

**South Dakota Firefighters Association  
General Business Meeting  
State Fire School -Pennington County  
June 12-13, 2009**

First Business Meeting called to order by President Dennis Gorton on Friday June 12, at 8:00 AM, Western Dakota Vo-Tech Classroom Bldg, CTC classroom.

Approval of the 2008 business meeting minutes; correction of 2012 term to 2011 for Dennis Gorton president by Brian Baker, Tea fire department; motion to approve the minutes as printed in the firefighter newspaper with correction by Brian Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> Maynard Konechne, Kimball fire department. MC

Treasure report; motion by Charlie Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Hendrix, Pierre fire department to approve treasures report as printed in the firefighter newspaper. MC

Committee appointed for elections: LeRoy Koopman, Charlie Walker, Don Ward, Belle Fourche fire department

Audit committee; Maynard Konechne and Woody Brownell, Spearfish fire department

Resolution committee; Charlie Walker and Russ Hendrix

Evolution committee; Dale Hartman, Pierre fire department, Rick Cronin, Fort Pierre fire department and Craig Oberle

**Old Business:**

Website [www.sdfirefighters.org/](http://www.sdfirefighters.org/)

Items members would like to see on the website include;

\*on line registration

\*Legislative updates during session

\*on line training calendar

If anyone would like to post something to this website please contact your district representative or email Rick Gustad at [chief@plattevfd.com](mailto:chief@plattevfd.com)

Newspaper: this is your paper keep the articles coming.

**New Business:**

Nominations open for 2013 State Fire School

Nominations open for Vice President, this is a three year term effective July 1, 2009 Charlie Walker nominated Glenn Sealey, Colome fire department.

Assistant to firefighter grant- application for trucks and equipment; this has been \$565 million, they are talking of dropping it down to \$170 million, this will effect SD. If you have received a grant, you need to be contacting your representatives and letting them know how important that grant has been to your department and community. Gorton will put together a resolution and have it ready to send to the representatives and governor.

Items from the floor; Bill DeBondt, SD Air National Guard fire department asked if we really need to have both the registration and vendors open during open ceremonies? Gorton asked, do you prefer opening ceremonies followed by evolutions or prior? Darrell Hartman, Brookings fire department voiced he would like to see opening ceremonies

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moved to later; evolutions at 1:00PM followed by opening ceremonies at 4:00PM. Opening ceremonies has always been the official start of state fire school.

Motion by Rob Lehmann, North Haines fire department 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Hendrix to suspend evolutions for the next three years and do a survey to see how this impacts fire school discussion; continued until Saturday AM meeting.

8:55 AM recess until Saturday morning

**Resume** second business meeting Saturday 6-13-09 8:00AM MT

Dale Hartman made a substitute motion to Rob Lehmann's motion on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Johnson, Madison fire department that the South Dakota Firefighters Association (SDFA) board of directors, appoint a committee consisting of a member from each evolution team that competed in 2009 state fire school, plus, no less than three members of the SDFA board. The purpose of this committee is to review and make recommendations to the SDFA board concerning the current evolutions that provide health and safety concerns, typically used on the fire ground. This committee will report their findings and recommendations at the 2010 state fire school in Brookings. Discussion; show of hands vote 112-20. MC

Motion by Tim Kobes, Rapid Valley fire department 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Behlings, Rapid City fire department to create two committees, one to look at the overall issues of the state fire school itself and another committee to look at the evolutions. Discussion; show of hands vote 81-22. MC

Legislation issue update; Steve Willard was absent so updates were read by President Gorton. Motion by Tim Behlings, Rapid City fire department 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrell Hartmann that the SDFA board draft a resolution to support the single family dwelling code.

Audit committee met and reported that the SDFA books have been audited and are in good order, motion to approve by Manard Konechne 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Walker, MC.

Resolution committee; grant funding "resolution A" 2009 motion by Charlie walker; 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Lipp, Custer fire department MC.

**Assistance to Firefighters Grants Resolution:**

Whereas; the Fire Departments of South Dakota, whether volunteer or career, have primary responsibility for protection of its citizens and their property from the ravages of fire, and;

Whereas; many of the Fire Departments are rural in nature and are responsible for billions of dollars of real property and personal property, and;

Whereas; Fire Departments of South Dakota have received over \$2.3 Million dollars in Assistance to Firefighter Grant Funding since 2001 for the purchase of vehicles, personnel protective equipment, communications equipment and other vital equipment; and;

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Whereas; with the implementation of the Assistant to Firefighter Grants response by the Fire Departments of South Dakota and the Nation, has been vastly improved for the variety of emergency calls, and;

Whereas; that the current budget proposal reduces funding for Assistance to Firefighter Grants from \$565 Million to \$260 Million for equipment and training which are especially important to firefighters not only in South Dakota but across America, now;

Therefore; be it resolved that the firefighters of the South Dakota Firefighters Association in session at the 126<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, at Rapid City, South Dakota, strongly encourage Governor Mike Rounds, Representative Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin, Senator Tim Johnson and Senator John Thune; to introduce legislation and support funding of Assistance to Firefighters Grant of not less than \$565 Million for the next budget year.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2009.

South Dakota Firefighters Association  
S/Dennis Gorton  
Dennis Gorton, President

Attest: Deedra Gesinger, Secretary

Update on NVFC in Washington DC. LeRoy Koopman indicated that the updates were in the firefighter newspaper.

Nominations for Vice President, Glenn Sealey, no other nomination were made, motion by Larry Cronin, Fort Pierre fire department 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrell Hartmann to cast a unanimous ballot, MC.

Nominations for 2013 state fire school, Belle Fourche, no other nominations were made, motion by Charlie Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joel Behlings, Custer fire department to cast a unanimous ballot, MC.

Recess until 6pm

**Resume** third business meeting 6:00PM

Evolutions results;

Three Firefighter Ladder – Beresford  
    Lengthen Hose – Beresford  
    Gated Wye – Beresford  
    Truck Evolution – Beresford

Over all Three firefighter winner – Beresford  
Three firefighter Walker trophy – Beresford

Five Firefighter results;

    Ladder and Hose – Madison  
    Combination and Window – Madison  
    Hose evolution – Beresford  
    Burst length – Madison  
    Truck evolution – Avon

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Over all Five firefighter winner – Madison  
Five firefighter Walker trophy – Madison

Auxiliary evolution results;

Lengthen hose – Brandon

Gated Wye – Beresford

Truck evolution – Brandon

Over all auxiliary winner – Brandon

Amy Zink 3<sup>rd</sup> place over all winner – Beresford

Auxiliary Walker trophy winner – Beresford

Fire truck rodeo winner Fairburn fire department.

Scholarship recipients; Michael Seiler from McIntosh, SD and Summer Bronson from Wilmot, SD.

There will be two sub committees appointed, one to review evolutions and one to review fire school. Gorton noted that anyone interested in serving on either committee to contact him in writing.

Gorton expressed thanks to the Fire Marshal's office, staff, instructors, Homeland Security, vendors, and all board members for a job well done.

Hats off to Pennington County for a job well done, as they pass the ball to Brookings for State fire school 2010.

Motion by Manard Konechne 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Walker to adjourn 6:45 PM

Minutes recorded by  
Deedra Gesinger, Secretary