

**South Dakota Firefighters Assn. Membership Meeting Minutes
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Friday, June 9, 2017 at 7:30 AM CT

Meeting was called to order by President Charlie Kludt at 7:30 AM on Friday, June 9, 2017 at the Mitchell Technical Institute Nordby Trade Center ampathearter.

(note: every seat filled with nearly 40 standing, approximately 150 attendees)

Posting of the Colors by Rapid City Fire Department and Sioux Falls Fire Department Honor Guard.

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 firefighter's

Board members introduced themselves. All Board members were present.

Mayor of Mitchell, Jerry Toomey welcomed attendees and thanked all the firefighters for what they do.

Approval of the agenda. Motion by Darrell Hartmann, Brookings FD to approve, seconded by Jason White, North Haines VFD. Carried.

Approval of the June 3 & 4, 2016 membership meeting minutes. Motion by Darrell Hartmann, Brookings FD seconded by Maynard Konenchne, Kimball VFD. Carried. Minutes were printed and distributed at the meeting since they were not published in the May 2017 *South Dakota Firefighters* newspaper.

Treasurers report. Handed out at meeting. Motion to approve by Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD, seconded by LeRoy Koopman, Colton VFD. Carried.

Appointment of auditing committee to review the 2016 accounts. Committee consists of Maynard Konenchne, Kimball VFD; Glen Sealey, Colome VFD; Cory Carmichael, Belle Fourche VFD will report their findings at the second membership meeting on Saturday evening.

Old Business

2017 Legislative Report: Willard reported on the past session. He said he has been the firefighters' lobbyist for 20 years. The bills on importance was for EMT's and concerned training, and CPR required in high schools. Funding for upgrades to the state digital radio system is a major future issue.

NVFC – Spring meeting: Koopman reported on the latest activities and issues they are working on. 41 state representatives were attending. AFG grants was discussed and the

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reduction in funding along with the SAFER grants. Koopman gave a detailed report on their past actions and future issues and officers. The All State membership benefit was discussed and the Make Me A Firefighter recruitment program.

Koopman, Colton VFD moved, seconded by T.J. Sanborn, Split Rock VFD to send letter of invitation to NVFC Chairperson Quinn to attend the June 2018 State Fire School. Motion carried by voice vote.

Kludt explained how the NVFC's Recruitment program works and any department may use the material and system. If anyone goes on line seeking information on joining a fire department they can input their zip code and it will show all vfd's within 100 miles.

Action Training program: The On-line firefighters training program is working and several departments are utilizing the system. Currently there are 9 groups going through the program. Mike Erickson, SD Fire Marshall's office, said the students are happy with the on-line program however many of the students are sometimes not too motivated to keep up with the work in a timely manner. The on-line program costs \$20/year/per firefighter for the access code and the year runs from September 1 thru August 31. Those interested should contact Adam or Kendra Frick in Yankton who now handle the SD Red Book fund.

Fire School 2018: Will be on June 8 & 9 at Mitchell MTI.

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. They must inform SDFA Director Gustad so he can assign the firefighter an individual "discount" code". This year there are approximately 20 firefighters who have qualified.

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.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service: Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:00 PM CT at Capital Lake in Pierre. At this time, there will be no names added to the Memorial.

Nominations for President: Gorton, Nomination Committee Chair & Past President said he has received one letter of intent to run from Charlie Kludt. It was opened for nominations from the floor. Kludt called for nominations three times from the floor. No nominations were received. Motion by Darrell Hartmann, Brookings FD, seconded by Glenn Sealey, Colume FD to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kludt. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Comments & Announcements: Kludt said the weather is going to be hot and if anyone is not feeling well to contact their instructor, take time and don't hurry, drink plenty of water/liquid and if anything happens to call 9-1-1.

State Fire Marshal's office: Paul Merriman, State Fire Marshall, introduced his staff and said Deputy State Fire Marshal Cliff Dahl retired yesterday. Cliff was thanked for his years of service as a Deputy Fire Marshal.

State Auxiliary: Kathy Lembcke announced that anyone who is interested in joining the State Firefighters Auxiliary is welcome do so. The Auxiliary has many things going on and we gladly work with any group of individuals who are interested in forming a local unit.

The membership meeting was recess till Saturday at 5:15 PM.

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 5:15 PM CT

Audit Committee Report of 2016 financials: see attached 2017 Audit Report at end of Minutes.

Recognition of New certified firefighters who have 1 Year, 5 Years, 10 Years, 15 Years, 20 Years and 25+ Years of service.

High school scholarship awardee's: They will receive their scholarships after registering for the second (2nd) semester at their school along with documentation from the school. SD Firefighters, SD Firefighters Auxiliary and Dear Old Timers \$1000 awardees:

Boy: Preston Baumgarten, Lemmon VFD

Girl: Brittani Snow, Pierre VFD

Johnny Schmidt Scholarship: \$250:

Boy: Zach Hespe, Murdo VFD

Girl: Christina Hartmann, Doty VFD

Lifetime membership award: The SD Firefighters Assn, Inc. Board of Directors have awarded Mike Ball of Huron "LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP" in the SD Firefighters Assn for Mike's many years of service as a Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire Instructor, Haz Mat Instructor and responder and just simply being a dedicated firefighter to all South Dakota Firefighters. Well-deserved Mike you have earned it. Mike was unable to attend, but Ron Hines of Huron said he will get the engraved membership card to Mike at a Huron FD meeting.

Evolution Results: **(I need the winners, etc. lost my sheet)**

Election Results: Reported early.

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Final comments: A huge THANK YOU to the entire Mitchell Technical Institute staff for all their hard work, to the SD Fire Marshal's office for working on instructors, Mitchell CVB for putting the registration hand out bags together and especially to the Auxiliary for their huge efforts in registration, vendors and everything else. Thank you to all.

Benediction was given.

There being no further business, Motion to adjourn the membership meeting for 2017, seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Dennis Gorton, Secretary

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2017 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 2016.


Audit conducted on June 9, 2017 at State Fire School held in Mitchell at the Mitchell
Technical Institute, Mitchell, SD.

Action Requested: Motion by the 2017 Auditing committee to accept the audit as
conducted.

Signed by committee



Maynard Konechne VFD



Glenn Sealey, Colome VFD



Cory Carmichael, Belle Fourche VFD