

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

APRIL 22, 2015

MOUNT AIRY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to Order: 1st Vice President Steve Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Opening Comments: President Neal thanked Chief Zane Poindextor and Mount Airy Fire Department for hosting our meeting. He thanked MES for sponsoring the meal.

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

Introduction of the Board: 1st VP Neal welcomed everyone and asked that they sign the sheet going around. He introduced the Piedmont Association Board of Directors:

Brian Cox – President (excused)
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 Jerry Brooks and seconded by Len Needham. Passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented for the period of January – March 2015. Motion to accept made by Jerry Brooks and seconded by Shane Allred. Passes unanimously.

Agency Reports

1. **NCSFA** – Ed Brinson reported for the NCSFA. Ed introduced board members that were in attendance. He updated group on issues involving reporting, money from dues pays Association fees, legislature updates, membership updates, relief fund, relief fund bond changes, increase/decrease in insurance coverage, SAFRE Conference, NVFC Conference, Scholarship submissions, and other items.
2. **NCAFC** – Steve Neal reported that they will be having board meeting on May 5.
3. **NCFFF** – Robert Templeton reported on meeting from last night. We have a new Chaplain, Dana McKim. Our annual Memorial Service will be May 2 at 1:00pm at Nash Square, Raleigh. Eight will be honored this year. Robert encouraged everyone to try and support the NCFFF, especially financially. We have two counties in the Eastern Association that send us money each year from each of their members. Think about doing this locally.

4. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** – James Griffin reported. Conference coming up in May.
5. **OSFM** – Scott Hackler reported. Several changes in positions. Several changes in courses coming up. Scott updated the high school program. High School fire challenge will be held in June outside of Asheville. Several Counties now have high school programs to help students get 2/3 of their degree along with FF1 and II when they graduate from high school. This will be a week long program to help build their skills.
6. **SEAFRC** – Ron Fowler gave update on upcoming SEAFRC conference. He also announced that he will be running for second vice president of the SEAFRC.

Old Business

1. Scholarships have been received. They will be reviewed and winners will be notified. Awards will be at July meeting.
2. Executive Board is working on updating our By-Laws.

New Business

1. The PNCFA will be presenting a Chief, Officer and Firefighter of the year award at the July meeting. Please go on line, complete, and submit the application by June 1, 2015.
2. The PNCFA Board would like to nominate Chris Langham to the NCAFC Board. The floor is open for further nominations. Ed Brinson made a motion to close nominations and approve Board's recommendation. Motion seconded by Jerry Brooks. Passes.
3. Steve Neal welcomed new Chief, Winston-Salem Fire Department.

Program: RIT (Rapid Intervention Team): Are We Ready? Presented by Chris Davis and Chris Langham. When you have a mayday call, are you ready? They showed a short film about mayday incident from Asheville Fire Department and Captain Bowen's line of duty death. Do we have the confidence, knowledge, and courage to call for help when you need it? The first and absolutely most important factor in calling for a mayday is the decision to call for a mayday. When to call for a mayday – basically when lost, missing, trapped, in trouble. Be careful and be safe!

Vendor Reports:

MES thanked us for allowing them to sponsor the meal and allowing them to attend.

LGFCU – Lorren Pittman reported that rates are extremely low. If you know anyone that needs financing or refinancing, please tell them to contact LGFCU Commercial Lending.

Further Business Came Before the Association

1. Jerry Brooks said he wanted to thank our members of the NCAFC for the outstanding and excellent Mid-Winter Conference. The last several years have been outstanding.
2. Chief Len Needham was recognized as the 2015 NC Volunteer Fire Chief.

Next meeting will be July 22, 2015 in Franklin County. Location to be determined.

Adjournment – Motion made by Jerry Brooks. The association meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.