...	28,350	28,350
TOTAL EXPENSES	94,538	94,538
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,079	-2,079

Attachment #4 Auditing Report

2020 Auditing Report

To the South Dakota Firefighters Membership, We the auditing committee
Maynard Konechne, Kimball VFD, Glenn Sealey, Colome VFD and Cory
Carmichael, Belle Fourche VFD, find the financial records to be in proper order for
fiscal year 2018.

Audit conducted on September 26 & 27, 2020 at Fall State Fire Conference held in
Pierre at the Ramkota Motel, Pierre, SD.

Action Requested: Motion by the 2019 Auditing committee to accept the audit as
conducted.

Signed by committee

Maynard Konechne VFD

Glenn Sealey, Colome VFD

Cory Carmichael, Belle Fourche VFD

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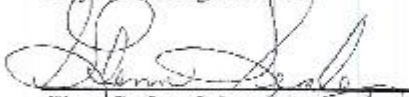
Audit conducted on June 7 & 8, 2019 at State Fire School held in Mitchell at the
Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell, SD.

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Signed by committee



Maynard Konechne VFD



Glenn Sealey, Colome VFD



Cory Carmichael, Belle Fourche VFD