

**South Dakota Firefighters Association Business Meeting  
Aberdeen/Brown County, SD  
April 4 & 5, 2014**

2014 business meeting called to order by President Denise Gorton at 5:17pmCDT

Motion by Manyard Konechne, Kimball 2<sup>nd</sup> by Curt Rawstern, Selby to approve June 2013 Business minutes as published on the web and printed in the March issue of the Firefighters newspaper MC.

Motion by Charlie Walker, Pierre 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oberle, Tea to approve treasure report as printed in the March issue of the Firefighter news paper MC.

Charlie Walker and TJ Sanborn , Sioux Falls will act as the parliamentarian.

Audit committee Manyard Konechne and Don Ward, Belle Fourche

Resolutions committee Charlie Walker

Nomination Committee- Leroy Koopman

**Old Business**

**Red Book-** the purchase of these books can not be run through the ABC sign-up system, this system was not set up with this type of feature.

**Nomination committee-** LeRoy Koopman

President position- there was one nomination submitted and that was from Charlie Kludt, Viborg. No nominations from the floor, motion by Charlie Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TJ Sanborn that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Charle Kludt as president. MC

**Nomination for 2017 state fire school-** The SDFFA would like to host state fire school in Mitchell for 2017, 2018, 2019.

Pierre would like to also bid a 3 year term for state fire school 2017, 2018, 2019

Motion by Charlie Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oberle, Tea to put both Pierre and Mitchell on the ballot for state fire school 2017, 2018, 2019 MC.

**Increase in the annual dues-** currently \$15 per member \$50 for department. The board recommendation was to increase dues to \$25 per member and \$100 department only.

Dues have not been increased for 10years and at that time they went up \$5 from \$10 to \$15. Motion by LeRoy Koopman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Oberle to raise the dues as recommended by the SDFFA board effective January 2015. Discussion; This option will also be on the ballot to increase the dues to \$25.

**New Business**

**Legislation update-** Steve Willard gave an update for the 2014 legislation session

**NVFC Report-** LeRoy Koopman gave an update

Motion to recess at 6:11pm until 5pm Saturday

2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting Resume 5:15PM CST

**Audit Report-** Don Ward reported; Motion by Oberle 2<sup>nd</sup> Bryon Baker, Tea to accept Ketel-Thorstensen audit results when completed.

**Election results-** 2017, 2018, 2019 state fire school will be held in Mitchell. Dues will increase effective January 2015 from \$15 to \$25. Motion by Charlie Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryon Baker to destroy the ballots MC.

Plaques were presented to Reuben Vollmer Jr Badlands District and Dale Hartmann Evolution Superintendent.

**Scholarships-**South Dakota Firefighters, DOT and South Dakota Auxiliary- \$1000 to one boy and one girl; Boy-Leighton Blum, Flandreau, Girl- Hayley Leibel, Trail City The Johnny Schmidt scholarship \$250 awarded to one boy and one girl; boy- John McLaughlin, Tea, girl-Kinsey Sherard, Hurley

DeSmet Fire Department received the Southeast District Fire School Scholarship.

There were 461 students registered for fire school.

Thank you to the Fire Marshal's Office, Instructors, Brown County Chiefs, Aberdeen Fire Department and host departments for all their hard work hosting a great school.

Thank you to Denny Gorton for all his years of service to the South Dakota Firefighters Association.

Passing of the ball from Brown County to Pierre.

Motion by Maynard Konechne 2<sup>nd</sup> Derwin Kampa Aberdeen Rural to adjourn 5:50PM CST

Minutes recorded by  
Deedra Gesinger, Secretary SDFA