

**South Dakota Firefighters Assn. Fall Board Meeting
Oacoma, SD on January 25, 2014**

Saturday Meeting Agenda

Call meeting to order @ 9.30 AM CST

Minutes – from board meeting @ Fort Pierre, Oct. 2013

Treasurer's Report -

Audit of past three years

OLD BUSINESS

1. Newspaper discussion
2. Website
3. ABC Signup
4. Evolution
5. Membership report
6. Scholarship program with Auxiliary & DOT's
7. NVFC report
8. Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service – Sunday, Oct. 2014 2 PM CT
 - a. Add name Dale Englund, Stockholm VFD
 - b. Watertown fire fighter death
 - c. Honor Guard
9. Guide Book for 2014
10. FDIC April 7 – 12, 2014
11. Facebook page
12. Recognition for Hartmann & Vollmer
13. Burn Building Trailer
14. Future Fire Schools – Board agreed to host for 2017, 2018, 2019
15. Coffin flag

NEW BUSINESS

16. Aberdeen Fire School meeting –Meeting with Brown Co.
 - a. Newspaper deadlines
 - b. Schedule proposed
 - c. Registration
 - d. Rooms – motel
 - e. Classes
 - f. Parade
 - g. Vendors
 - h. Elections
 - i. Memorial Service
17. Iowa Benefits meeting
18. Insurance benefit to Members
19. Dues Structure
20. By-law changes
21. Membership program
22. Other
- 23 Pay expenses
24. Adjourn

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9:30 AM CST Call meeting to order at Al's Oasis

Members present: Denny Gorton, Glenn Sealey, Rick Gustad, Chad Baumgarten, Craig Oberle, Duane Hofer, Charlie Kludt, Ron Hines, Jack Diez, Paul Smith and Deedra Gesinger

Absent: LeRoy Koopman

Minutes -Motion by Sealey, 2nd Hofer to approve minutes of Board meeting @ Fort Pierre, October 2013. MC

Treasure Report - Motion by Gustad, 2nd by Kludt to approve the treasure report. MC

Proposed budget for 2014. Motion by Oberle, 2nd by Sealey to approve proposed budget presented by Smith. MC

Audit for past three years – Gorton signed letter with the audit firm Ketel Thorstenson of Rapid City.

Old Business

1. Newspaper-articles. Gorton sent thank you notes to all that have advertised in our newspaper. Oberle wondered if there was someone out there that would sell ads for the paper for a commission. Jeff doesn't do any soliciting of advertising; print advertising is a tough sell, with internet advertising these days. Smith indicated that to have the Rapid City Journal print 7,000 copies of the newspaper would run \$2,341 per month, no ads and not including postage. Our current cost is \$2,700 with postage. Oberle asked about selling ads on the website to offset the cost. Maybe we should go with a PDF version of the paper on the website to offset cost, what would that cost the association? Smith will check with the Journal to see what the cost would be to do this option. Gesinger will send Paul the mailing list so he can have the Journal run this option to check on the cost. Oberle will ask around to see if he can find an independent rep, Smith will also check with the ad department.

ACTION ITEM: Smith check with Journal to see about PDF cost

ACTION ITEM: Gesinger get mailing list to Smith

ACTION ITEM: Oberle ask around about an independent advertising rep

2. Website. Gorton visited with Grapevine to make some changes. He will go forward with the changes he has and Gesinger will get some photos sent. Diez asked about putting the district flyer on the website; this is ok, but you must remember to have it taken off, maybe a better option would be to put it on Facebook.

ACTION ITEM: Gorton make changes to the website.

ACTION ITEM: Gesinger send photos to Brenda for the website.

3. ABC sign up. Gustad indicated they sent him an email with some changes but he hasn't had time to look at it. Our subscription is paid up until April. Did anyone talk to the FMO about using the ABC sign-up program for firefighter certification classes? Gustad indicated this was not a big enough thing to use the program for. Fire Chiefs used it for their conference and so did the Instructors conference. We charge a 5% fee to use the

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ABC program to offset the credit card fee. We need to put the survey results on the website by February 1st, so we can refer readers to the website to view these results.

