

South Dakota Firefighters Assn. Membership Meeting Minutes
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Friday, June 8, 2018 at 7:30 AM CT

Meeting was called to order by President Charlie Kludt at 7:30 AM on Friday, June 8, 2018 at the Mitchell Technical Institute Nordby Trade Center ampathearter.
(note: every seat filled with +-130 attendees)

Posting of the Colors.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Moment of silence was observed for all national firefighters who have died in the line of duty this year and all south Dakota firefighter's.

Parliamentarian: Vice-president Don Ward will be the parliamentarian for the 2018 Membership meeting.

Introduction of SDFA Board members: All Board members are present at the meeting and introduced themselves.

Welcome Comments: President Kludt welcomed attendees to the 134th State Fire School and thanked all the firefighters for what they do.

Approval of the agenda. Motion by Darrell Hartmann, Brookings FD, to approve as presented, seconded by Bryan Baker, Tea VFD. Carried.

Approval of the June 9 &10, 2017 membership meeting minutes. Motion by Darrell Hartmann, Brookings FD to approve the minutes, seconded by Steve Keegan, Whispering Pines VFD. Carried. Minutes were printed in the May 2018 *South Dakota Firefighters* newspaper and on the webpage.

Treasurers report. The year-end financial reports for 2017 were published in the May issue of the newspaper, with three reports: Net Worth, Newspaper Report for general funds and Newspaper Report for State Funds. Motion to approve by Glenn Sealey, Colome VFD, seconded by Darrel Hartmann, Brookings FD . Carried.

Appointment of auditing committee to review the 2017 accounts. President Kludt appointed an auditing committee consisting of Maynard Konechne, Kimball VFD; Glen Sealey, Colome VFD; Cory Carmichael, Belle Fourche VFD. They will report their findings at the second membership meeting on Saturday evening.

Business and/or comments from Membership:

Old Business

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2018 & 2019 Legislative Report: Steve Willard and Maynard Konechne reported on the past session. Willard said he has been the firefighters' lobbyist for 20 years. The bills on importance was for EMT's and concerned training, and CPR required in high schools. Funding for upgrades to the state digital radio system is a major future issue. One bill from the 2018 session was to provide some penalty for a 1st responder being assaulted but pulled by the hospital's and then added emergency room personnel. A bill to allow fire districts to use their tax funds to support medical services. Konechne said that recently an ambulance district was informed they are supposed to pay the excise tax on their vehicles as they are not on the specified list of exempt organizations.

Action Needed: Legislation will be most likely introduced to address the issue of fire districts, ambulance districts and ambulance services paying the excise tax.

National Volunteer Fire Council Report:

President Kludt introduced NVFC President Kevin Quinn who will be two classes and President Quinn wanted to come to South Dakota and meet some of their firefighters. President Quinn who is from Rhode Island addressed the membership talking about the cooperation of the fire departments in the State and building those local connections with legislators. The 70% of the nation's firefighters are volunteers, volunteers save taxpayers \$46.9 Billion dollars each year. President Quinn said if anyone had a question or wants to contact him please do.

LeRoy Koopman, Colton VFD and Charlie Kludt attended the spring meeting in Washington D.C. and reported on the latest activities and issues they are working on. 41 state representatives were attending. AFG grants was discussed and the actual increase in funding along with the SAFER grants. The wildland grants were discussed, they gave a detailed report on their past actions and future issues and officers. The All State membership benefit was discussed and the Make Me A Firefighter recruitment program.

Kludt explained how the NVFC's Recruitment program works and any department may use the material and system. If anyone goes on line seeking information on joining a fire department they can input their zip code and it will show all vfd's within 100 miles.

Action Training program: Adam Frick, SD Redbook Fund, explained there maybe a new set of essentials coming out soon. Most likely will rolled out at the Instructors meeting in January.

Fire School 2019: Will be on June 6, 7 & 8 at Mitchell MTI.

Newly certified firefighter's scholarship program was explained that those who have completed and passed the Certified Firefighter 1 & 2 program are eligible to receive a \$50 cash card. They must inform SDFA Director Gustad so he can assign the firefighter an individual "discount" code". This year there are approximately 12 firefighters who have qualified. Those newly certified firefighters were recognized at the meeting.

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Newspaper: It was asked that chiefs and others on the departments check to see who receives paper and confirm their mailing address. It was also asked for members to submit articles and photos. Publisher Jeff Gargano was at the meeting and will be around most the day.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service: Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 2:00 PM CT at Capital Lake in Pierre. At this time, there will be one name added to the Memorial and that is Donald F. "Donny" Manger, Presho Volunteer Fire Department.

Nominations for Vice-President: Dennis Gorton, Jack Diez and Glenn Sealey are the Nomination Committee. Gorton said the committee has received one letter of intent to run from Don Ward, Belle Fourche VFD. It was opened for nominations from the floor. Gorton called for nominations three times from the floor. Ron Maeschen, Parkston VFD nominated Ron Hines, Huron FD for Vice-president. Motion by Maynard Konechne, Kimball VFD, seconded Darrell Hartmann, Brookings FD to close nominations and place Ron Hines and Don Ward on the ballot. Motion carried by voice vote. Voting will be at the registration table Saturday, from 11 AM to 2 PM. Those off-site classes the Nomination Committee will bring ballots to the offsite class. Results will be announced at the closing membership meeting Saturday evening.

