

**South Dakota Firefighters Assn. Membership Meeting Minutes  
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**Friday, June 7, 2019 at 7:30 AM CT**

Meeting was called to order by President Charlie Kludt at 7:35 AM on Friday, June 7, 2019 at the Mitchell Technical Institute Nordby Trade Center ampathearter. (nearly every seat filled with +-110 attendees)

Board members present: Kludt, Hines, Gorton, Gustad, Baumgarten, Kuenkel, Jorgenson, Diez, Stoks, and Erickson.

President Kludt informed everyone that Parkston Fire Department had found a secretary's record book of minutes and treasurer book of records dating from 1890 to 1920.

**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 firefighters.

**Parliamentarian:** Vice-president Ron Hines will be the parliamentarian for the 2019 Membership meeting.

**Introduction of SDFA Board members:** All Board members are present at the meeting and introduced themselves. Several were out setting up classes.

**State Fire Marshal's Office** introduced themselves. Noted that Steve Harford will be retiring today from the Fire Marshal's office.

**Welcome Comments:** President Kludt welcomed attendees to the 135<sup>th</sup> 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 Curt Rawstern, Selby VFD. Carried.

**Approval of the June 8 & 9, 2018 membership meeting minutes.** Motion by Maynard Konechne, Kimball VFD to approve the minutes, seconded by Darrell Hartmann, Brookings FD. Carried. Minutes were printed in the May 2018 *South Dakota Firefighters* newspaper and on the webpage.

**Treasurers report.** The year-end financial reports for 2018 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.

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**Appointment of auditing committee to review the 2018 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:** President Kludt, said that the Parkston VFD when moving from their old station to their new station found 1 SD Fireman's Association Secretary's book and 2 treasurer's books dating from 1890 to 1920. Ron Mason said he was considering taking the books to the SD Archives. Very interesting to read the minutes and the financials. One interesting item to note that there was discussion on the outcome of the evolutions.

**Old Business**

**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. Willard said that due to term limits to eight years, that many new legislators came on. Some bills that were introduced years ago, come back again and seem new to new legislators. Items of note:

Bill introduced to exempt law enforcement officer from requirement to have a CDL. The bill died.

Texting bills: almost passed to prohibit texting and driving. It died in Senate.

Vehicle bills: these are very vague and used only to "hold" a place for some future legislation. It may or may not have any affect on what the bill originally stated.

Maynard followed up on some of the legislation. Last year there was a bill that would exempt ambulance services from having to pay sales tax and or other taxes related tot their vehicles. The SD Dept. of Revenue realized this was a mistake and refunded some of the fees.

**Northeast District:** Chris Noeldner President of the Northeast Firefighters Assn. presented retiring Steve Harford with an axe for his years of service. Thank you, Steve, for all you have done for all the fire departments and firefighters over the past years. Job well done; retirement well earned.

**National Volunteer Fire Council Report:**

President Charlie Kludt attended the spring meeting in Washington D.C. and reported on the latest activities and issues they are working on. 40+ state representatives were attending. AFG and VFA grants were 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. Anhaueser Busch has begun a program to provided canned drinking water to fire departments at no cost. They only ask that departments to do not request large quantities of water and then it just sits.

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**Action Training program:** Adam Frick, SD Redbook Fund, reported that the Red Book fund is ran by firefighters for firefighters. Any profits stay to fund further training for firefighters. There is a new 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of one of the training books.

**Fire School 2020:** Will be on June 11, 12, & 13 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.

**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.

**Fire school Memorial Service:** Will be held at 6:00 PM today in the amphitheater to pay our respects to those firefighters who have passed away the past year.

**Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service:** Sunday, September 29, 2019 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 David Paul Fischer, Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department.

**Dear Old Timers:** They will be meeting today after the Memorial Service.

**Chaplains Meeting:** Rod Veldhuizen announced there will a meeting for anyone interested in the chaplains meet after the DOT's.

**Nominating Committee:** There are no elections this year for office. Elections for president will be in 2020, and vice-president in 2021.

**Nominations for future fire schools:** There were no nominations or requests for future fire schools.

**Comments & Announcements:** Kludt reminded 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.

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

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**State Auxiliary:** Jennifer Laurvick 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 at 8:18 AM. Will reconvene at 5:00 PM Saturday, June 8.

**Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM CT**

The membership meeting was reconvened on June 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM with 65 members attending.

**Audit Committee Report of 2018 financials:** see attached 2019 Audit Report at end of Minutes. The Audit Committee reported a clean audit with nothing of note. Motion by Don Ward, Belle Fourche vFD to accept the audit report as presented, seconded by Mike Erickson, Fort Pierre VFD. Motion Carried.

