

**SOLANO COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
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**Minutes – October 14, 2009**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours by President Frank Cereda.

**Roll Call**

The following chapters were present: Benicia Volunteer 1, Montezuma 2, Suisun District 4, and Vacaville District 2.

**Approval of Agenda**

Michael Young made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Bill Petersen and unanimously carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Howard Wood to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2009 meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded by Mike Young and unanimously carried.

**Communications**

None

**Committee Reports**

*Family Picnic – Saturday, September 26, 2009:* Dan Schindler said that there was low attendance at this year's picnic, but everyone that attended had fun. He then recommended that the Picnic should be held on Sunday because more people have attended on the Sunday date. Dan Schindler then submitted the bills for reimbursement. Howard Wood said that the Western Railroad Museum has been good to the County Association, and he then moved that we donate \$500 to the railroad museum. The motion was seconded by Freddie Abruzzini and unanimously carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Howard Wood said that Treasurer Seguin had to go out of town this week. Howard Wood then summarized the treasurer's reports (see attachments). A motion was made by Freddie Abruzzini to approve the reports as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dan Schindler and unanimously carried.

### **Old Business**

Howard Wood said that the Finance Committee met and finalized the year-end 2008-2009 budget along with the 2009-2010 budget and handed out a copy to all board members present.

### **New Business**

All chapters should start thinking about the Dave McCready Award and also the 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.

**DAVID B. McCREADY AWARD – continue:**

Dave McCready 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	Isleton 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
2007	John Wink	Suisun Fire Protection District
2008	Frank Cereda	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.

**LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP – continue:**

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.

Life Time Membership 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 McCreedy	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
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	Isleton 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	Vacaville Fire Protection District
2007	Ernie Moretti	Suisun Fire Protection District
2008	Robert Dohr	Suisun Fire Protection District

Nominations can be submitted by dropping them off at the next meeting on *Wednesday, December 9, 2009* or nominations can be submitted by:

Mail: SCFA Nomination Committee  
420 Vine Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688

Fax #707-447-2769  
Email: laura.wood@vfpd.net

**All nominations MUST be submitted by 7:30 p.m. – Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

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

### **Good of the Order**

October Quarterly Dinner – Friday, October 16, 2009. The dinner will be held at Vacaville Fire Protection District, Station 65 in Elmira. The dinner is hosted by CMF Fire and they are ready for the event. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. with Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 19:52 hours.

***NEXT MEETING: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2009***  
***Suisun Fire Protection District***  
***445 Jackson Street, Fairfield***

**October 2009 Quarterly Dinner Meeting:** The dinner meeting was held on Friday, October 16, 2009 at Vacaville Fire Protection District Station in Elmira. The dinner was hosted by CMF Fire Department. There were approximately 73 people at the dinner.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious steak dinner. The following departments were represented: Benicia Volunteers, CMF, Isleton, Montezuma-Ryer, Suisun City, Suisun District, Vacaville City, and Vacaville District.

CMF Fire Chief Joe McAtee kept the drawing moving along and everyone was wondering which chapter would be the winner of the most prizes? There were prize winners from Montezuma-Ryer, Benicia Volunteers, Suisun District, and Vacaville District. But the winner for the most prizes was Vacaville District.

The time came for the big drawing of the evening - which chapter member was going to win for the \$100 and also win an extra \$25 if the individual was wearing their SCFA name badge.

The following names were drawn:

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| * James Ensley-Benicia           | * Michael Brennan-Vaca District |
| * Robert Moniz-Vallejo           | * Brandon Lee-Montezuma         |
| * Martin Del Toro-Benicia        | * Don Powell-Vaca District      |
| * Eric Jansen-Dixon              | * Bob Sakata-Montezuma          |
| * Johnny Go-Valero               | * Richard Lanza-Suisun District |
| * Melissa Leitzke-Vallejo,       | * Gary Mahlberg-Vaca City       |
| * Christine Ottinger-Dispatch    | * Chris Wagner-Valero           |
| * Nellie Walters-Vaca District   | * Mark May-Valero               |
| * Jason Barker-Dixon             | * Russ Sherman-Vallejo          |
| * Gregory Petersen-Benicia       | * James Dille-Valero            |
| * Larry Holdener-Suisun District | * Ernest Oliver-Vaca District   |
| * Loren Drowne-Vaca City         | * Richard Rogala-Montezuma      |
| * Robert Chedsey-Benicia         |                                 |

and the Winner was  
Phil Jones from Vacaville District (\$100)

Everyone enjoyed the comradery of the evening

So mark your calendars for the next quarterly  
and do not forget to wear your name badge,  
you might be the lucky winner!

**Friday, January 15, 2010 at Suisun Fire Protection District**