

SOLANO COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
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Minutes – October 10, 2007

Call to Order

President Schindler called the meeting to order at 19:31 hours.

Roll Call

The following chapters were present: Benicia 2, Cordelia 1, Fairfield 1, Suisun District 1, Montezuma 2, and Vacaville District 2.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Bill Petersen to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ron Rice and unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

Frank Cereda made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2007 meetings as mailed. The motion was seconded by Hank Seguin and unanimously approved.

Communications

None

Committee Reports

Annual Family Picnic Day-Saturday, September 29, 2007 ó Dan Schindler said that the Picnic was well attended this year, there were approximately 93 members who enjoyed the day. Dan said that he will be submitting the bill for reimburse to the Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Hank Seguin summarized the Treasurer's reports (see attachments). Jack Rice made a motion to approve the treasurer's reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Frank Cereda and unanimously carried. Hank informed the membership that Jim Stavas of American Canyon had past away.

Old Business

None

New Business

Ash Sanders from Fairfield said that he was hurt and mad to find out that he was dropped from the membership, he said that he would like to be reinstated back into the association since he has been a member for many years. Hank Seguin and Howard Wood informed Mr. Sanders that we have had lots of problem with Fairfield in regards to maintaining their membership list for several years. Hank Seguin said that we do not know who is in charge of the chapters' lists when renewal time comes around, because there is no one person who is assigned to the renewal process, so every year it is different, not only in Fairfield but all the Chapters. After some discussion, Ron Rice made a motion that Ash Sanders be reinstated into the association. The motion was seconded by Hank Seguin and unanimously approved.

Excerpts from the Solano County Firemen's Association By-Laws

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

4.01 *Classification of Membership*

The Association shall have a separate membership class for each Chapter. Each Chapter shall have four subclasses of membership as follows: (a) active membership; (b) retired membership; (c) associate membership; and (d) life membership.

4.02 *Eligibility for Membership*

To be eligible for membership in the Association and subclasses enumerated in Section 4.01, a person as defined in Section 5065 of the California Corporations Code must meet the following requirements:

A. Active Membership

Active membership shall include members of fire departments and fire districts located within Solano County, Gordon Valley Fire Department, American Canyon Fire Department, Isleton Fire District and members of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, whose responsibilities include on a regular basis, the control of fires within the boundaries of Solano County, and such other boards and fire departments as the Board shall approve.

B. Retired Membership

Retired membership shall include individuals who have retired from any of the organizations mentioned in Section 4.02A, and who have completed at least fifteen (15) years of service and have either been members of the Solano County Firemen's Association or this Association for a period of fifteen (15) consecutive years; or, who have retired on disability and were members of either the Solano County Firemen's Association or this Association at the time of their disability.

C. Associate Membership

Associate membership shall include representatives of fire equipment companies, industrial fire organizations and members of California State organizations who are dedicated to the purposes of this Association and have expressed an interest in working for the objectives of this Association.

D. Life Membership

Life membership shall include individuals selected by the Board.

New Business

Dave McCready Award and Life Time Membership Award: Following is the information on the awards and the list of recipients.

DAVID B. McCREADY AWARD

OBJECTIVE: To the Individual who best assisted in the goals for which this Association was founded. Who gave many hours in supporting the Association in its general business activities. This Individual's Professionalism and Devotion to this Organization played a major factor in the successful growth of this Association. Whose Dedication to the Fire Service and The Members of the Solano County Firemen's Association has set the example for others to emulate.

1. REQUIRED INFORMATION:
Contributions to the Solano County Firemen's Association and the Fire Service.
2. NOMINATIONS:
 - A. Open to all Members in good standing with the Association.
 - B. Nominations to be presented to the Board of Directors at the November meeting by each Chapter or Individual Member.
 - C. A Committee of the 1st Vice President, Past President, and a Director at large appointed by the President shall meet and present their recommendations at the December Board meeting.
3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
 - A. How many Years a Member of the Association.
 - B. Offices held in the Association.
 - C. Contributions made to the Association outside the normal duties.
 - D. Career History of individual.
4. VOTING IN THE McCREADY AWARD MEMBER:
 - A. A majority vote by the Board of Directors.
 - B. Vote to be held at the December Board meeting, this meeting will be held after the regular meeting for the Board of Directors only.
5. PRESENTATION:
 - A. By the outgoing President at the January Dinner meeting.
 - B. All future dues will be waived.

