

Solano County Firemen's Association

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Minutes – April 9, 2008

Call to Order

President Maio called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Dan Schindler made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Howard Wood and unanimously carried.

Communications

None

Committee Reports

None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Seguin summarized the treasurer's report (see attachments). A motion was made by Freddie Abruzzini to approve the reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Dan Schindler and unanimously carried.

Old Business

Howard Wood said that at the last meeting it was discussed if the death benefit should be raised and advised that the consensus of the board was not to raise the benefit because the majority of the membership is in the top risk category. He then produced copies of the old chart showing the breakdown to the board.

New Business

None

Good of the Order

Joint Yolo-Solano Quarterly Dinner – Friday, April 18, 2008: Secretary Wood advised that she tried several times to contact the Yolo County secretary, with no luck. Dan Schindler made a motion to cancel the Joint Dinner on April 18, 2008 due to non-commitment from Yolo County. The motion was seconded by Carmen Maio and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the membership categories and why a Benicia Volunteer member was not entitled to the death benefit. Jack Rice from Benicia Volunteers was informed that an associate member cannot receive the death benefit as per the Bylaws. This topic was discussed back in 2002 and the rule has not changed.

Excerpts from the Solano County Bylaws:

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.

4.03 Admission to Membership

Any person, eligible for membership under Section 4.02, shall be admitted to membership only upon payment of dues as established by the Board.

4.04 Initiation Fee

There shall be no initiation fee payable with the application for membership.

4.05 Annual Dues

The Board shall establish the annual dues payable to the Association by active, retired, associate and life members. Annual dues shall be payable for the first year on admission to membership and annually thereafter at such time or times as may be fixed by the Board. A member, on learning of the amount of dues determined by the Board and the time or times of payment fixed by the Board, may avoid liability for the dues by promptly resigning from membership, except where the member is, by contract or otherwise, liable for the dues.

4.06 Assessments

Membership shall not be subject to assessment.

4.07 Number of Members

There shall be no limit on the number of members the Association may admit.

4.08 Membership Privileges

Except as provided in Sections 4.08, 4.11 and 7.03, active, retired, associate and life members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges associated with membership in this Association, as determined from time to time by the Board and as specified in these Bylaws. Associate members shall not be entitled to death benefits.

4.09 Transferability of Membership

Membership in this Association shall not be transferable.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Carmen Maio to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Rice and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 20:18 hours.

NEXT MEETING:

7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, May 14, 2008
Suisun Fire Protection District
445 Jackson Street, Fairfield