2011 Brown County State Fire School
General Session Business meeting
June 10, 2011

Call to order Friday June 10, 2011 8:00 AM CST

Motion by Maynard Konechne, Kimball 2nd by Doug Brunick, Vermillion to approve the minutes from June 2010, published in the Firefighters newspaper MC.

Motion by Charlie Walker, Pierre 2nd by Todd Lowe, Hartford to approve treasurer's report as printed in the Firefighters newspaper MC.

LeRoy Koopman announced nomination letter for the president position was Dennis Gorton. The second nomination was not received 30 days prior to elections so therefore was invalid according to the by-laws.

2014 and 2015 State Fire school nominations are now open. Box Elder Fire Department announced they would like to host 2014 state fire school, nominations will remain open at this time.

Committee Assignments were made as follows:

Audit committee: Maynard Konechne and Doug Brunick
Resolution committee; Russ Hendrix, Pierre and Charlie Walker
Evolution committee Dale Hartmann Pierre, Rick Cronin, Fort Pierre and Craig Oberle, Mellette

There has been a committees formed to look at what changes could be done to make our State Fire School better. This committee reported some of their thoughts and ideas to the board. There will be a survey put together asking for input from the association on these ideas/thoughts.

SD firefighter newspaper: with a show of hands from the association members present most were receiving the newspaper and enjoy it. President Gorton stressed to all that they need to get article into the newspaper and let the rest of the state know what is going on in their community - this is the only thing that will keep the paper alive.

Motion by Darrell Hartmann, Brookings to reinstate the old by-law change back to allowing motions from the floor, 2nd by Dale Hartmann, Pierre. Discussions/comments followed. This motion will be voted on at fire school 2012 in Yankton. MC

Motion by Darrell Hartmann to request a professional audit of the South Dakota Firefighters Association books going back 4years, 2nd by Doug Brunick. Discussion: Charlie Walker asked how the committee would be selected, so we can get bids. Do we come back next year with bids and then approve someone? Maybe something should be set up to have an audit every 6 years from an outside organization. Motion deferred to 2nd business meeting.

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June 11, 2011 2nd business meeting resumes at 8:00AM CST

The evolution committee that was appointed at Pennington County State Fire school dropped one of the evolutions and due to the flooding situation did not get another evolution put together. The evolutions committee will come up with a new race and will work on encouraging others to participate. This committee will be in charge of setting up races and running evolutions. The evolution trailer will be stored in Yankton until Fire School 2012.

NVFC report LeRoy Koopman- see May firefighters news paper for updates

Firefighters do a great job making last minute changes due to the flooding and many other issues that come up at the lat minutes. Thanks to Darrell Hartmann for stepping up to the plate and filling a 12 hour class for an instructor who had to cancel at the last minute.

Committee Reports-
Audit committee report- Maynard Konechne and Doug Brunick reviewed the financial statements and reported that the financial records are in proper order as of June 10, 2011. Motion by Charlie Walker 2nd by Darrell Hartmann to accept MC

Resolution committee-
Charlie Walker recommended that the standard resolutions be sent forth.

Evolution committee indicated they will check all classes by end of class time today.

Nominations for 2014 State Fire School: Brown County Fire Chiefs indicated that they would like to host 2014 State fires school. Motion by Glenn Mehlhaff, Hartford 2nd by Manyard Konechne to close the nomination for 2014 State fire school MC. There will be an election between Box Elder and Brown County Fire Chiefs to see who will host 2014 State School.

Continuance of discussion of the financial audit of the association books: SDFA recommendations would be to have an audit for the following items;

1. Accuracy of past 4year financial reports 2007-2010.
2. Are revenues and expense properly accounted for?
3. Are procedures used reasonable in safeguarding the assets of the SDFA?
4. Are there procedures/policies that can be reasonably incorporated to improve Board operations?
5. Audit report to be presented at the 2012 State Fire School or sooner and will be presented in the newspaper and placed on SDFA webpage.
6. Executive Board (President, Vice-President and Past President) will select the auditing firm with the concurrence of the entire Board. MC

Legislative report- Steve Willard gave report of the 2011 legislation session.

Recess until 5pm CST

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3rd business meeting resumes 6:05 PM CST

Race team results for Fire School 2011
There were no three firefighter evolutions this year due to the flooding situation.
Results for the five firefighter evolutions were as follow: there were two teams that participated, Beresford and Avon.
Evolution results:
Combination window and hose race- Avon
Hose Evolution – Avon
Bursted length- Avon
Truck Evolution- Avon
Overall evolution champs – Avon

Recipients for the $1000 SDFA, Auxiliary, and DOT scholarship were Derek Gors from Tea and Tonya Wenzel from Spearfish. The recipients of the Johnny Schmidt memorial scholarship were Phillip Hanahs from Gregory and Nicole Bunker from Arlington.

President Gorton explained the motion about the by-law change and indicated that this notice will be in the paper 45 days prior to fire school 2012.

Lifetime membership awards; There were three lifetime membership awards granted this year. They were granted to Ben Huber from White River, Jesse Luce Jr. from Aberdeen Rural and Charles Jarding from Humboldt.

2014 State Fire School election results: Brown County will host 2014 State school fire school Motion by Glenn Mehlhaff 2nd by Charlie Walker to destroy the ballots MC.

President Gorton gave a huge thank you to all the Brown County firefighters and the surrounding fire departments that helped put on a great school. Great job! See you again in 2014. Thank you also to the State Fire Marshal's office and all the great instructors. Without all of you the Firefighters Association would not be able to do what we do.

Passing of the ball from Brown County to Yankton; Hope to see everyone in 2012 in Yankton.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15pm CST
Recorded by
Deedra Gesinger, Secretary

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