ACTION ITEM: Gustad put survey results on the website.

4. Evolution. Oberle indicated that the evolution committee said there will not be evolutions at 2014 fire school. Larry Nickels will put an article in the paper and let everyone know. Evolution book has been updated and put on the website including duties and responsibilities.

5. Membership report. Smith sent Gustad a 100% paid department list for the discounted rate. Gustad will work on setting up the registration fee to accommodate the discount.

Gesinger will put an article in the Aug paper thanking the 100% departments, and will list them by district.

ACTION ITEM: Gesinger put thank you in the paper for 100% membership.

ACTION ITEM: Gustad set up registration for discount.

6. Scholarship program. Applications are due March 1st. The committee will have to make a decision soon, so they can be in the April paper and a presentation can be made at Fire School.

7. NVFC report. Motion by Sealey 2nd Hofer to send Koopman to spring and fall meeting. MC

8. Fallen firefighter memorial service. Motion by Hofer 2nd Sealey to have the memorial service in Pierre on Sunday October 5th since the National memorial is scheduled for Oct 12. MC.

a. The family of Dale Englund, Stockholm Fire Department, are requesting to have his name added to the memorial. Tim Englund, grandson of Dale, submitted several doctors' reports, letters and other documentation that Dale suffered a heart attack while responding to a medical call with the Stockholm FD. Motion by Gustad 2nd by Diez to add his name to the memorial. MC Hofer will take care of getting the correct spelling and adding name to the memorial.

b. Gorton has not received any further information from the Watertown firefighter death. Oberle will do some follow-up on this.

c. Honor guard - Gustad suggested we invite all of them and let them decide who can come and who can't. Gorton and Baumgarten will give them the date and see who responds.

ACTION ITEM: Oberle follow-up with Watertown on firefighter death.

ACTION ITEM: Gorton & Baumgarten get with honor guard to see who can make it to Pierre for the memorial

ACTION ITEM: Hofer get name added to memorial (Dale Englund)

9. Guide Book 2014 is now on the website

10. FDIC. April 7-12. Who can go? Let Gorton know by Feb 1st, so he can make changes to the registration.

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11. Facebook. Mark Stokes from Aberdeen has been doing a good job of keeping Facebook up-to-date.

12. Recognition for Hartman and Vollmer. Hofer is working on this and he will have it ready to present at fire school 2014.

ACTION ITEM: Hofer work on plaque.

13. Burn Building trailer. Plates, title & insurance have been taken care of.

14. Future Fire School. Board agreed to host for 2017, 2018, 2019

Baumgarten- verbal agreement with Pierre School for \$1500 for June 2017, 2018 and 2019. If we move it to May we could use the Ramkota instead of the school.

Hines- Huron is building a new exhibit hall that will be ready in 2016, and they would be willing to put together a proposal – June would work.

Gustad- visited with Mitchell and they indicated they would be interested in hosting it for three years; they will get back to him with details. They would use the Technical School. June would work.

Suggestion/Ideas; Hofer, we should follow up with Mitchell and let them host it for three years. Baumgarten, need to make the pitch to the membership in April that the State Board wants to host fire school for three years in a central location. Motion by Baumgarten 2nd by Oberle for the State Board to host fire school in Mitchell 2017, 2018, 2019. Discussion; The State Board will present to the membership in April to host state fire school 2017, 2018, 2019 in Mitchell. Substitute Motion by Hofer 2nd by Diez to table this idea and let the individuals who are working with these towns present their pitch to the membership in April. Discussion; 2nd Substitute Motion by Gustad 2nd Hines to continue to pursue information for Pierre, Huron, Mitchell and the Board will decide where to host at a central location and pitch hosting State Fires School in 2017, 2018 and 2019 to the membership, with it to be held at a central location. MC.

