

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

May 10, 2019

Conference Call, State Office Building

Meeting called to order at: 10:00 a.m.

by President: Mike Richardson

Invocation given by: None

Roll Call of Board Members Present:

Board Members present on site:

President Mike Richardson
1st Vice President Tim Smith
2nd Vice President Richard Van Winkle
3rd Vice President Chuck Richardson
4th Vice President Donny Boggs
Immediate Past President Harvey Cheshire
Secretary Brent Allen
Assistant Secretary Jim White
Chaplain Ben Kennedy

Non-Voting Board Members Present: None

Board Members Not Present: None

Non - Voting Board Members Not Present: Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson, Mascot Kylie Maples

Office Staff Present: Executive Director Chris Barron

Approval of Minutes: None

Guest present: None

President Richardson open with remarks to the board about conference, to make sure that any questions were answered, and information exchanged, things you may know of or don't know of. Along, with some ideas you may want to talk about, at the board meeting Friday, June 21st.

The President asked Executive Director Barron give report on items, and here are the items discussed;

- ❖ Advised 1st Vice President Tim Smith about reappointment or a new appointment to the A&M Advisory Board.
- ❖ Sent out draft agendas for the executive board meetings on the 21st and 26th primarily.
- ❖ Go into Executive Session to discuss my evaluation.
- ❖ J.P. Laney will not be attending the June 21st board meeting he will come on Tuesday of conference and meet with T-Flag and on Wednesday also.
- ❖ We are two to three weeks out in processing time for membership certificates and membership cards, the next wave of billing is going out.

- ❖ We are at 70 % mark on renewals, financially we are doing good, we still have a way to go hopefully get up to the 85% mark on our budget, we hope to make that up with our next round of invoicing.
- ❖ Had a nice testimonial come in from Bartwell F.D., they had a A. D. & D. policy claim. Their department wrote VFIS that the benefit provides which was the \$10,000.00 check, made a world of difference to be able to pay for the funeral.
- ❖ J.P. Laney has done us a wonderful job, being there for us and providing information, also what he could do to get our bill through the session.
- ❖ Membership numbers are a little bit down, but believe it because of the next wave of invoicing, along with Growthzone and having some learning curves.
- ❖ With actions the board took with Winstar and Tom, the additional policies and affiliate programs, they are now offering 5 different health insurances, vision and dental for our staff. The association will set a minimum amount and anything above that is the responsibility of the employee. We are going to save about \$16,000.00 a year and by going to Winstar and the savings at shopping that Tom did, \$60,000.00 savings there.
- ❖ There is a rumor amongst some of our Past Presidents that our association is broke and it's because of the executive director. Do not know where the rumor started. The executive director stated that is totally false, we are not broke and we have plenty of money in the bank.

President Richardson stated that he doesn't know what to do about that message, we had the same thing last year that we were financially broke, of course the rumor mill on it, was that it spread somewhere out of TEEEX and now we hear it, if one of us ever directly hear it, we have to at least find out what the source is on this or the reasoning for it. We have certainly struggled the last few years, at certain times and on certain things, but I don't know why that message is out there. So, any of you have ideas on that or hear anything on it, just bring it to the rest of us to see what we can do to fix that message. Anybody got any discussion on that.

- ❖ I want to reiterate what he (Chris) is talking about, this session has been one of the most successful sessions we've had, certainly since I've been on T-Flag for little better than 10 years.
- ❖ It's 100% because of the work J.P. does for us. Chris and I receive text from 11 to 11:30 at night and he is still working for us.
- ❖ His work on the inspector bill. That thing has died three or four times, he's got it somewhat resurrected.
- ❖ TISEB is back on track, once everything is up and running they are going to pay dues for their employees and we should see an increase in members from the industrial companies.
- ❖ By June 21st meeting would like to see graph for a 3-year comparison.
- ❖ Senator Kolkhorst honored the Life of Kelby Jasinski with a Memorial Resolution, on the house floor with the family.
- ❖ President Richardson reminded board members to work on the evaluation of the Executive Director Chris Barron.

- ❖ On Friday night there will be a joint Past President and Executive Board event, transportation will be provided.
- ❖ Still a few issues with motel rooms, it is being worked on.
- ❖ Rest of the conference is going well, remember no pumper races or golf tournament, but there will be tee times for members to play golf.
- ❖ Conference booklets are done, and Guidebook will be out a week before conference.
- ❖ Mid – West Texas will be allowed to present their proposal, with allotment of 10 to 15 minutes, 7 minutes for the proposal and 7 minutes for questions. President will confer with the Parliamentarian.
- ❖ Memorial Service is coming along, Chief Steelman is in complete support, will include the Pipes and Drums, Honor Guard from Decatur.
- ❖ Chief Richardson stated there was an inquiry about looking into a Fire Chief Division for the SFFMA.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Audience Comments: None

Board Comments:

President Mike Richardson : I really don't anything, I've said everything pertinent during the meeting. I appreciate all of you getting on here. I know we really didn't have any action items to do on this I just felt like we all need to get on the same board one more time, before we roll up to the convention. I'll see some of you next weekend in the panhandle, and appreciate those going down to Guadalupe.

1st Vice President Time Smith: No Comments

2nd Vice President Richard Van Winkle: I don't have anything, Mike.

3rd Vice President Chuck Richardson: None, Thanks so Chris and the President on the state level

4th Vice President Donny Boggs: Shout Out to Executive Director Barron, with Survey Monkey Poll, thank you Chris.

Immediate Past President Harvie: Cheshire: Appreciate all the hard work, on the legislation side Applaud the President, Chris and J.P Laney, did a tremendous job.

Secretary Brent Allen: Hope everyone makes it to convention and we have a great convention and everyone healthy and happy and ready to go.

Assistant Secretary Jim White: Not a thing

Chaplain Ben Kennedy: Had to leave, no comments

Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson: Not Present

Mascot Kylie Maples: Not Present

Executive Director Chris Barron: None, All good here.

The next scheduled meeting is June in Longview Texas.

There being no more agenda items

A motion to adjourn was by Asst. Secretary Jim White seconded by 4th Vice President Donny Boggs the motion passed with 8 voting for the motion and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

President Richardson ended the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Brent Allen
SFFMA Secretary
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