



Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

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December 11, 2018 GFSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

I. The Board of Directors meeting for the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association was called to order by Patrick Cordi at 12:20 PM on December 11, 2018. Present at the meeting: Billy Wood, Larry Labbe, Terry Pickvett, Mindy Buckley, Sam Bolt, Chris Dilday, Allen Cagle, Scott Donnelly, Jimmy Hunt, Patrick Cordi, and Bobby McCullough.

Not present: Ray Vance, Kevin Biando, Alan Carte, and Chris Conway.

II. Acceptance of the meeting minutes for the November 27, 2018 the Board Meeting was tabled.

III. Executive Director's Report – Billy Wood reported the 2019 calendars arrived and thanked Scott for doing almost all review.

IV. Vice President Allen Cagle reported upcoming speakers for meetings: Tommy Haberman with Viking will speak on January 8, 2019 followed by the new representative with Lubrizol on March 12, 2019. The representative from Zurn Wilkins was recommended. Discussions took place regarding two fishing tournament in 2019.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Finance – Jimmy Hunt reported a bank balance of \$13,217.76, relatively close to the carryover of \$13,362.22 from 2017 to 2018.

b. Legislative – a brief discussion took place regarding revisions to State regulations. It was reported at least 30 other amendment revision requests were in place so all may not get done.

c. Membership – We need to communicate and distribute new information to potential GFSA members. Non-members will be welcomed at meetings. The idea of two rates (chapter member and non-member) for attendees was discussed. It was suggested we identify those who are 2018 GFSA members who are not AFSA members and personally address chapter membership.

The AFSA is offering a discounted dues cost for new member in the amount of \$1000.00 and this will end in mid-November 2019. Beginning in 2019 GFSA members will have to prove membership in the AFSA and a plan to follow up with current GFSA who are not AFSA members needs to be in place. The GFSA membership and renewal forms need to be revised to accommodate this. Current AFSA members should continue to do things as they have been. AFSA is reducing membership by \$400 so we need to collect this as Chapter dues.

Regarding Membership, discussions took place regarding the following:

- 1) A no cost GFSA membership for year for new GFSA members.
- 2) Free educational seminars for GFSA members, the same as in 2018.
- 3) The GFSA Facebook page appears to be a big plus and is attracting attention.



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- 4) The GFSA website is not designed for mobile devices. Larry Labbe will check on help for changing the website structure. Updating the current website requires approximately the same time investment as a website designed for mobile access.
- 5) Duties of the State Coordinator were tabled.
- 6) A link needs to be on the GFSA website to show the benefits of AFSA membership.

d. Activities – Jimmy Hunt/Allen Cagle. Discussed a possible shooting event as part of other events. This potential GFSA activity needs to be scheduled to avoid similar shooting events sponsored by GFSA members.

Fishing Tournaments. The Spring tournament is tentatively scheduled for Eatonton area. The location of the fall tournament has not been set. The main reason many participate in the fishing tournament is for the raffle.

e. AFSA Next Generation Initiative – Mindy Buckley. The NextGen meet-up is immediately following the GFSA Christmas gathering on December 11th. The GFSA is sponsoring a fun evening of bowling and laser tag at Main Event in Suwanee.

The 2019 CEFGA CareerExpo will be March 21, 22, 2019. Planning needs to take place. Will the Reliable Sprinkler trailer be available? The GFSA can possibly do a side by side burn demonstration. The NFSA is donating a burn trailer to the State Fire Marshal's office in February and Georgia Tech is storing the trailer. Mindy Buckley and Chris Conway are asking for assistance from anyone to help with the Career Expo. Schools have to contact CEFGA directly about organized field trips.

Educational Training Agenda: A volunteer is needed to organize live seminars, possibly for March and April of 2019, redoing similar as took place in 2018. Can these be tied into the fishing tournaments?

f. Apprenticeship Training is a goal to seek after in the in future. Options were discussed regarding the existing Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer: should we donate it to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth or convert it into a side by side demonstration trailer? The trailer is 26'-0" long. Does this trailer have electronic brakes?

g. Golf Tournament – Scott Donnelly. We definitely need additional raffle and auction items. Both are a revenue generator. A discussion took place about moving the tournament to different locations and holding it earlier in the fall, both of which can be discussed to take place beginning with the 2020 tournament. Is it possible to add a skeet shoot to the 2020 golf tournament?

VI. Old Business: Presentation of the Fire Sprinkler Official of the Year went real well. Jeff Yoder with Gwinnett County was very appreciative. Earlier formats of this Banquet were discussed. There used to be many other awards for fire officials. This year the only fire official



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award was to Jeff Yoder; almost all others were educational awards. The possibility of moving this award to the June Symposium was discussed, possibly presenting it at the catfish dinner. The calendars have been printed and distributed since 2002. If the GFSA decides to stop supporting the calendar the decision must be made 14 months ahead of time. As long as the cost of the calendars is not a drain on the GFSA we should stay with it.

Discussions took place about valve training at GPSTC. Brent needs training videos, most of which are available from manufacturers.

The Bartow County Children's shelter is a work in progress. Allsouth Sprinkler is moving ahead with the design and installation.

VII. New Business

The proposed 2019 Budget was handed out and will be discussed by email.

The AFSA has asked if the GFSA Bylaws would be changed and the answer is no.

Options for the future State Coordinator will be discussed by email.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting approximately 2:10 PM