AWARD PRESENTED TO

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
1990	G. Warren Hughes	Vacaville Fire Department
1991	Gilmer G. Richardson	Solano County Fire Warden
1992	Jimmie McCants	Vacaville Fire Department
1993	Ron Rice	Benicia Fire Department
1994	Gary Eberle	Fairfield Fire Department
1995	Harry Chadbourne	Gordon Valley Fire Department
1997	Cecil Tomlin	Iselton Fire Department
2000	Bill Fairfield	Dixon Fire Department
2001	Stan Simi	Montezuma Fire Department
2003	Steve Laren	Cordelia Fire Protection District
2004	Laura Wood	Vacaville Fire Protection District
2006	Terry Blanc	Suisun Fire Protection District

LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP

OBJECTIVE: To give guidance and or clarification to section 4.02 paragraph D of the Solano County Firemen's Association rules and regulation for the selection of Life Membership in the Association.

1. REQUIRED INFORMATION:
Contributions to the Solano County Firemen's Association and the Chapter in their community.
2. NOMINATIONS:
 - A. Open to all Members in good standing with the Association.
 - B. Nominations to be presented to the Board of Directors at the November meeting by each Chapter or Individual Member.
 - C. A Committee of the Chairman, 2nd Vice Chair, and a Director at large appointed by the Chairman shall meet and present their recommendations at the December Board Meeting.
3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
 - A. How many years a member of the Fire Service.
 - B. Outstanding awards.
 - C. How long a member of your Chapter.
 - D. Community Service other than your Chapter.
 - E. Other information that may be pertinent to the qualification of the individual nominee.
4. VOTING IN THE LIFE TIME MEMBER:
 - A. A majority vote by the Board of Directors.
 - B. Vote to be held at the December Board of Directors meeting, this meeting will be held after the regular meeting for Board of Directors only.
 - C. Board of Directors may vote in a Maximum of Two individuals for the Life Time Membership.
5. PRESENTATION:
 - A. By the outgoing President at the January Dinner meeting.
 - B. Individual Award to be given to the Life Time Member or their Chapter if they are not in attendance and all future dues will be waived.
 - C. Names of Life Time Member to be displayed on a Trophy at the January Dinner Meeting and stay with the Chapter for that Year. If Two are selected it will be split with the Chapter's. The Trophy to be returned to the Board of Directors meeting in December.

AWARD PRESENTED TO

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
1971	Warren Hughes	Vacaville Fire Department
1972	Chuck Green	Solano County Fire Warden
1978	Father Bill Travers	Solano County Chaplain
1982	Harry Chadbourne	Gordon Valley Fire Department
1983	Dave McCready	Solano County Fire Warden
1984	Gil Richardson	Solano County Fire Warden
1986	Bill Fairfield	Dixon Fire Department
1988	Herman Holdener	Elmira Fire Department
1988	Ron Rice	Benicia Fire Department
1989	Thomas Gieffels	Benicia Fire Department
1989	Robert Shellhammer	Dixon Fire Department
1992	Gary Eberle	Fairfield Fire Department
1994	Albert Guyan	Cordelia Fire Protection District
1994	Stan Simi	Montezuma Fire Protection District

AWARD PRESENTED TO (continue):

1995	Richard Lanza	Suisun Fire Protection District
1995	Jimmie McCants	Vacaville Fire Department
1996	Kirk Sheldon	C.M.F. Fire Department
1996	Alan Benefield	Dixon Fire Department
1996	Cecil Tomlin	Iselton Fire Department
1997	Chester Petersen	Suisun Fire Protection District
1998	Gary L. Robinson	Vacaville Fire Protection District
1999	Jim Campi	Cordelia Fire Protection District
1999	Bob Powell	Vacaville Fire Protection District
2000	Ray McCluskey	Dixon Fire Department
2000	Willy Smith	Vacaville Fire Protection District
2001	Jack Rice	Benicia Volunteers
2002	Bill Blacklock	Montezuma Fire Protection District
2003	Howard Wood	Vacaville Fire Protection District
2004	Joyce Suihkonen	Vacaville Fire Protection District
2006	Terry Blanc	Suisun Fire Protection District
2006	Mike Shubin	Suisun Fire Protection District

Nominations can be dropped off at the next meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 or nominations can be submitted by mail, fax, or email:

SCFA Nomination Committee
420 Vine Street
Vacaville, CA 95688

Fax #707-447-2769

email: adminlaura@vfpd.net

All nominations MUST be submitted by 7:30 p.m. – Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Any Questions on the Awards, contact Laura at 707-447-2252

Good of the Order

Quarterly Dinner Meeting – October 19, 2007, Cordelia FPD: Hank Seguin said that he is ready for the dinner.

Adjournment

Hank Seguin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Petersen and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:56 hours.

NEXT MEETING:

7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Suisun Fire Protection District
445 Jackson Street, Fairfield