161th Semi Annual Convention Agenda
June 3, 2017
10am
Leander Fire Training Center
101 E. Sonny Drive
Leander, Texas 78641

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order - President Ryan Hudson – 1004hrs
Invocation – Ben Kennedy
Pledge of Allegiance – Shawn Devries
Roll Call –Secretary – Brian Scheffer
Past Presidents – 3 Present
Departments – 8 Present
Approval of Minutes of the 160th Convention – President Ryan Hudson
Motion to approve as read – Kurt Jasinski
2nd to motion – David Miller
Motion passed
Dollar Bill Drawing Announcement – 2nd VP Richard Meeks – Did not do, not enough attendees
Appointment of Committees – President Ryan Hudson
Poster – 3rd VP Ben Kennedy
Any other Committees Needed
Resolution – Brian Scheffer
Resces for Poster Contest Judging
Old Business – President Ryan Hudson

- Bylaws Changes
  - President Hudson discussed the possible reason for the failure of the by-laws changes that were presented in October 2016 in Fredericksburg, TX
    - Trying to group too many changes in one proposed change. There could have been some changes that could have passed if they were not all grouped together. May need to separate the changes and try to present them individually.
    - VP Kennedy agreed and said he would have voted for some of the changes individually, instead of being all grouped together.
    - It was also discussed to post the proposed changes on the website so that members could review prior to attending a meeting. Also to have an email that members could use to send feedback to committee members. This would help with getting a version of a proposed change that everyone could agree on.
    - Also, VP Kennedy made the point that each proposed change should be on single piece of paper to help identify the proposed change.
      - The original version with the areas that are to be changed highlighted. The put the proposed change under the original version, but with the new language in it and in a different color font.

New Business – President Ryan Hudson

- Fundraising for the District
  - A discussion on possible fundraisers was had by all attendees. Asst. Secretary Fail explained that in the past it was up to the current President to have a fundraiser and whatever money was left over from the fundraiser would go to the District.
  - Past President Ondrasek had concerns that the District should not be in the fundraising business.
  - Krista DeVries from the Central Texas Ladies Auxiliary advised that she would be willing to bring this topic to the Ladies tomorrow during their conference call.
  - VP Bizzle advised that his wife, Janet, would be willing to help with this project as she has done the same thing with the Fredricksburg FD.
  - One idea was to possibly send out letters to business within the District for possible sponsorships
  - One idea was to do a gun raffle and have ever FD with in the district contribute to the raffle with a gun or at least selling tickets.
  - It was also discussed on what would be done with the money. If we are to ask for money or do a fundraiser what would the funds be used for. After referring to the By-Laws Article 2 – Purpose and Moto, it was decided that the following would be the priority for the use of the funds
    - Operations of the District
    - Use for training of District members
    - Use for the assistance of any Fire Departments within the District that may need some financial assistance
  - It was recommend that a Fundraising Committee formed as a special committee to research this topic and bring some
    - This committee should consist of the following
      - 3 members of the District, preferably not a Past President
      - 3 members from the Ladies Auxiliary
      - 1 Liaison from the Executive Board.
    - Krista DeVries would bring this topic to the Ladies meeting and get 3 members
    - President Hudson would be the Liaison from the Executive board.
    - The Executive board would try to find some other possible members while at the SFFMA Convention in San Marcos, TX
    - This committee should be finalized by the end of the SFFMA Convention.
- Finance process
  - It was discussed that a threshold amount of money should be set so that the Secretary/Treasurer knew how much money he or she could spend without getting the approval from the Executive Board.
    - $200 was settled on
    - This would be continued researched
    - This may be a by-laws addition and this could be brought before the By-Laws committee.
  - It was also discussed on the incorporation of the Association
    - We had a Tax ID number, but it doesn't appear that it is still good.
    - We should check with the Texas Secretary of State
    - Past President Pratt check the website and it doesn't appear that the Association listed as a Tax Exempt organization.
    - This topic should be researched more
- Meetings
  - Spring & Fall Format
    - Need to leave the schedule of the events should be left up to the host city.

        - Need to make sure we do the things that are listed in the By-Laws as to what should be done at each meeting.
        - Some host cities believe it is too much stuff to do and may be too much of a financial burden on them
        - Maybe have an option in the By-Laws stating that if no Fire Department would like to host the a meeting by a certain time frame, then maybe have a business meeting only at the City of the current President.
        - This topic should be turned over to the By-Laws committee for further research.
- By-Laws Changes
    - Secretary/Treasurer Scheffer acting as the Resolution Committee Chairman read 2 Proposed By-Laws changes
        - Article 4 – Meetings
        - Article 11 – Amendments
        - See attachment for more details

Announcements – President Ryan Hudson

- Chuck Richardson from announced he is running for 4th Vice President of SFFMA at the Conference in San Marcos, TX
- Kelbi Jasinski announced that he would be running for SFFMA Mascot in 2018
- Landon Flisowski announced that he would be running form Central Texas Mascot in October 2017 in Leander, TX
- Kurt Jasinski announced that he would be running for 4th VP of Central Texas at the October Meeting Leander, TX

Poster Contest Results – 3rd VP Ben Kennedy

- See the attachment

Delegate for State Convention Appointment – 1st VP Richard Meeks

- Due to financial constraints, VP Kennedy made a motion to not have a delegate this year, the motion was seconded by David Miller, motion passed

Site Selection - 1St VP Richard Meeks

- Leander
    - President Hudson would do research and determine which weekend in October would best to the have the meeting in October.
    - Due to limited Hotel availability, the meeting may have to be on the 2nd weekend.

Announcement – Secretary Brian Scheffer

Closing Prayer – Ben Kennedy

Attendees

Fire Departments – 8

1. Brazos Co. Pct. 4
2. Gatesville FD
3. Fredericksburg FD
4. Cameron FD
5. Brenham FD
6. Burton VFD

7. Leander FD
8. TEEX – ESTI

Past Presidents

1. Joe Ondrasek
2. Alvin Fail
3. Michael Pratt

Members - 16

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Scheffer

ARTICLE #4: MEETINGS

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Poster Contest Winners
June 3, 2017
Leander, TX

Pre K & Kindergarden Division
1st – Zaylee Tanner – Jonesboro FD
2nd - Haleigh Newcomb – Jonesboro FD
3rd - Roman Lopez – Cameron FD

Primary Division
1st – Averi Bolgiano – Gatesville FD
2nd – Dominik Medina – Gatesville FD
3rd – Reece Lozoya – Jonesboro FD

Intermediate Division
1st – Joziah Henry – Gatesville FD
2nd – Eric Balch – Cameron FD
3rd – Braxton Dossey – Jonesboro FD

Middle Division
1st – Jaynee Green – Gatesville FD
2nd – Cadence Walker – Gatesville FD
3rd – Camryn Green – Cameron FD

Jr High Division
1st – Emiley Bryan – Gatesville FD
2nd – Kiley Robledo – Gatesville FD
3rd – Madison Inman – Gatesville FD

High School Division
1st – Mackinze Suggest – Jonesboro FD