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## Quarterly Association Meeting

July 30, 2014

6:30 pm

Yadkinville Volunteer Fire Department

Brian Cox welcomed everyone to Yadkinville. President Cox thanked Chief Brian Southard for hosting our quarterly meeting. Our meal tonight is sponsored by Christopher's Uniforms.

Invocation given by Ron Fowler.

Meal – Sponsored by Christopher's Uniforms. Representative of Christopher's Uniforms gave information on items that they carry and services they offer. Brian thanked them for sponsoring our meal tonight.

A signup sheet was circulated. Please sign.

President Cox introduced board members:

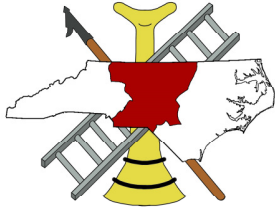
Brian Cox – President  
Steve Neal – 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Chris Langham – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Ed Brinson – Treasurer (absent)  
A.C. Rich – South Director  
Chris Davis – North Director  
Ron Fowler – Past President  
Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

Approval of minutes from April 23, 2014 – Minutes of meeting were distributed to everyone for review. Motion made by Tommy Cole and seconded by Scott Hackler to accept as submitted. Passes.

Treasurer's Report – Steve gave report for Ed that was distributed for review. Motion to approve made by Scott Alderman and seconded by Zane Poindexter. Passes.

Association/Agency Reports:

1. NCSFA – Tim Bradley will give report with his presentation.



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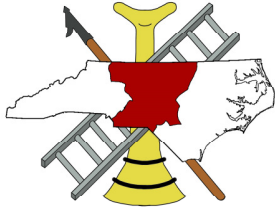
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2. NCAFC – Chief Fowler reported for the NCAFC. Fire Prevention school was held in April. Very good program. Executive Development will be in 2015. Both programs fill up quickly. Mid-winter Conference will be Feb. 4-7, 2015. Several good workshop sessions planned along with several other items. Working on Chief 102 course.
3. NCFFF – Shane Allred gave report. Memorial held in May. We were at Expo last week. Very good week at Expo. We raffled a Henry 22 FF Special Edition rifle. Two more raffles at end of fair. We have received over \$15,000 from the Cold Water Challenge across the state. Please come and support us at the fair in October.
4. NCSRE – no report
5. OSFM – Vernon Ward gave report from Inspection office. Several ISO classes held across the state. You can now request online a request for class and someone from his office will contact you. Six inspections held in the last quarter. Unfortunately, 20% still fail the 9S inspection process. Requirements are on their website. Personnel and training seem to be a big problem. 22 rating inspections have been completed. No one so far has failed. New rating system seems to be working. Scott Hackler gave report update for training section. New personnel in office. Several training programs being updated.
6. SEAFCA – Ron Fowler reported that annual conference was held in Knoxville, TN. Kevin Gordon was selected as Fire Chief of the Year. Next year's conference will be in Birmingham, AL.
7. NC Emergency Management – Provided coverage for hurricane, even if it was a dud. We now have a JMOC vehicle available if needed. He updated VIPER, mobile towers, and other programs. Worked on the US Open which was a huge undertaking. Went well. Mass security was a huge item. Local staff have been encouraged to contact the fire departments who are experts in the ICS system since we have been using it the longest and know what to do with it. Several new classes and courses upcoming. They now have a new E learning coordinator who is creating a new ICS renewal course. Impact Assessment Classes are still available. Hazard Mitigation Assessment and Areas were discussed. Message boards available for use for any FD that needs/wants to advertise information. Contact your local EM director in your county.
8. VCSWP – Claims are down this year. Need to slow down our FD drivers. Seatbelt use way up, just need to slow down.
9. LGFCU – Loren Pittman gave report for LGFCU. Rates are way down. If interested in refinancing, you have a short period to get it done at the good rates as rates are anticipated to start rising in 2015.

Old Business –



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1. The PNCFA would like to visit each county association over the next two years. If you are interested, please let us know tonight.

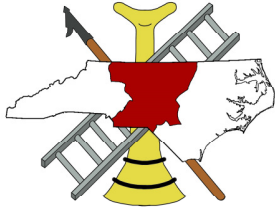
### New Business –

1. Brian gave an update on Summit held at Mid-Winter Conference. All regional boards, NCSFA and the NCAFC met and discussed issues. One of the recommendations from that meeting was to centralize online roster program. This year, when you submit your roster and \$20 each payment, \$1 from the \$20 for each member, will go directly to the regional association. We will no longer have to bill FD separately \$40 to join the PNCFA.
2. One thing we learned from the Summit, is that the Western FFA gives a FF and Officer of the year award annually. The PNCFA decided to do the same thing. We posted on our web page about the awards and received applications. The Firefighter of the Year Award was given to Chris White of Guil/Rand Fire Department. The Officer of the Year Award was given to Chief Steve Allred of Pinecroft/Sedgefield Fire Department.
3. Scholarships were awarded to Cody Joyner, Greyson Vann and Timothy Guffey.
4. Brooks/Ward Sponsorship was awarded to Town of Unionville FD.
5. Forsyth Fire and Rescue Association has several classes on going. Info on January 2015 Piedmont Fire Expo will be going out soon. Several good and informative classes will be offered.

Program: Tim Bradley, Director, NCSFA, gave presentation on the update of all of our hard work on legislature issues.

- a. Upcoming deadlines: October 31 is due date for Relief Fund Financial Statements to NCSFA and Report of Fire Conditions to DOI.
- b. SAFRE Conference was a success. Our biggest complaint was hotel availability and we are working on that.
- c. HB 698 passed which included Criminal Background Checks and USAR.
- d. Biggest impact on HB 1034 which has substantial changes to our pension program, workers comp, grants and relief fund.
- e. Highlights of legislation include removal of the separation requirement for career on Pension, a new 25/75 match on grants for FDs with less than \$50,000 in funding receipts from taxes or local government, a change in GPT percentages for Relief Fund and Grants, and several relief fund changes.

Tim spent time giving overview and 2014 changes to your Relief Fund. He went over highlights and changes to the Relief Fund in more detail. A handout "Overview and 2014 Changes to Your Relief Fund" was distributed. Everyone was encouraged to take a copy and read carefully. Several new usages of Relief Fund money have been approved. You can pay dues to associations as long as they provide accident/indemnity insurance for the dues. Funds can be used for educational/scholarship awards or supplemental retirement funds for members. Tim has been fielding a lot of questions and he knows



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there will be more questions. Please ask if you have any questions. The NCSFA will be sending out several new pamphlets and instructions and posting items online after October 1, 2014. The intent of the General Assembly is to get the relief funds into the hands of firefighters that need it and out of bank accounts not being used.

Next meeting will be October 22, 2014 in Richmond County. Location will be announced later.