**Recognition of years of service for Fire Service:** recognize those with years of service and attending state fire school.

**Recognition of New certified firefighters:** President Kludt asked for those who are newly certified firefighters to stand. Great job. They were reminded that next year the new certified firefighters are eligible to attend for no registration cost and receive a \$50 gift card.

**Auxiliary Officers:** President Jenifer Laurvick introduced the new Auxiliary board members. They are: President Jenifer Laurvick; Vice-president, Toni Schmidt; Treasurer, Hallie Lutter; Secretary, ?; board members,

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup>) semester at their school along with documentation from the school.

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

**Boy: Taitan Leesch, Madison FD**

**Girl: Kelly Fetter, Fort Pierre VFD**

**DOT Quilt Drawing:** Samara Erickson was the winner of the DOT quilt.

**Auxiliary Drawing:** The Auxiliary conducted several of door prizes and raffle drawings.

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**Evolution Results:** Ricky Cronin presented the winners of the evolutions. Had five teams competing in the 3 Firefighter evolutions. Belle Fourche with 1 team, Avon with 1 team, Beresford with 2 team, Fort Pierre 1 team.

2 ½ Lengthing: Beresford FD JV's.

Siamese/Gated Wye: Fort Pierre FD.

Truck: Fort Pierre FD

Overall 3-person Champion: Fort Pierre FD.

**Water Fights:** ?? the overall winner.

**Election Results:** there were no elections this year.

**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. The Mitchell Sports & Event Authority who supported the fire school.

Thank you to all.

Fire school attendance: there were

? firefighters in classes,

? vendors,

? instructors,

? others

Benediction by given by President Kludt.

There being no further business, Motion by Maynard Konechne, Kimball VFD to adjourn the 2019 Membership Meeting at 5:25 PM CDT, seconded by Rick Cronin, Fort Pierre VFD. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Dennis Gorton, Secretary

Attachment #1 – 2018 Net Worth Report

Attachment #2 – Newspaper Report for General Fund Acct. #1038930

Attachment #3 – Newspaper Report for State Fund Acct. #1039100

Attachment #4 – 2019 Auditing Report

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General Fund Checking 1038930 - 2018 - Last year  
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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>					<b>165,556.24</b>
	DOT Income				1,759.26
	Drug Discount Reimbursment				27.50
	INTEREST				99.48
	MEMBERSHIP				137,750.00
	MISC REVENUE				18,619.33
	Scholarships				-79.04
	SD EMS Assc.				9,423.96
	SD Fire Chiefs Assn.				-10,236.25
	State Fire School				8,192.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>					<b>-196,753.64</b>
	Uncategorized				-1,539.70
	Board Travel Expenses				-3,955.93
	Contract				-6,400.00
	FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL				-5,827.89
	FDIC				575.00
	INSURANCE				-64,008.00
	Membership Drive				-1,312.76
	Memorial Fund Savings				248.40
	NEWSLETTER				-39,833.34
	NVFC				-3,922.79
	OFFICE EXPENSE				-1,507.79
	Reimbursement				-3,448.50
	Scholarship				-2,900.00
	SD FIRE SCHOOL				-58,399.47
	SD Joint Council				-800.00
	SDFA BOARD EXP				-37.27
	WEBSITE EXPENSES				-3,683.60
<b>TRANSFERS</b>					<b>27,134.67</b>
	MEMORIAL FUND SAVINGS DSFCU 1027050 A				3,469.92
	REG FUND SAVINGS 1056040 A				23,414.75
	SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHECK DSFCU 1027050 7				250.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>					<b>-4,062.73</b>

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Attachment #3

State Fund Checking 2018 acct. 1039100 - Last year  
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Category	1/1/2018- 12/31/2018	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grants	30,000	30,000
INTEREST	44	44
State Fire School	21,955	21,955
FROM STATE FUND MONEY MARK...	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>56,999</b>	<b>56,999</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Board Travel Expenses	0	0
District Fire Schools	11,272	11,272
MISC	3	3
NVFC	0	0
SD FIRE SCHOOL	14,652	14,652
TO STATE FUND CHECKING DSFC...	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>30,927</b>	<b>30,927</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>26,073</b>	<b>26,073</b>



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Attachment #4 Auditing Report

## 2019 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 2018.

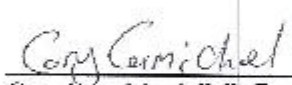
Audit conducted on June 7 & 8, 2019 at State Fire School held in Mitchell at the Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell, SD.

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

Signed by committee

  
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Maynard Konechne VFD

  
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Glenn Sealey, Colome VFD

  
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Cory Carmichael, Belle Fourche VFD