Comments & Announcements: Kludt said the weather is going to be hot and if anyone is not feeling well to contact their instructor, take time and don't hurry, drink plenty of water/liquid and if anything happens to call 9-1-1.

Chaplin Association: Anyone interested in working with the chaplain's association should contact Rod from Yankton.

National Monuments: NVFC President Quinn, asked that if anyone could contact Mt. Rushmore National Monument on October 6 & 7, 2018 as the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial has been asking National Monuments to be lighted in red to honor nationally fallen firefighters.

State Fire Marshal's office: Paul Merriman, State Fire Marshall, introduced his staff.

State Auxiliary: Kathy Lembcke announced that anyone who is interested in joining the State Firefighters Auxiliary is welcome do so. The Auxiliary has many things going on and we gladly work with any group of individuals who are interested in forming a local unit.

The membership meeting was recessed till Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 5:15 PM.

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Audit Committee Report of 2017 financials: see attached 2017 Audit Report at end of Minutes. The Audit Committee reported a clean audit with nothing of note. Motion by

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Konechkne to accept the audit report as presented, seconded by LerRoy Koopman, Colton VFD. Motion Carried.

Recognition of years of service for Fire Service: recognize those with years of service.

Recognition of New certified firefighters: President Kludt asked those who have specific years of service to please stand. He also asked for those who this is their first time attending state fire school to stand. There was a very large number who stood up. Great showing to all who came.

High school scholarship recipients: This was the time that the SD Firefighters Assn, Dear Old Timers and SD Firefighters Auxiliary presented their selectees for the \$1,000 scholarships. They will receive their scholarships after registering for the second (2nd) semester at their school along with documentation from the school.

SD Firefighters, SD Firefighters Auxiliary and Dear Old Timers \$1000 awardees:

Boy: Hunter Vissia, Belle Fourche VFD

Girl: Alexa Hannahs, Gregory VFD

There was no Johnny Schmidt Scholarship this year.

DOT Quilt Drawing: Maria Koopman was the winner of the DOT quilt.

Auxiliary Drawing: Wade H won the gear bag donated by ???. Bunker Gear bag won by Brian Schmidt. Firefighter picture/print, Dustin Brandt won. Picture, BJ Schmidt. Challenge coin holder, Dan ???. Fire pit winner was BJ Schmidt.

Lifetime membership award: The SD Firefighters Assn, Inc. Board of Directors have awarded two individuals with **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP** in the SD Firefighters Assn. Inc. Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD for Duane's many years of service on the SD Firefighters Association Board, his work in the Black Hills District Fire School, with the Black Hills Fire Advisory Board, designing and spearheading the SD Fallen Fighters Memorial, and it's continued work on the cooperative agreement between the fire departments and State Wildland Fire, and just simply being a dedicated firefighter to all South Dakota Firefighters. Congratulations and well-deserved Duane you have earned it.

Dennis Gorton was also awarded lifetime membership. Dennis served as the President of the SD Firefighters Assn. for 21 years, currently serves as Past President, Secretary/Treasurer. He has represented SD Firefighters on behalf of the NVFC after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks regarding two Presidential Directives to develop policy to recognize firefighters training, served as the Pennington County Fire Administrator for 27 years, served on several Interagency Fire Management teams both Type 2 and Type 3. He is a founding member of the SD Joint Council of Fire Service Organizations, served on the SD Fire Chief's board, SD Fire Instructors Assn., SD Arson Investigators Board. Was the Fire Service Trainor of the Year and awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Governor's office. Dennis has taught many classes and been involved in the fire service for many years.

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Evolution Results: Ricky Cronin will provide all info. Had five teams competing in the 3 Firefighter evolutions. Belle Fourche with 1 team, Avon with 2 teams, Beresford 2 ½ Lengthing: Beresford JV's.
Siamese/Gated Wye: Beresford JV's.
Truck: Beresford Varsity
Overall 3-person Champion: Beresford JV's.
Belle Fourche Ladies participated and challenged all other to form a team. They received a certificate of appreciation for running in evolutions.

Water Fights: Lake Andes the overall winner.

Election Results: Ron Hines received 76 votes and Don Ward received 70 votes. Ron Hines was elected to a Three (3) Year term as Vice-president. The term will begin July 1, 2018 and expire on June 30, 2021.
Motion to destroy ballots by Dennis Gorton, North Haines VFD to destroy ballots, seconded by Jason White, North Haines VFD. Carried.

MTI Thank You. President Kludt thank Doug and Stephanie for their hard work during fire school. The relationship between the SDFA, MTI and Mitchell CVB have grown and working very well.

Final comments: A huge THANK YOU to the entire Mitchell Technical Institute staff for all their hard work, to the SD Fire Marshal's office for working on instructors, Mitchell CVB for putting the registration hand out bags together and especially to the Auxiliary for their huge efforts in registration, vendors and everything else. Thank you to all.

