

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

APRIL 27, 2016

WADESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to Order: President Steve Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Opening Comments: President Neal thanked Chief Mark Sessions and Wadesboro Fire Department for hosting our quarterly meeting. Thanks also given to C. W. Williams for sponsoring our meal tonight.

Prayer: Brian Cox offered the opening prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

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

Steve Neal – President

Chris Langham – 1st VP (excused)

A.C. Rich – 2nd VP

Ed Brinson – Treasurer

Dolly Hulin – South Director (excused)

Chris Davis – North Director

Brian Cox – 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 James Griffin and seconded by Derrick Clauson. Passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented for the period of January – March 2016. Total in all accounts is \$41,161.80. Motion to accept made by Len Needham and seconded by Jerry Brooks. Passes unanimously.

Agency Reports

NCSFA – Tim Bradley reported. Tim introduced NCSFA members, present and past, that were in attendance. He gave an update on the scholarship program. Conference is coming up in Charlotte August 10-12. He gave a brief list of items that will take place during Conference. The NCSFA will be mailing out changes to Bylaws that will be voted on at Conference. He highlighted items that have been proposed for changing, mostly just minor items. Some legislature issues coming up. This is a short session so no new items can be brought up this year. The PNCFA meet with the NCSFA and voted to support the changes to the Bylaws.

1. **NCAFC** – Steve Neal reported. Mid-Winter Conference registration will be easier this year. He highlighted other changes and updates.
2. **NCFFF** – Robert Templeton reported. May 6-7 is Memorial weekend and we will add 8 names to the monument this year. All information on the weekend is on our website or see Robert after meeting. Robert encouraged everyone to attend and support the departments and families of our fallen firefighters. We are working on compiling a list state wide of all available resources for

funerals. We will hold Memorial Service at SAFRE conference in August. We held a strategic planning meeting for the Foundation.

3. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** – James Griffin reported. Website has been updated.
4. **OSFM** – Derrick Clouston reported. OSFM has entered into an agreement with ImageTrend for NC Fire RMS Solutions for documentation process. Commission approved some guidelines for Instructor certification. The time line for waiting has changed. He gave updates to changes coming July 1 to RIT and NSFA 1047 courses and other changes coming soon.
5. **SEAFRC** – Len Needham reported. Len introduced Chief Fowler who is also on the Board. Conference is coming up June 13-16 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Very good meeting planned.
6. **NC Community College System** – No report.
7. **NC Emergency Management** – No report.
8. **NCVSWCF –NC Fire Insurance Programs** – No report
9. **Vendors** – LGFCU, Atlantic Solutions, Dial 811, C. W. Williams

Floor opened to Derrick Clouston who is running again for NCSFA statistician position. He would like to represent the membership again in this position. He asked for support and thanked everyone for their help.

Old Business –

1. Bylaws – The Board finished revising the Bylaws today. They will be added to our website for review later this month. President Cox gave a short update on proposed changes. We will ask for a vote on changes at July meeting.

New Business

1. Board voted to help sponsor the SAFRE conference with programs this year.
2. Board decided not to require social security numbers on any scholarship applications in the future.
3. The Board also will also be reviewing our money and plans to see how we can better serve the membership. We have doubled scholarships given this year and have had 22 apply, which is the most ever received.
4. Jerry Brooks reported that the SAFRE golf tournament will be held before conference. He encouraged everyone to check it out.

Program – Program was presented by NC 811. Ann Rushing presented information about damage prevention training that makes a difference. 811 is the number in every State to call before you dig. Big State-wide awareness campaign is going on now. New billboards are going up across the State to make people aware of NC 811.

C. W. Williams did a short presentation of their products. They updated information on a new hood that was unveiled at FDIC last week. It helps with protection from cancer causing agents. Product should be release soon.

Task Force Tips (TFT) representative gave a brief presentation of their new products.

Bullard representative gave an update on their thermo-imaging camera products.

C. W. Williams and 811 gave away several door prizes.

Next meeting will be July in Granville County and October meeting at Richard Childress Winery or Shop.
Attendance: 48

Adjournment – Motion made to adjourn. The association meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.