

Fire School Advisory Board Minutes

From the May 11, 2016 Quarterly Meeting



MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Norket, Mike Benoir, Bruce Burding, Brian Horton, John Robinson, Joel Rogers, Jon Ryan, Shannon Tanner, Diane Woods (via phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barry Davis, David Laird, Brad Maness, Justin McClellan, Tommy McDowell

ALTERNATES PRESENT: none

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Kerber, Bert Polk

VISITORS PRESENT: Skip Hannon, Terry Sheriff, Russ Friar, Greg Mundy, Ashley Boltin, Bonita Watters, Phillip Russell, Brent Turner, Lenny Busby, Ray Reckelhoff, Tim Wojcik

Chairman Norket called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and was advised a quorum was present.

Phillip Russell opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Norket noted the Agenda had been posted and sent to the media over 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Chairman Norket recognize visitor Justin McConnell who was presented as the new EMS Education Coordinator. His responsibilities will be First Aid/EMR/EMT. He can be reached at ems@llr.sc.gov Justin spoke briefly on his background.

Chairman Norket also recognized State Fire Marshal Bert Polk. Chief Polk discussed briefly the status of two different job postings and discussed Tim Wojcik's new responsibilities. Chief Polk also discussed some of the rules that pertain to an official meeting.

With a quorum present Chairman Norket asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Joel Rogers made a motion and John Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Norket asked for a motion to approve the November 2, 2015 minutes. On a motion by Bruce Burding, seconded by Mike Benoir the November 2, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved. Chairman Norket then asked for a motion to approve the February 10, 2016 minutes. Mike Benoir made the motion, Shannon Tanner seconded and that motion was unanimously approved.

Superintendent Ken Kerber:

Chief Kerber briefly discussed the letter that he had previously sent to all members of the Advisory Board discussing actions that have occurred since the previous meeting. He then reviewed the financial report that had also been sent.

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Phillip Russell – Regional Training

Phillip Russell reviewed the previously sent regional report. He also introduced Brent Turner and Lenny Busby who gave a brief report about on campus training.

Ray Reckelhoff – Facilities

Chairman Norket introduced Ray Reckelhoff to the Advisory Board. There was a brief discussion concerning the work being done on campus. All present thanked Ray for the hard work he and the maintenance crews have been doing. Their efforts show.

Bonita Watters – Curriculum

Bonita reviewed the handout that had been previously sent and then recognized both Russ Friar and Greg Mundy and their roles at the Academy.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion on the previously given report of EMS training.

NEW BUSINESS

Ashley Boltin with the South Carolina Firefighters Association's spoke briefly concerning the 2016 Fire-Rescue Conference. She advised that the Monday golf tournament would be at The Legends course instead of Wild Wings. She also discussed there was a \$25/head cost for the banquet Friday night. She also announced the two keynote speakers. The Fire-Rescue Conference will move to Columbia the summer of 2018. Ashley also informed the board that next year's Improvement Conference will be January 27-29, 2017 at the Columbia Convention Center and the Memorial Service will take place at the same location it was this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Woods representing FALSE announced they just became a section of The SC Firefighter's Association and that their new officers were Lee Levesque, President, Diane Woods, Vice-President, Bianca, Secretary, and Les Woods as the financial liaison.

Lenny Busby advise the members of the Board that employee David Laird's father had just recently passed away and to keep his family in our prayers.

John Ryan discussed that Dorchester County's new side-by-side burn trailer would be at an event in Lee County. He invited all to try to attend.

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Chairman Norket asked all members to send him an email in reference to their continued participation on the Advisory Board.

Chairman Norket also announced that he retired from Myrtle Beach Fire Department and accepted a new position as Deputy Chief of Horry County Fire Rescue. He asked that his contact information be sent out with these minutes.

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Chairman Norket reminded everybody that the NFA Weekend will be July 22-24 this year and the Fire-Rescue Conference is scheduled for June 6-11.

NEXT MEETING – August 10, 2016 at 10 AM at the South Carolina Fire Academy, conference room A.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM

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.