



Piedmont North Carolina Firefighter's Association

PNCFA

**Association Meeting/ Bladin Lake Fire Department
October 28, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 19:10 by President Len Needham, who thanked the Bladin FD for the meal and hosting the meeting.

Introduction of Piedmont Board Members:

Tommy Cole - 1st Vice President
Ron Fowler - 2nd Vice President (Absent)
Billy Colley - Secretary
Vernon Ward – Treasurer (Absent)
Scott Alderman - Past President
Doug Cline - North Director
Brian Cox - South Director (Absent)

Minutes: Minutes were presented from the previous meeting (07/29/2009). Minutes were read and a motion by Ed Brinson was made to accept the minutes presented. Motion carried.

Treasury report: No report at this time.

Old Business:

President Needham thanked Brian Cox for all his hard work on *The Art of Reading Smoke* workshop on October 3, 2009. PNCFA made \$1,200.00 on the class.

New Business:

Nominating committee: Tommy Cole shared that the committee nominations were as follows: 1st Vice-President: Ron Fowler, 2nd Vice-President: Doug Kline, Treasurer: Ed Brinson, South Director: Brian Cox and North Director: Steve Neal. President Needham opened the floor for other nominations for 1st Vice-President. No other nominations were made. A motion to close nominations was made by Steve Neal, seconded by Doug Kline. President Needham opened the floor for other nominations for 2nd VP. No other nominations were made. A motion to close the nomination by Ed Brinson, seconded by Al. President Needham opened the floor for other nominations for Treasurer. No other nominations were made. A motion to close the nominations was made by Doug Kline, seconded by Tommy Cole. President Needham opened the floor for other nominations for North Director. Mark Holland nominated Steve Russell. A motion to close the nomination was made by Doug Kline, seconded by Al. A vote was taken and Steve Russell received the majority vote. President Needham opened the floor for other nominations for South Director. No other nominations were made. A motion to close the nomination was made by Ed Brinson, seconded by Doug Kline.

Doug Cline talked about e-training (online training).

Tommy Cole presented several updates from the NCSFA. The Board retreat was three weeks ago. Retirement issues with departments have been reported & are being investigated. Gateway starts tomorrow. Check 2010 conference information on website, Facebook and Tweeter also!

Mark Holland, NCFFF Chaplain, share that more than 500 individuals attended the memorial service at NCSFA conference in August 2009. The NCFFF was well represented at the NC State Fair. In October/September 2009, there will be equipping seminars for chaplains in the Western, Piedmont and Eastern regions of the State. Mark thanked everyone for their support!

Len Needham presented several updates from the NCFCA. Several conferences & board meetings are upcoming: The Executive Development class this week and the 1st week of December. Mid-winter Chiefs Conference: February 5-7, 2010 at Wrightsville Beach and the 2010 Chiefs conference will be February 3-6, 2011 in Concord. Fire Prevention school is April 26, 2010 and the next PNCFA Board Meeting is November 12, 2009

SEFCA: June 24-26, 2010 in Louisville, KY.

Vendors: Scott Kratovil with Fire Connections; E-One new product vacuum tanker.

Jeff Cash, the National Volunteer Fire Council representative, talked about the NVFC new option on your NCSFA membership invoice. This information is on file.

The meeting was turned over to our speaker from Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department, Mark Holland, discussed, "When 'Suck it Up' Does Not Work."

Next quarterly meeting is January 27, 2010, hosted by TBA.

Meeting Adjourned 20:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billy Colley

Executive Secretary