

TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
Winter Combined Board of Directors and Business Meeting
Jackson, TN – 7 February 2020

Members present: Bob Dudley, Mark Foulks, Brian Goss, John Tallent, Mike Flynn, Melvin Martin, Ken Reeves, Jamie Summers, James Fountain, Gary Farley, Eddie Phillips, Steve Dillard, Barron Kennedy and about 26 guests.

Opening: Vice President Dudley called the meeting to order at 9:12, Steve Dillard opened with a prayer and Michael Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Minutes: The Board and Business meeting minutes from Murfreesboro and two conference calls were approved by motion.

First time Fire Chiefs attending: Lindsay Roberts of the Clifton FD was at the meeting.

Reports from Association Officers:

- Treasurer's Report: Eddie Phillips said there is \$84,774.62 in the General Account and \$23,442.25 in the Conference Account. He explained that bills were paid. The TFCA private domains have been renewed, A free TFCA conference call line has been established for Board and Committee use.
- Conference Report: James Fountain reported that the Fall 2020 meeting will be at the Double Tree in Jackson on October 21-23, 2020. James thanked NAFECO, MES, Iamresponding, and Mid-South for helping with the meeting. James' report was approved by a motion.
- Fire Marshal's Report: Gary Farley requested nominations. He discussed a meeting with ICC on Fire Inspector reciprocity. There is an extension on conformity on smoke alarms to 31 Dec. 2021. The Residential codes should be adopted in April. His budget request is for 9 new part-time instructors for the 16 and 64 hour classes at TFACA for Volunteer Firefighters at no charge.
- Executive Committee: Barron Kennedy reported that Project 145 was discussed as was the formation of a Chaplains Section.

Old Business:

- SAFER Update – Eddie Phillips reported that we will reapply as soon as the window opens.
- STAR PT Scholar – Jamie Summers said info on the scholarship is on the website.

New Business:

- Mark Foulks presented a proposal to establish a Chaplains Section. It was approved by a motion. Steve Dillard will be the Chairman.
- Life Memberships for Randy Fox and Ken Honeycutt were approved by motion.
- NPPGov – After discussion a motion was passed to stay with GPO instead of going to Sourcewell.
- TN Nozzle Forward – A request for a \$500 sponsorship for the class was denied by a motion. Brian Goss abstained.
- SEAFCA Chief of the Year – Mark Foulks solicited nomination for both Career and Volunteer Chiefs.

- CFIS Symposium & Dinner – A motion was passed to sponsor a table for 110 at \$3,750. Members are needed to go at their own expense.

Associated Organizational Reports:

- Jeff Elliott reported for TFACA. Jason Sparks has been named the Fire Program Director. The TN/KY Wildland Academy was a great success. Recruit classes in February have 62 students. The brush truck is on order. The Conference Center is on track for July. Work is being done on many different courses.
- Commission – Anthony Grande reported the first batch of the Educational Incentives is on the way for payments. A new Regional Coordinator will be posted soon. Bill Scott of Atoka is a new member of the Commission. Reaccreditation is under way with IFSAC and ProBoard.
- TN federation of Fire Chaplains – Steve Dillard is excited about the new Chaplains Section. They are looking forward to organizing and meeting at Quarterly meetings.
- MTAS – Steve Cross reported they did not get the AFG grant for a research project in the correlation between training/certification versus injuries/deaths but the grant was funded in house. UT-MTAS is providing Barry Brady classes. The UT-MTAS has a resolution that can be used to remove the exemption for minimum training. Four Departments have recently used it. UT-MTAS can help with AFG grant applications.

Committee Reports:

- Communications – Eddie Phillips reported for Amy Maxwell who is still recovering from surgery. Thanks to all that have made our social medias such a success. Keep sending in information. Web page often has new items of interest. Committee Chairs need to update their info.
- Community Risk Reduction – Baylie Scott reported on “Get Alarmed” and the importance of getting in the Volunteer rosters,
- EMS – Mark Foulks reported on EMS Board voting to appoint a task force to explore development of First Responder Agency licensure. They are tracking legislation related to ambulance reimbursements.
- Fall FF Memorial – Melvin Martin reported on the updates and improvements at the Memorial.
- Legislation – David Windrow reported the FD Day on the Hill is March 18th. Most legislation has been filed. Mail Chimp will keep us updated.
- Membership – Barron Kennedy reported 472 members which is 11 more than last year’s end.
- Mutual Aid – Eric Mitchell reported on the logo and branding of the Tennessee Mutual Aid System (TMAS). Also looking at a standard location for unit identification. Also discussed credentialing of team members so they are capable of doing assigned tasks. IMT is gathering applications for IMT positions. The NMAS will go from training mode to live on February 14th.
- Professional Development – James Fountain reported on revised schedule for Quarterly meetings, Main days will be from early on Wednesday through late Thursday. This was approved by a motion. Jamie Summers reported briefly on meeting planning.
- SEAFVCVP – Mark Foulks reported Annual Leadership Conference is in Atlanta May 12 – 14. The Health Wellness and Safety Symposium will be in Birmingham next January.
- Volunteer/NVFC – Melvin Martin requested that TFCA have a Fire Chief of the Year for both Career and Volunteer Chiefs. This was approved by a motion.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48.

Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary