

**STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

August, 1 2020
SFFMA Office Building

Meeting called to order at: 9:01 a.m.

by President: Tim Smith

Invocation given by: Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Roll Call of Board Members Present: Brent Allen

Board Members present on site:

President Tim Smith
1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle
2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson
3rd Vice President Donny Boggs
4th Vice President Curtis Brown
Secretary Brent Allen
Assistant Secretary
Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Mascot Landon Flisowski

Board Members Not Present: I.P.P. Mike Richardson

Non - Voting Board Members Not Present:

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Tim Rutland and Lobbyist JPete Laney

Approval of Minutes from Secretary Allen:

A motion to approve the minutes from May 14, 2020 – Conference Call via ZOOM as presented. Motion was made by 2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson and seconded by 3rd Vice President Donny Boggs and the motion passed with 7 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Guest present: Steve Loving, Mike Montgomery, Keith Tate

Old Business: 9:01 a.m.

Executive Director Tim Rutland

Dues Grant: 35 Departments applied for help, we pay out \$37,150.00

We were able to get an amendment to the grant which, we received an additional \$50,000.00

This will help Departments experiencing problems right now and even more so in the months to come.

This will help the poorer departments in the association.

Retention of Conference Material and Photos

Not high on my list at this time.

Found a lot more old photos

I have also spoke to the Ladies Auxiliary about the photos.

A motion to remove old Conference material from the agenda was made by 1st Vice President Richard Van Winkle and seconded by 3rd Vice President Donny Boggs and the motion passed with 7 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Firefighter I/II and Hazmat Carve Out

Harvie has been working on this at College Station.

Removing the Haz-Mat portion of the test, to a stand alone test.

Which would give us 3 individual FF1, FFII and a Haz-Mat Tests

Which in turn, if you fail a test, you only have to retake the test you failed.

TISBE Certification Testing and Support

Test Banks at this time are being validated.

Ready to start making tests.

Hope to be testing by August.

We have bought 15 tablets to be used for testing.

New Business: 9:15 a.m.

Declare the adjustment of the agenda.

Press Release on August 3rd.

Financial Relief Grant at \$200,000.00

In September a Health and Wellness grant at \$300,000.00

Also Cancer Prevention

So, there is \$500,000.00 all together.

H.B. 3667 Discussion

Past Cancer premiums, quite significant 1.5 million dollars.

Starting to see increases, 1.9 million dollars last year and 2million dollars this year.

35% increases for cancer premiums,

House Bill 3667 needs to be enhanced

Reimbursement is at \$175.00 per man

2018 – 114% and 2019 – 190%

Legislative Update - JPete Laney

They have to pass a budget

This a whole different world right now.

No Sunset Hearings – How to deal with Sunset hearings.

Meet with the T-Flag Committee what are our priorities for the SFFMA.

Not knowing how much the Feds will give out.

Large groups they are still working on how to deal with that.

Capitol – Not Open at this time.

Certification Board Update – Brian Sheffer

Met in June and July, September Haz-Mat Validated, October Teleconference

FF I/ II are on the block to with KISS model for us.

Workshop has some issues.

Zone 3 – New Rep. Jim Jones and Zone 15, No Zone Rep. at this time.(Gonzales @ Elpaso)

1 Zoom workshop

Application Process correspondence problem.

Work on a solution to online testing

Group to review certification issues

Emergency Solution – Keith E. Tate

June meeting with Staff ”The Project”

100 % firefighter owned, 3 year old sustaining member.

A&M Advisory Board Update - Mike Montgomery & Bill Gardner

Concern on Phases Program, they are declining, we need these for Certification.
TEEX and SFFMA are a great alliance.
Concern of attendance all around the programs.
Used to be 1400 to 1500 students.
Food, housing and Busing are the issues at hand.
Props are unique, along with quality of the instruction.

Bill Gardner

T-Flag, larger political battles, vet them come back with recommendations.
Savick Program doing well, expanded, Ambulance, SCBA, Thermal Imaging, Brush Trucks.
Meeting every other month.
TCFP Sunset Lot of discussion, items to come about, we need to be aware!
NVFC - Presentation for distant learning, free ZOOM classes.
Do you have an agenda item for across the state.
Increase for Fireworks percentage, signage, a release. 2145 Firework Clause.

Texas A & M Advisory Board Appointment

A motion was made by 4th Vice President Curtis Brown to reappoint Bill Gardner to the Texas A&M Advisory Board, 3rd Vice President seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 7 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Executive Director Tim Rutland Report

Sales at this time are \$157,000.00 that is 55% Projection
HVAC is repaired at a cost of 37,000.00
In October hosted a leadership class.
Safer Grant is \$630,000.00 with 44% spent.
1567 VFIS optional insurance and 1365 NVFC optional insurance
We had 2 amendments, on \$50,000.00 for Department Dues and Leadership class.
Spent \$5,000.00 to repair for the Rain Water Collector.
Certification has a perspective of 1380 people becoming a Firefighter 1
Greg has been working, with 136 recruitment kits being given out.
Employee Handbook Revision, to approve employee handbook.

SFFMA Fire Institute

Map Fund, history of why this account existed.
Ordinally J.C Wallay Fund – Check on balance.

4th Vice President Candidates

With the cancelation of the 2020 Conference, there was no district meetings to attend.

A motion was made by Chaplain Ben Kennedy to allow the 4th Vice Presidential candidates to carry on into the year 2021, it was seconded by 2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson and the motion passed with 6 voting for the motion and 1 against and 0 abstaining.

Appointment of State Committee Members – President Tim Smith.

A motion was made by Chaplain Ben Kennedy to place the appointed district members to their state committee appointments, it was seconded by 3rd Vice President Donny Boggs and the motion passed with 7 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

2023 Convention Site

Probable sites for 2023 Austin, Bastrop, San Antonio, San Marcos, Waco

Enter into Executive Session at: 3:41 p.m.

Out of Executive Session at: 4:17 p.m.
No Action was taken in Executive Session.

Audience Comments:

Steve Loving: Thank you for having this meeting.

Mike Montgomery: Thanks for being here.

Keith Tate: None

Board Member Commits: No at this time/ Technical Problems

The next scheduled meeting is to be announce.

There being no more agenda items,

A motion to adjourn was by 2nd Vice President Chuck Richardson seconded by Chaplain Be Kennedy the motion passed with 7 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

President Smith ended the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Brent Allen
SFFMA Secretary
08/10/2020**