Minutes of the CSFFA Executive Board Zoom Meeting

Date: November 5th, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Josh Bobb at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call:

Roll call of officers showed the following members present:

- Josh Bobb
- Byron Willems
- David Aagesen
- Ryan Haynie
- Michael Torres
- Chad Wettstein

Kelly White was excused. Sergeant at Arms Jud Hall was also present.

Approval of Agenda:

Ryan Haynie moved to accept the agenda as presented. David Aagesen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Ryan Haynie moved to accept the minutes that were emailed out. David Aagesen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Chad Wettstein presented the treasurer's report. Balances were:

- Checking account: $34,406.41
- Savings account: $2,132.53

Grand total: $36,538.94
Chad stated that he would send out the printed treasurer's report, likely on Wednesday. Ryan Haynie moved to accept the treasurer's report. David Aagesen seconded the motion. The motion passed. The board requested to move $20,000 to the savings account for interest accrual.

Historian/Custodian Report:

David Aagesen had nothing to report at this time.

Secretary/District 1 Representative Report:

Chad Wettstein reported the following membership statistics:

- Department members: 69
- Individual members: 23

The total number of members was uncertain at that time, with two departments (Brush Volunteer Fire Department and Front Range Fire) having removed their memberships, and Otis Fire potentially doing the same. The District 1 meeting reportedly went well.

Vice President/District 3 Representative Report:

Byron Willems discussed the Grant Writing class. South Metro Fire expressed the class's importance for every fire department in the state and inquired about securing it and setting dates to utilize their facility.

District 6 Representative Report:

Ryan Haynie reported on receiving a proposal from First Responder Grants for classes on March 12-13 and 15-16. The price per person was reduced to $333 from $499. The proposal was attached. The total cost of the class was $20,000, which would be requested from the foundation to fund. A scholarship of 2/3 for membership registration was proposed, with a charge of $495 for non-members and $195 for members. Ryan reported that everything else on his end was quiet.

Old Business:

- **2025 Fire College Location:** Josh Bobb read a letter from Poudre Fire Authority (see attached email) offering their facilities for Fire College. The format would be similar to South Metro's, with a business meeting on Friday afternoon and a memorial on Saturday evening. This offer addressed concerns about potential issues with the Black Forrest board and Mike Torres's access to the grounds. Moving to Poudre Fire Authority would eliminate those concerns, with the possibility of returning to Black Forrest in a couple of years. The Training committee needed to meet at Poudre Fire Authority's facility to ensure it would accommodate the planned training. Josh suggested the first weekend in December for the committee to discuss and set a meeting date.

- **Treasurer's Position:** Josh Bobb reported on his unsuccessful attempts to fill the treasurer's position. Jud Hall declined the position when offered. Josh emphasized the current checks and balances system with Josh and David on the bank accounts, and Chad fulfilling the role effectively. Discussion ensued regarding the treasurer's position at Fire College, its requirements, and potential candidates.

District 4 Representative/NVFC Representative Report:

Mike Torres provided a report on NVFC, noting the adjustment to a new representative. He was involved in the Recruitment and Retention, Health and Safety, and Training and Finance committees. He also attended the Legislative committee to observe the political landscape. Mike's report focused on OSHA concerns, particularly regarding the medical aspects and the impact on small, rural, volunteer departments. He emphasized the importance of addressing health proactively and managing the challenges posed by aging firefighters. Mike planned to continue monitoring developments and gathering information.

State Chief's Conference:

Mike reported on the State Chief's Conference, highlighting the value of networking. He made positive connections with Chief Morgan from PC and NFPA representatives, fostering potential collaborations

and increased involvement for CSFFA. While he didn't connect extensively with the Chiefs Association, he planned to pursue that relationship further in the future.

Training:

Mike outlined plans for training tracks at Fire College, including extrication/ev, truck, engine, and leadership. The tracks would cater to both large and small departments, with a focus on minimum Manning and specialized instruction from subject matter experts. A Wildland section with S130/190 certification was also planned. Josh Bobb suggested involving the Division of Fire Prevention for the S130/190 class to strengthen that relationship.

Fire College Website and Keynote Speaker:

Mike discussed the need to update the Fire College website and requested a QR code for promotional purposes. He also mentioned considering Chief Thompson or Chris James as potential keynote speakers.

CFTOA Meeting:

Josh Bobb proposed inviting the CFTOA to hold their meeting at Fire College to foster collaboration and mend relationships.

Budget:

Byron Willems inquired about the budget for Fire College. Mike estimated it to be around $13,500, including all costs.

Appreciation for Instructors:

Josh Bobb suggested taking the instructors out for a steak dinner on Friday night after the business meeting as a gesture of appreciation.

State Fire Chiefs:

Byron Willems echoed Mike's positive outlook on the relationship with the Division of Fire Prevention and the Chiefs Association. He emphasized the importance of timely information dissemination and expressed excitement about the Poudre Fire Authority location.

CSFFA's Trajectory:

Josh Bobb expressed optimism about the association's direction and emphasized the need to deliver tangible results and improve upon past performance.

Unfinished Business:

- **Shirts:** Chad Wettstein was tasked with organizing the production of quality shirts with the association logo, charging flag, and foundation logo. Jud Hall offered to assist and mentioned a potential vendor.
- **Backpacks:** Byron Willems suggested exploring the possibility of offering quality backpacks with the association logo.
- **Stickers:** Josh Bobb inquired about the need for more association stickers and discussed potential vendors.

- **Challenge Coins:** David Aagesen suggested looking into getting new challenge coins.

Adjournment:

Byron Willems moved to adjourn the meeting. David Aagesen seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Minutes were approved on February 8th 2025 at South Adams Fire Station 8.