

South Carolina Fire Academy
Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting
Meeting Minutes February 11, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Kline, Bruce Burding, Skip Hannon, Brian Horton, David Laird, Mike Norket, John Robinson, Diane Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barry Davis, Joel Rogers, Tracy Wallace, Shannon Tanner

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Keith Scharf, Les Woods

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Kerber

VISITORS PRESENT: Cecil Anderson, Ashley Boltin, Rick Dunn,
Phillip Russell, Jenna Pritchett, Bonita Watters, Brent Turner

Chairman Kline called the meeting to order at 10:00 and was advised that a quorum was present.

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

Chairman Kline asked for a motion to adopt the Agenda. The motion was made by Mike Norket and seconded by John Robinson.

Chairman Kline asked for a motion to approve the November minutes. The motion was made by Diane Woods and seconded by Mike Norket.

State Fire Marshal Bert Polk

Chief Polk thanked everyone for being present and their commitment to the Board. He discussed the vacancy in the Board and advised the members that a name had been submitted to the Agency's Director and is awaiting approval. The name had been submitted by the SCSFFA.

Chief Polk also discussed the budget for the following fiscal year for the Division of Fire & Life Safety. He said that it has initial support and advised there was an increase in the appropriated amount for the first time in a number of years.

Chairman Kline discussed how fortunate we were to have Richelle Taylor as our Interim Director and hopefully will be confirmed very soon.

Superintendent Ken Kerber:

Presented and discussed the attached report:

Kerber distributed and discussed financial report on expenses. He is still collecting information on the income.

He discussed the three priorities on the site. They are the Fire Station, the Dorm and the Sewer Line. Kerber updated the Board on the work being done on those three items.

Jenna Pritchett – Marketing

Jenna gave a report on what marketing efforts she was working on as well as a report on the Southeastern Fire School and our rebranding

Rick Dunn – Curriculum – Presented and discussed report.

Rick presented his report (attached)

Rick also discussed the accreditation of ProBoard as well as the reaccreditation of IFSAC. There was also discussion about certified levels.

Chairman Kline began a discussion concerning Fire Marshal training and the issues with ICC v. NFPA. Brian Horton also discussed their needs for training and not just discussion. It was agreed that the Curriculum Dept would meet with the Fire Marshal's office to look at additional training for the Fire Marshals.

Phillip – Admin. Hosp. Reg. – Presented and discussed report.

Phillip initiated a discussion concerning the fees and billing. There was lengthy discussion. Chairman Kline asked for a plan containing more info and details so the Board can discuss with the firefighters and be advocates for the plan if approved.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – The Chairman asked for a new and updated Membership sign in sheet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 25th is Legislative Day
SC FALSE 20TH Anniversary Conference from 4-26-15/5-2-15
April 8th is the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Service
June 8-13 is the Annual Fire-Rescue Conference
March 28th Beaufort Co. Fire Chief's Annual Seminar
March 14-15 is Southeastern Fire School

NEXT MEETING – 5-13-15

ADJOURN

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 13:35 with a motion made by Brian Horton and seconded by Diane Woods.

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.