



Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

The January 8, 2019 Meeting of the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association was held at SPP Pumps in Norcross. GFSA President Patrick Cordi called the meeting to order at 11:36, welcomed everyone, announced the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of creating meeting minutes, and opened the meeting with prayer. Patrick reviewed the membership policy of the AFSA which will discount AFSA membership by \$400, which is the cost of GFSA membership.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Patrick announced the meeting minutes for the October 9, 2018 had been emailed and printed copies were available at the entrance desk. The minutes were accepted. One correction was needed to the Board Minutes of December 11, 2018.

Guests Introductions: Patrick recognized guests Steven Baggett with Insurance Service Company of America and Charlise Broom who is getting back into the industry. Steven is working on D&O insurance for the GFSA.

Patrick presented some of the ongoing changes that would take place as the GFSA becomes a chapter of the AFSA. Billy Wood agreed to step down as Executive Director. Billy said this may be last meeting for Billy as Pro-Tec will not be joining the AFSA. Patrick offered Billy a complementary GFSA membership as professional member. Patrick said the search is continuing for a State Coordinator.

Georgia State Fire Marshal: Patrick said two potential violations were sent to State Fire Marshal Dwayne Garriss, one for a non-licensed individual signing inspection tags.

Georgia Fire Fighters Burn Foundation: No report. Patrick said the GFSA donated \$4500 to the Foundation, proceeds from the golf tournament and fishing tournament. This was done at the Christmas Gathering, along the donation of with many, many gifts for children at various burn centers.

SFPE: No Report

Asa Tuten Memorial Essay Contest / Scholarship: Bobby McCullough said activity begins on January 14 by asking for essay topic suggestions. By February 1 all contest information should be on the website and emails to school systems should go out. March 18 is the last day for high school seniors to submit an essay and the winners should be announced April 15. Volunteer judges will be needed.



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Patrick offered information for the NFPA 13, 2019 “Change of the Meeting.” One revision to the 2019 edition is the requirement for air compressors to be installed as dedicated air compressor. A short discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Jimmy Hunt – Current Balance: \$9,720.23 plus funds to be transferred from the PayPal account.

Legislative, Codes and Standards: No report.

Activities: Allen Cagle announced the Spring Fishing Tournament will be at Jackson Lake, possibly in April and a fall tournament at Lake Lanier. Details will follow.

Membership: in accordance with AFSA requirements Patrick announced all new existing and new members must be AFSA members to join or renew GFSA membership.

NextGen: Mindy McCullough-Buckley announced the educational event on February 26 as the AFSA “Real Leadership” webinar. Benny Durden will speak at the event. The location has not been set.

Career Expo on March 21 & 22: Mindy said it is hopeful a Side-by-Side burn demonstration will take place and the GFSA needs as many people involved as possible. This may be in front of approximately 9000 students. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please call or email Mindy. Patrick said this is a great opportunity to tell students about this industry. Ray Vance said a company in Pennsylvania brings in 10 students per year and spends thousands of dollars annually to put them through a 10 week class. The company has a 70% retention. Ray is the instructor. Students are moving from classes into design & sales, immediately being productive. This is one way the NextGen concept works.

Education: Patrick said after a State Coordinator is engaged the apprenticeship program will become a priority with the hopes of it being a statewide program.

Golf Tournament: Scott Donnelly said the 20th annual tournament will be on November 4, 2019 at Hamilton Mill Country Club.

Chris Stewart said TYCO has just released a listed anti-freeze. UL 2901, for steel or CPVC, will be available at Ferguson or Core & Main. This is a premixed glycol and protects to -10°F. Watch carefully to follow the data sheet. The product appears to help reduce corrosion. Ray Vance said UL will now say “UL Certified” and no longer say “UL Listed” although this means the same thing.



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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The search for a State Coordinator is ongoing and there are a lot of unknowns. A job description is available. Please let Patrick know if you know of someone interested in the position.

Lunch break from 12:15 to 12:45.

The Vendor Spotlight was Tommy Haberman with Viking SupplyNet. Tommy reviewed the staff saying Jeri, Dana, Jerry, Jeff, Pam, Chery, Chiquita and Tommy have a combined total of 145 years of experience in this field. The fabrication shops are in Norcross & Nashville. Viking offers clean agent (FM 200 and Novec 1230). The VGS groove line has gone away and Viking is now using Anvil & Star Pipe Fittings. Viking recently purchased the CPVC part of NIBCO, meaning Viking makes their own CPVC pipe & fittings.

Tommy reviewed the new XT1 Sprinkler Technology launched in December 2018. This is a new platform with a smaller profile sprinkler. Tommy reviewed the features of XT1. All deflectors are stainless steel to reduce corrosion deposits. All VIN numbers and other information on the sprinklers will be laser etched. Viking will be providing a complementary sprinkler wrench with every order and contractors should be sure to use the new wrench. Old style sprinklers will be manufactured for another 18 months and there should be no price difference between old and new.

As of late 2018 Viking has its own expanded line of foam fire suppression systems. Tommy reviewed new FireFlex Integrated Vacuum Fire Protection Systems and the K28 sprinkler for buildings with a height of 55'-0" and with a storage height of 50'-0". This will protect Unexpanded Group A Plastics with 9 sprinklers at 80 psi. This may be the next wave of storage protection.

Adjournment approximately 1:10pm