South Dakota Firefighters Association Business Meeting
Yankton, SD, June 8 & 9, 2012

Friday June 8, 2012 first business meeting call to order 5:00pm CST

Motion by Darrell Hartmann, Brookings Fire Department 2nd by Charlie Walker, Pierre to approve minutes as printed in the South Dakota Firefighter’s newspaper May issue, MC.

Motion by Darrell Hartmann 2nd by Joe Meligan, Fort Pierre Fire Department to approve treasure report as printed in the South Dakota Firefighter’s newspaper April issue, MC.

2012 Audit committee; Maynard Konechne, Kimball Fire Department, Craig Oberle, Mellette Fire Department and Don Ward, Belle Fourche Fire Department

Resolution Committee; Charlie Walker

Evolution Committee; Craig Oberle and Rick Cronin, Fort Pierre Fire Department

Al Christie, retired State Fire Marshal was award an appreciation award by the South Dakota Firefighters Association for his dedicated years of service.

Helen King, long time secretary for the State Fire Marshal’s office was award a proclamation by the Governor marking June 8th as Helen King Day in South Dakota.

Old Business:
Nomination committee;
Nominations for 2015 State Fire School
Pierre Fire Department
Motion by Rick Cronin 2nd by Maynard Konechne, MC.

Vice President elections;
Damon Hartmann, Doty Fire Department; Withdrew name
Darrell Hartmann
Glenn Sealey, Colome Fire Department
Motion by Charlie Walker to place names on a ballot 2nd by Rick Cronin, MC

There was a motion at Aberdeen State fire School to allow nominations from the floor.

By-law change:

Explaination of proposed change – at Brown County 2011 “Motion by Darrell Hartmann, Brookings to reinstate the old by-law change back to allowing motions from the floor, 2nd by Dale Hartmann, Pierre. Discussion/comments followed. This motion will be voted on at fire school 2012 in Yankton. Motion Carried.”

In Brookings 2010 the SDFA Board requested the membership to change the by-laws and the membership voted and passed the current wording: By-laws read: “Article V 2. Duties and Responsibilities: It shall be the duty of the Nominating and Election Committee to submit a slate of candidates for the vacancies of each election. This slate to be mailed to the membership thirty (30) days prior to an election”.
Changed By-laws would read: Article V 2. Duties and Responsibilities: It shall be the duty of the Nominating and Election Committee to submit a slate of candidates for the vacancies of each election. This slate to be mailed to the membership thirty (30) days prior to an election. Other nominations may be made (by a voting member from the floor for a voting member, who has agreed to serve, prior to the close of nominations at the first session of the annual meeting.)

_The ballot will read, “Should the membership reinstate the by-laws to allow nominations for president and vice-president from the floor”. You will mark the ballot yes or no._

Motion by Charlie Walker, 2nd Rick Cronin to put this motion on the ballot, MC

Audit/review of the books was in the April issue of the paper. The recommended changes have been implemented. Discussion;


NVFC report LeRoy Koopman-

Recess until 5:00pm CST Saturday June 9th

Resume 2nd business meeting 5:10pm CST, Yankton Park

South Dakota Firefighter of the Year will be held September 15, 2012 in Sioux Falls. Watch the newspaper for more details and get your nominations sent in.

Registration program- this was a new program used this year if anyone has any suggestions or ideas of issues they would like to see changed please get them to Rick Gustad or any one of the Board members.

Audit review report; Maynard reported that the books were reviewed and found to be in order. Motion by Charlie Walker 2nd by Curt Rawstern, Selby Fire Department to accept the audit report, MC.

Resolution – standard

Evolutions; This year evolution were turned over to the evolution committee to set up and run. Larry Nickles, Yankton Fire Department, reported that all went well and thanked everyone for there support and cooperation and a BIG thanks to the departments that participated.

2015 State Fire School will be held in Pierre.

Vice President results from the election were; Glenn Sealey

By-law Change will include nominations from the floor.

Motion by Charlie Walker 2nd by Maynard Konechne to destroy the ballots, MC.

Evolution results;
Three Firefighter evolution
Lengthening a hose-Yankton
Gated Wye- Fort Pierre
Truck Evolution- Fort Pierre
Over all three firefighter winner – Fort Pierre
Walker trophy three firefighter - Yankton

Five Firefighter evolution
Combination window hose – Madison
Hose-Madison
Busted Length- Madison
Truck evolution- Madison
Overall five evolution winner – Madison
Walker trophy for five firefighter evolution – Madison

Auxiliary evolution;
Length a hose- Brandon
Gate Wye- Yankton
Truck race- Brandon
Over all auxiliary winner- Brandon

The auxiliary challenged the firefighter board to an evolution race at 2013 State Fire School. This one evolution would be lengthening a hose. Craig Oberle accepted the challenge. Members from the evolution committee Larry Nickles and Rick Cronin will judge the race.

Parade awards;
Oldest truck – Tyndall
Most in line of march- Belle Fourche
Farthest travel- Lemmon

Scholarship recipients
Boy- Matthew B. Eggers, Lead
Girl- Tiann Schell, McIntosh

Schmidt scholarship recipients
Boy-Kyle Koopman, Colton
Girl- Rebecca Dykstra, Brandon

Denny Gorton, gave a big thanks to all the firefighters and auxiliary who took part in helping make 2012 State fire school a huge success.

Yankton passed the ball to Belle Fourche for 2013 State Fire School.

Motion by LeRoy Koopman, Colton Fire Department 2nd by Curt Rawstern to adjourn the 2012 Yankton State fire school, MC. 6:30pm CST