



Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

P.O. Box 661 Grayson, GA 30017

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 11, 2014

The November 11, 2014 meeting of the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association was held at SPP Pumps in Norcross. GFSA president Ray Vance called the meeting to order at 10:45, opened the meeting with prayer, and welcomed everyone. Guests included Christian Dyer who is new to industry, and Chris Buckner w/ SPP Pumps. Ray said the meeting was being recorded for purposes of creating meeting minutes.

Treasurer: John Pahr reported the checking account balance of \$5,966.60. John Pahr is leaving to move to California. Jimmy Hunt will be taking over as treasurer. Scott Donnelly said he known John since he started at Reliable, which was many years ago. Scott presented John with a plaque and thanked him for the excellent job John has done as treasurer.

Executive Director's Report: Billy Wood said this is a busy time. The art work was reviewed for use on the 2015 Calendar. The Fire Protection Week banquet took place at the State Training Center in Forsyth. Twelve of the calendar art contest winners were present for photos. The crowd was quite large. The Georgia Fire Sprinkler Official of the Year was awarded to Tim Johnson with the Loganville Fire Department. Billy said the calendars ready to print and only waiting on confirmation of sponsors. Billy will contact Humana and said there is a need to find the proper contact for Blue Cross and possibly State Farm. Billy hopes to enhance ability of funding for the calendar.

Codes and Standards: Alan Carte said Matt Shannon no longer with Cobb County. Gwinnett County is increasingly failing inspections for trivial issues that are often not a code compliant issue, such as one sprinkler instead of two, a sprinkler in a different ceiling tile than shown on the drawing, a galvanized tee when the drawing says the fittings are to be black, all because they did not match approved plan. As an association we need to find a way to address it. David Bohannon with the City of Atlanta said new inspectors sometimes have a learning curve and they are nervous about making mistake and often the problem is communications. Jimmy Hunt said SPP created plan review and NFPA 25 courses for county fire inspectors and this might help.

Georgia State Fire Marshal: No Report

Georgia Fire Fighters Burn Foundation: No Report

Ask the Attorney: Martin Salsman reminded everyone that if they have more than ten employees they are required to sign up for the e-verify program and all county work require registration with e-verify.

Education: Ray reported on the upcoming NFSA Seminar: Navigating the NFPA 25 Minefield and said seminar information was available on the GFSA website. This is a two day live seminar. Jim Lake and Top Meyers are doing training. Ray also said the NFSA National convention for 2015 will be at the Bonnett Creek Hilton in Orlando, FL from April 30, 2015 to May 2, 2015.



Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

P.O. Box 661 Grayson, GA 30017

Essay Contest / Scholarship: No Report

SFPE: Kevin Biando said plans are moving forward for the March 17 and 18 SFPE conference. There will be 16 or 17 technical presentations.

AFSA: No Report

Activities: Scott said the 15th Annual Bob McCullough Memorial Golf Tournament went well. Scott welcomed any ideas to get golfers signed up prior to very last minute. Afternoon temperatures were in the high 60's and it was a beautiful date at Hamilton Mill. Scott said holding tournament in November allows for more funds to go to the calendar. He thanked everyone who assisted with the registration and set up for the tournament and for the auction items.

Old Business: The September 9 meeting minutes were available on the welcome table.

Membership: No Report

Apprenticeship: No Report

Program: Austin Deeds and Mike Masse from FieldAware presented a demonstration of FieldAware's cloud based field service management software. This software serves field service organizations and was developed for a mobile device and can eliminate most field paperwork. The software captures the data and when the work is finished all data is available at the office. It provides real time scheduling and can increase productivity for field technicians. There are unlimited custom fields. The software provides a map view, a current work order and downloads a project history prior to site arrival. It is open architecture and can work with any accounting package with open software, including Quickbooks.

Data and photos are automatically a part of the program and do not have to be emailed. Photos can be imbedded into any report.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 12:20 PM.