

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2015
ROXBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to Order: President Brian Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Opening Comments: President Cox thanked Chief Torian and Roxboro Fire Department for hosting our quarterly meeting. Thanks also given to Newton's for sponsoring our meal tonight.

Prayer: Ron Fowler offered the opening prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

Introduction of the Board: President Cox welcomed everyone and asked that they sign the sheet going around. He introduced the Piedmont Association Board of Directors:

Brian Cox – President
Steve Neal – 1st VP
Chris Langham – 2nd VP
Ed Brinson – Treasurer
A.C. Rich – South Director
Chris Davis – North Director
Ron Fowler – Past President
Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous association meeting were provided for review and approval. Motion made to accept by Len Needham and seconded by Walter Gardner. Passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented for the period of July-September 2015. Total in all accounts is \$28,700.91. Motion to accept made by Brian Causey and seconded by James Griffin. Passes unanimously.

Agency Reports

1. **NCSFA** – Ed Brinson reported for the NCSFA. Ed introduced Board Members that were in attendance tonight. He updated membership on all of the legislature bills and their status. Relief fund reports are due October 31. There is a new financial reporting format, but it will be a simple on-line format that is question and answer. Annual SAFER Conference in August was a huge success. In 2016, SAFER will move to Charlotte for two years. In 2017, it will be co-hosted with FRI. It returns to Raleigh in 2018. Reminder Certified Rosters are due January 15, 2016. Board Summit will be held the afternoon of Tuesday, February 2, in conjunction with the NCAFC Mid-Winter Conference at the Embassy Suites. Board voted last week to increase scholarship amounts for each region.
2. **NCAFC** – Chris Langham reported for the NCAFC. He introduced members that were present. NCAFC recently held a retreat and it went very well. Mid-winter conference coming up. Registration is now open. Hotel rooms are going fast. Legislature committee meeting coming up in November. Please check out our website for any information needed.

3. **NCFFF** – Ed Brinson reported that we have had four deaths since July and we continue to work with those families. He also reported on the NFFF Memorial Service in October. North Carolina had a very good representation. Bell Across American campaign had bells rung that weekend to honor those who were honored.
4. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** – James Griffin reported that Instructor Conference will be held in February along with Mid-Winter Conference. Renewals will be going out soon.
5. **OSFM** – Derrick Clouston reported on requalification classes going on. Check their website for classes as all 2016 classes have been posted. Scott Hackler reported on other issues including Chief 101 classes. Starting 1/1/16, a new addition to training, traffic incidents, which will be required for certification. Several new items added to certifications. Vernon Ward reported on ISO inspections. First quarter certifications have been mailed out. If you have not attended one of the rating classes, you need to attend as there is numerous changes. Several classes coming up. Go to their website for more information on classes.
6. **SEAFRC** – Chief Len Needham reported for the SEAFRC. He distributed information on fire fatalities in North Carolina. The SEAFRC and PNCFA have adopted the “Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention”. NC has had 68 fire fatalities this year and is second in the Southeast. NC also is high in line of duty deaths of firefighters. We need to work on both issues in NC. Next conference is in Biloxi, Mississippi in 2016.
7. **NC Community College System** – No report.
8. **NC Emergency Management** – Tim Meyers reported for Emergency Management. They did deploy to South Carolina to help with water rescue.
9. **NCVSWCF** – Workers Comp. No report
10. **NC Fire Insurance Programs** – Randy Braswell with Provident, reported on insurance counselling programs available to all members of the NC fire service and their families. Posters were distributed to hang in fire departments.
11. **Piedmont Fire Expo** – Piedmont Expo, sponsored by Forsyth County Fire & Rescue Association is January 15-16, 2016, in Winston-Salem, NC.
12. **Vendors** – LGFCU, representative for VFIS, Atlantic Emergency, Newton all reported.

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Chief of the Year – Jerry Brooks, Clemmons Fire Department
2. Officer of the Year – Al Russo, Fire District 13 Fire Department
3. Firefighter of the Year – Chris McGee, High Point Fire Department
4. Election of Officers: Nominating Committee recommended the following:
 - a. Chris Langham – 1st VP - Affirmed by acclamation
 - b. Ed Brinson – Treasurer – Affirmed by acclamation
 - c. A.C. Rich – 2nd VP – Affirmed by acclamation
 - d. Chris Davis – North Director – Affirmed by acclamation
 - e. Open - South Director – Nominations:
 - i. Derrick Clouston, nominated by Nominating Committee
 - ii. Dolly Hullén, nominated from floor
 - iii. Don Crafford, nominated from floor

Each candidate was given a few minutes to introduce themselves to the membership and why they would like to serve on the Piedmont board. After ballots counted, Dolly Hullén was elected as the South Director.

Several door prizes were given out.

Next meeting will be January 27, 2016 at Winston-Salem Fire Department.

Attendance: 65

Adjournment – Motion made by Ed Brinson. The association meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.