

Fire School Advisory Board Minutes

From the February 10, 2016 Quarterly Meeting



MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Norket, Barry Davis, Skip Hannon, David Laird, John Robinson, Jon Ryan, and Shannon Tanner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Burding, Brian Horton, Brad Maness, Justin McClellan, Tommy McDowell, Joel Rogers, and Diane Woods

ALTERNATES PRESENT: None

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Kerber

VISITORS PRESENT: Mike Benoir, Ashley Boltin, Rick Dunn, Bonita Watters, Jenna Pritchett, Phillip Russell, Brent Turner, Lenny Busby, Ray Reckelhoff, and Bob Simpson

Chairman Norket called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and was advised a quorum was not present.

Rick Dunn opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Norket noted the Agenda was properly posted and shared with the media with a 24 hour notice prior to the meeting.

Chairman Norket asked for a motion to approve the Agenda and the November 2015 minutes. A quorum was not present; as such, there was no action.

Superintendent Ken Kerber:

Chief Kerber discussed the attached "Superintendent's Report."

Chief Kerber discussed the short and long term goals on the report and shared budget information.

Rick Dunn and Bonita Watters - Curriculum

Rick Dunn presented the attached report. He also recognized Bob Simpson who is supervising our media work in the Curriculum Department. Rick Dunn and Bonita Watters reviewed the upcoming course updates and class schedules.

Jenna Pritchett - Marketing

Jenna Pritchett discussed the new Southeastern Training brochure. It is available only online. A printed copy was available for the Committee to view. She also provided a copy of the SCFA Course Catalog. This is the first catalog in a number of years and has been revised to include new policies.

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She also showed the Committee the first video that is going to be part of a bimonthly online newsletter to the fire service. She also discussed the upcoming NFA weekend and the goal of at least 100 attendees.

Phillip Russell – Regional Training

Phillip Russell reviewed the attached Regional Training report. There was discussion that current numbers and income are less than the previous year. Those present were reminded the next couple of months are typically a busy time at the Academy.

He also stated there are more than 2,800 part time employees with Instructor credentials. However, only 1,123 had attended the mandatory update for Instructor recertification. Additionally, LLR advised us to remove 31 individuals from “payroll” due to the lack of hours taught for the Academy.

Lenny Busby – Site Training

Lenny Busby discussed the need for Rescue Instructors across the state. He also discussed that since the departure of Gary Peaton, the Industrial Fire classes have slowed but David Crosland is working diligently and the schedule looks busy for the upcoming months.

He reminded the group about the upcoming Southeastern Fire School to be held the weekend of March 19-20, 2016.

Ray Reckelhoff – Facilities

Ray Reckelhoff reviewed the handouts describing the new key system that will be implemented on site. He also shared long range plans for an ongoing replacement plan for the campus HVAC systems. He is currently working on water heaters.

Chief Kerber discussed the current situation concerning the existing sewer line.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Norket shared the updated career pathways that Jon Ryan and others had worked on. There were still some additional changes that needed to be added/changed on the charts, but the process is progressing well.

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The Chairman asked Chief Kerber for an update regarding the EMS training program. Kerber responded that the EMS program is the responsibility of Tim Wojcik.

Ashley Boltin announced the 2016 Fire Rescue Conference schedule. It will be June 6-11 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. She advised us Monday is the golf tournament, Tuesday and Wednesday are HOT classes, Thursday is for business sessions, and Friday and Saturday the vendor hall is open. Friday night is a banquet, with a fee, and at that time the transfer of command takes place for the Firefighters' and the Fire Chief's associations.

Chief Kerber and Chairman Norket discussed with the Committee the idea of changing the meeting format. Currently, staff members provide reports to the Committee. While information is important and will continue, it needs to be compressed. This change will allow time for "advice" to the staff regarding the wants and needs of the committee members. Kerber asked those present to challenge him, and staff, with ideas that would make the Academy the best in the country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Skip Hannon informed the Committee, he was stepping down to an Alternate position on the Committee due to his upcoming appointment of President of the SC State Firefighters' Association. Mike Benoir, who was present, will be the primary Member representing The Instructor's Society.

- March 16, 2016, Legislative Day
- March 19-20, 2016, Southeastern Fire School – previously stated
- June 6-11, 2016, Fire-Rescue Conference, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

NEXT MEETING – May 11, 2016. Meetings are scheduled at 10 a.m. at the South Carolina Fire Academy, Conference Room A.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kenneth W. Kerber

DISCLAIMER: The attached minutes are DRAFT minutes. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, statements and decisions recorded in them, their status will remain that of a draft until such time as they are confirmed as a correct record at the subsequent meeting.