Thank you to Kathy Lembcke for her eight years as President of the SD Firefighters Auxiliary for her leadership and help in building the Auxiliary.

There being no further business, Motion by Maynard Konechne, Kimball VFD to adjourn, seconded by Glenn Sealey, Colome VFD the membership meeting for 2018, seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Dennis Gorton, Secretary

See Attachments #1 - #4

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Attachment #1

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Net Worth 2017 - As of 12/31/2017
(Includes unrealized gains)

Account	12/31/2017 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Gen Fund Sav DSFCU 1038930 A	5.11
GENL FUND CHECKING DSFCU 10...	97,609.02
GENL FUND CONTINGENCY CD B...	0.00
GENL FUND CONTINGENCY SAVI...	1,846.22
GENL FUND MONEY MARKET DSF...	30,243.65
GENL FUND MONEY MRKT BHFCU...	16,737.65
GENL FUND SCHOLARSHIP CD10...	35,381.29
MEMORIAL FUND SAVINGS DSFC...	7,180.82
REG FUND SAVINGS 1056040 A	27,365.66
SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHECK DSF...	9,103.27
STATE FUND CD BHFCU #5	2.56
STATE FUND CHECKING DSFCU 1...	818.92
STATE FUND HY SAVINGS BHFCU	0.00
STATE FUND MONEY MARKET DS...	7,345.55
STATE FUND MEMB ACCT SAV DS...	5.08
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	233,644.80
Other Assets	
SD DEPT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	0.00
SDEMT ASSOC	0.00
TOTAL Other Assets	0.00
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LIABILITIES	
Credit Cards	
President Credit Card	0.00
Secretary Credit Card	0.00
Treasurer Credit Card	0.00
TOTAL Credit Cards	0.00
Other Liabilities	
Sales Tax	0.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	233,644.80

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Attachment #2

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Newspaper Rpt 1038930 - 2017 - Last year
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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Tag	Clr	Amount
	INCOME						239,339.91
	AD&D Insurance						1,450.00
	Drug Discount Reimbursment						25.00
	Grants						30,000.00
	INTEREST						23.88
	MEMBERSHIP						189,755.00
	MISC REVENUE						338.37
	SD EMS Assc.						9,423.96
	SD Fire Chiefs Assn.						-12,943.75
	SD Fire Instructors						0.00
	State Fire School						21,267.45
	EXPENSES						-149,835.70
	Uncategorized						-100.00
	BOARD TRAVEL						-1,201.09
	Board Travel Expenses						-3,914.70
	Contract						-6,598.40
	District FS						-252.56
	DUES						-76.98
	DUES OVERPAY						-100.00
	FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL						-591.68
	FDIC						-2,189.64
	INSURANCE						-64,764.00
	Membership Drive						-1,549.77
	Membership Software						-3,363.00
	MISC						-229.55
	NEWSLETTER						-39,698.88
	NVFC						-4,274.93
	OFFICE EXPENSE						-2,915.26
	POSTAGE						-38.29
	Reimbursement						2,175.50
	Scholarship						-2,250.00
	SD FIRE SCHOOL						-11,343.31
	SD Joint Council						-1,000.56
	WEBSITE EXPENSES						-5,558.60
	TRANSFERS						7,404.50
	MEMORIAL FUND SAVINGS DSFCU 1027050 A						3,752.50
	REG FUND SAVINGS 1056040 A						2,652.00
	SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHECK DSFCU 1027050 7						1,000.00
	OVERALL TOTAL						96,908.71

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Newspaper Rtp 2017 acct. 1039100 - Last year
 1/1/2017 through 12/31/2017

Category	1/1/2017- 12/31/2017	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
INTEREST	59	59
State Fire School	10,304	10,304
Transfers In	38,266	38,266
FROM STATE FUND MONEY MARK...	42,150	42,150
TOTAL INCOME	90,769	90,769
EXPENSES		
District Fire Schools	11,693	11,693
INSURANCE	0	0
OFFICE EXPENSE	3	3
Reimbursement	0	0
SD FIRE SCHOOL	89,037	89,037
TO STATE FUND CHECKING DSFC...	42,150	42,150
TOTAL EXPENSES	142,883	142,883
OVERALL TOTAL	-52,114	-52,114

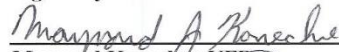
2018 Auditing Report

To the South Dakota Firefighters Membership, We the auditing committee Maynard Konechne, Kimball VFD, Glenn Sealey, Colome VFD and Cory Carmichael, Belle Fourche VFD, find the financial records to be in proper order for fiscal year 2017.

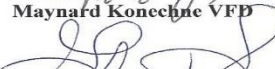
Audit conducted on June 8 & 9, 2018 at State Fire School held in Mitchell at the Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell, SD.

Action Requested: Motion by the 2018 Auditing committee to accept the audit as conducted.

Signed by committee



Maynard Konechne VFD



Glenn Sealey, Colome VFD



Cory Carmichael, Belle Fourche VFD