



Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

P.O. Box 661 Grayson, GA 30017

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 10, 2015

The February 10, 2015 meeting of the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association was held at SPP Pumps in Norcross. GFSA President Ray Vance called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. He opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed everyone. Ray said the meeting was being recorded for purposes of creating meeting minutes. Guests included Kyle Swofford with International Fire Protection, Ryan Potts with Snapper Industrial Products, Derrick Henderson with DeKalb County Fire and Rescue, and Jim Rucci with the Harrington Group.

Treasurer: Jimmy Hunt said the balance of the checking account as of December 15, 2014 was \$5,434.66 with \$3,400.00 in membership checks coming in and \$2,000.00 in expenses going out in December for trailer repair and the Christmas gathering. He said that 2014 was not a good year for attendance and membership but we are moving forward.

Executive Director's Report: Billy Wood reported upcoming changes in the State Fire Marshal's office with Jimmy Crawley, Keith Bryant, Sherrie Clark retiring soon. Billy said the Sprinkler Advisory Council needs to be activated again.

Codes & Standards: Ray Vance said the Codes & Standards Committee met twice since the January meeting and discussed State Regulation 120-3-19. A discussion followed about language in the regulation, inspector, contractor and designer licensing. Scott Donnelly said the committee discussed recommending removing the waiver option from the inspector license and requiring state identification for all inspectors. Scott said the simpler and cleaner and shorter the recommendations to the state means the better chance we will have of having it pass the regulations.

Georgia State Fire Marshal: No Report.

Georgia Fire Fighters Burn Foundation: No Report

Ask the Attorney: No Report

Education: Ray said the NFSA Board of Directors will be meeting in Atlanta and the GFSA has been invited to attend. Ray is putting together a four hour seminar on obstructions and spacing from NFPA 13, Chapter 8.

Essay Contest / Scholarship: Bobby McCullough said the GFSA Essay Contest will begin mid-January with information going to school systems by the end of January. Volunteer judges will be needed in March to select the winning essays.

SFPE: The annual conference is in March. See the SFPE web site for details.

AFSA: No Report



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Activities: Jimmy said the Heroes First tournament is May 7th. The 2014 tournament was sold out and raised \$100,000 to provide service dogs.

Old Business: The meeting minutes were available on the welcome table. Corrections were noted and approved as amended.

New Business: The Board decided to try a new time table for the meetings, going to a three month meeting cycle and to have the meeting over lunch, to keep it relevant, stay on point, and on schedule. 2015 meetings will be the second Tuesday in February, May, August, November, and December.

Membership: No Report

Apprenticeship: No Report

Program: Dan Burton with Potter Electric presented a program on corrosion and correcting the problem. Some of the problems found could cause a system to fail, problem like mounds of corrosion on the walls of the pipe and sprinklers with so much corrosion they would not open. He said there are two types of corrosion: 60% is general corrosion and 40% is MIC. NFPA 13 says if there is evidence of corrosion it shall be tested. Dan explained the different tests and treatments available. He said there did not appear to be any advantage in using galvanized pipe over black steel regarding internal corrosion. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.