

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

APRIL 26, 2017

ASHEBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Opening Comments: President Neal thanked Chief Roy Wright and Asheboro Fire Department for hosting meeting tonight. Thanks also given to Atlantic for sponsoring our meal.

Prayer: Chris Langham offered the opening prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

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

Steve Neal – President
Chris Langham – 1st VP
A.C. Rich – 2nd VP
Ed Brinson – Treasurer
Dolly Hulin – South Director
Chris Davis – North Director
Brian Cox – Past President - Excused
Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

Several visitors were introduced. Door prizes were given out to members who had 45-50 years of service.

Several recognitions:

Chief Jerry Dickinson, Ulah Fire Department, retired with over 50 years of service. Thank you.
Dolly Hulin was just selected as NFPA Fire Educator of the year. Congratulations.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous association meeting were provided for review and approval. Motion made to accept by James Griffin and was seconded. Passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given. Total in all accounts is \$43,857.54. Motion made to accept by Len Needham and was seconded. Passes unanimously.

Vendor Briefs: Atlantic and LGFCU were recognized and spoke briefly.

Agency Reports

- 1. NCSFA –** Tim Bradley gave report. Past presidents and current board members were recognized. Everyone knows about the fire and we will be probably be out of our building for at least 18 years. He gave a report on the status of starting over after the fire. The NCSFA will have a membership dues increase from \$20 to \$25 for each member starting January 1, 2018. The costs have gone up for just about everything. SAFRE Conference is scheduled for July 27, 2017, in conjunction with FRI. Lots of good things planned. He gave a brief overview of legislature items that they are

working on and watching. Remember Legislature Day on May 4. We need a good turnout again this year.

2. **NCAFC** – Chris Langham gave report. Chris recognized past NCAFC Presidents and current board members present. The Mid-Winter conference was a huge success. He reported on several items that they have been either working on or completed this year. Board will be attending SEAFAC Conference in Charleston, SC, in June. Chief Ron Fowler will be installed as President of the SEAFAC at the Conference. The NCAFC will sponsor luncheon on Legislature Day in Raleigh on May 4.
3. **NCFFF** – Shane Allred gave report. Our Memorial service is May 5-6 in Raleigh and we have been very busy planning for the service. They held two regional survivor dinners which are to support and help the families continue to recover from the loss of their love one. They will continue to hold these dinners. They are working on ideas on how to expand and improve the monument.
4. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** – Jimmy Barrow gave report. We had a good conference along with the NCAFC Mid-Winter Conference in February. He talked about insurance, partnerships, instructor info, etc. We will have a booth at SAFRE in July.
5. **OSFM** – Derrick Clauson gave brief report on several schools coming up soon. He updated members on the qualifications for cert board. You can do more than two per year. Several classes coming up. Davie Summey gave report and updates for inspections. New requests for inspections are going to be 12-18 months out. Jan Parker gave update on fire alarms status. Still several classes going on across state. Camp Celebrate is coming up and OSFM will be participating and coordinating the fire truck parade. OSFM has moved into their new facilities. Scott Hackler reported on several certifications courses coming up. Working on virtual certifications and hope to have up and running soon.
6. **SEAFAC** – Len Needham reported on upcoming conference in Charleston, SC. At FRI, they will have a luncheon for their members at SAFRE Conference.
7. **NC Community College System** – Chris Raynor gave a quick report.
8. **NC Emergency Management** – EM still working on Hurricane recovery and future planning for disasters. Update on SAFER School plan which all responders will have access to the school plan to assist in response. The Hazardous Grant program have been awarded for this year. Two type of grants you can apply for. Trying to steam line deployments across the State to try and improve system.

Old Business – None

New Business –

1. Scholarships and grants:
 - a. \$2,500 – Rebecca Ladd, Winston Salem and Matthew Ferris, Gibsonville
 - b. \$1,500 – Marci Sessions, Wadesboro and Abigail Rich, Stoney Hill
 - c. Brooks/Ward sponsorship of \$750 for SAFRE Conference awarded to Timberlake Fire Department.
 - d. \$1,501 donated to the SAFRE conference.
 - e. We have three LODDs from the Piedmont that will be honored on May 6, 2017. We usually give \$500 for each one. Donation of \$1,500 was approved and given to the NCFFF.
2. Nomination period open for North Director and treasurer that will be voted on at October meeting. Nominations are open until June 30. Please send your interest and a resume for review.

Program – NCAFC Focus Group – Steve Neal & Ryan Cole – The NCAFC held a focus group type discussion concerning items the NCAFC could engage with you to help solve.

- a. Fire service needs to have more input into manufacturing items (NAPA standards) that affect us, i.e., turn out gear expiration, fire trucks, air pacts, etc. We need to make sure our voices are heard.
- b. Participation and communication of issues. How do we get more chiefs and firefighters engaged and involved in issues?
- c. How well does the NCAFC communicate with you? Yahoo group was discussed. How do you want to be communicated with?
- d. Which programs, etc, do you like most about the NCAFC? Executive development, officer training, etc.
- e. Deployments and IMAS response – what problems did we have, how can we improve, etc.
- f. If you could make any choice on something you would like to see changed or accomplished, what would that one thing be?
 - i. Communication with everyone, just not members.
 - ii. If email received with link, link should open up without having to long into site to obtain access.

Raleigh Apartment Fire Overview – A.C. Rich gave a brief overview of the massive Metropolitan Fire which was on March 16th in Raleigh.

2017 Meeting Locations:

- a. July 19 – Orange County
- b. October – Moore County, Sandhill’s Community College

Attendance:

Adjournment – Motion made to adjourn. The association meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.