15. Coffin flag. Koopman was to check into this and he was not present

New business:

16. Meet with Mark and JR from Brown County.

a. Information has been sent to the paper for the February and March issue. Gorton will check with Jeff to make sure we get a center lay out in the paper this year with the fire school info.

b. Schedule- need to include the location of each of the events

c. Registration fee-\$75 for non-members and \$60 for 100% members

d. Rooms have been booked at the Ramada

e. Classes- some are off site but not too far, all classes start at the school and will be bussed to the site classes from there. Oberle will check with SD Wheat Growers to see about the charge for their class since they usually put that class on for free. We will pay for the instructors but don't think we should have to pay for the trailer.

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f. No Parade

g. Vendors-would be nice if each vendor could register so we can start collecting that information on ABC, so we can start gathering the history

h. Elections- there will be an election for the president's position, and 2017 location

i. Only one meal provided on Thursday night. There will be no evening meals provided Friday and Saturday.

j. Memorial service- JR will contact Charlie Walker and Rodney Veldhuizen from Yankton about helping with the memorial service.

ACTION ITEM: Gorton contact Jeff about center layout in the paper.

ACTION ITEM: Oberle check with SD Wheat Growers on class fee.

17. Iowa Benefits meeting. Hines- all fire departments are having the same issue with retention, getting firefighters to attend training that we have. Some examples of other state dues fees: Iowa charges \$11, Wisconsin \$25, Nebraska \$20, Kansas \$10 per member for dues.

18. Insurance benefits. Are we going to raise dues to cover the cost of the AD&D insurance has gone from \$5 to \$6.48 per member? Gorton has visited with other providers and visited with Shane with Fischer Rounds to look at other plan options. One of the things that would change is this would be a line of duty death only not accidental, but there are different plan options that would cover this for different rates. Provident would have a flat rate for a set number of members, no roster sheets would need to be submitted, if the numbers went up 5% then the premium would increase. When would we make the policy change? Do we change it to January 1st? They were open to whatever worked for us. We haven't had a due increase for 10 years. We will hold off and see what kind of policy Shane comes back with before we make any changes.

ACTION ITEM: Gorton will follow up with Fischer Rounds.

19. Dues structure. Do we raise our dues from \$15 to \$20 or \$25 and raise the department due from \$50-\$100? We will need to take this to the membership, Motion by Gustad 2nd by Sealey to recommend to the membership that we raise the dues from \$15 to \$25 per member and \$50 to \$100 for dues only departments. MC This will not go into effect until 2015.

20. By-law Changes. Currently none proposed

Wording clarification in the by-laws on the letter of nomination must be presented 30 days, how should this be worded? This will be left as is.

21. Membership program. WebLink International - Motion by Oberle 2nd by Hofer to purchase the new membership program MC. Gesinger will work with WebLink to get things set up and running.

ACTIIN ITEM: Gesinger work with WebLink.

22. Other. At the fire chiefs' meeting they proposed putting a bronze statue of a firefighter at the firefighter memorial. This would cost approximately \$80,000. The Fire

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Chief Assn. would set up a trust fund and the family of any firefighter who died in the line of duty would receive a miniature sculpture. They plan to come to the Board to propose this option in April.

23. Motion by Hofer 2nd by Diez to pay expenses MC.

24. Motion by Sealey 2nd Oberle to adjourn 4:00pm MC.

Submitted by
Deedra Gesinger, Secretary

Chamberlain mtg. January 25-2014		
Dennis Gorton		
LeRoy Koopman	a	a
Glenn Sealey	y	y
Jack Diez	y	y
Duane Hofer	y	y
Ron Hines	y	y
Craig Oberle	y	y
Chad Baumgarten	a	a
Charlie Kludt	y	y
Rick Gustad	y	y
Paul Smith		
Deedra Gesinger		

software
Purchase membership
bills
motion to pay