



Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

P.O. Box 661 Grayson, GA 30017

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Call to Order: The May 14, 2019 GFSA meeting was held at SPP Pumps in Norcross. President Patrick Cordi called the meeting to order at 11:37 AM with a welcome to everyone to the May 2019 meeting of the GFSA, the Georgia Chapter of the American Fire Sprinkler Association. Patrick reminded everyone the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of creating meeting minutes. Patrick opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting minutes from the March 12, 2019 general meeting had been emailed to GFSA membership and were available at the welcome table. Patrick asked for a moment of silence to honor John McCullough of Allsouth Sprinkler, who passed on April 9th, 2019. Patrick welcomed guests including speaker Joe Tilman, sales director for Johnson Controls, Chris Stewart with Johnson Controls, Ron Wilde with 1800WaterDamage, and Rob Mathis with Gwinnett Fire.

Executive Director: Patrick said Bonnie may not want to take on the expected load and Patrick's wife Debra Cordi will give the Executive Director's position a try. Patrick asked everyone to get receipts in as soon as possible for reimbursement from the AFSA.

State Fire Marshal: Patrick, Billy Wood, and Allen Cagle met with State Fire Marshal Jeff Hogan and had a no-nonsense talk. The four code amendment submittals were discussed and Jeff reviewed the same. Jeff Hogan has a small staff which includes Jeff Mayer. The goal is to have the State revise the Regulations to allow Inspections and Testing with NICET 2 Certification. The hope is the "waiver" will no longer be allowed. The meeting with Jeff Hogan also included discussions about the definition of supervision and the Designer License. Scott Donnelly provided a brief history of origin of the Designer License.

A discussion took place about the advisory council's lack of enforcement power.

Georgia Fire Fighters Burn Foundation: no report

SFPE: The GFSA plans to hold the March 2020 meeting at or near the SFPE conference site to allow members to attend both the GFSA meeting and the SFPE conference. There is the possibility of the GFSA operating a booth at the SFPE conference.

Essay Contest / Scholarship: Bobby McCullough: Essay contest winners were notified in April. If anyone is interested in making a presentation at the school of any of the three winners please contact Bobby.

Finance Report: Jimmy Hunt: Jimmy said the current balance is \$14,909.62 based on a total of 23 paid members for 2019. We need to pursue reimbursements for grants from the AFSA,



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process the PayPal transactions, and send a notice for renewal of dues. AFSA members can log into the AFSA website for training opportunities.

Legislative, Codes and Standards: Patrick said, per Bob Bennett of Cobb County, regarding flow tests in Cobb County, the submitted figures need to include the static pressure, residual pressure, pitot reading in PSI, flowed GPM and projected availability at 20 PSI.

The differential between the static and the residual must be 10% of the static pressure. The pitot reading needs to be 50 PSI or lower. Due to the pressures in Cobb we frequently get report that have little or no change between static and residual pressures. To create a greater drop in pressure the testing contractor should open additional nozzles to increase the flowed GPM and cause a resultant increased drop in residual pressure. If the pitot is higher than 50 psi, more than one hydrant must be opened.

Zachary Siegrist of Cobb County Fire does all plan review and commodity assessments. It may be beneficial to have an Area Interest Meeting with Cobb County and include contractors and County inspectors. Zachary is very interested.

Rob Mathis of Gwinnett County said the County lost their inhouse IT man and a contractor is doing IT work. If you have revisions to a project then new drawings must be sent in. The County is looking at software to assist with plan review. Rob does 99% of all plan reviews in Gwinnett County. If you have questions please email. Jeff Yoder with Gwinnett said please submit drawings early. If you have revisions you need to resubmit. It is best not to wait for the inspector to tell you to resubmit. Do it as soon as the change is made. Scott asked if minor drawing revisions can be done by redlining the previously approved drawing and Jeff said yes, if a sprinkler is moved and still in code the drawing may not need to be resubmitted. If you have problems please contact Jeff; he may be able to help. Jeff said it is very helpful if the sprinkler contractor is on site when the inspection goes on. A discussion followed.

Larry Labbe said for properties at Georgia Tech his department expects installations to be as per the approved drawings. With everyone using BIM / 3D the location of everything is set in the design stage and must be installed where shown on the drawings.

Jeffery Meyer said the State is using NFPA 101, 2018 and within a year or so may jump to the 2016 edition of NFPA 13.

Activities: The Spring Fishing Tournament coming up on May 25, 2019. Allen is looking for volunteers. Patrick and Debra will bring a grill but need to leave before the cooking begins. We need a volunteer to cook in the afternoon. Ferguson & others have donated to the cause. The number of sign ups is not yet known; we had 30 boats last year and are hoping for 40 this year. The date and location of the Fall Family Fishing Derby and Fun Day has not been set. There will be 5 person teams, pontoons are allowed, and there will be different types of prizes. There may be a bounce house and other activities for the family. Reecca and Brad will be coordinating this.



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Vendors and raffle prizes will be needed. General Air Products will be donating beer for all after boats come off the water. We may want to use tickets for beer and the raffles.

Membership: No Report

NextGen: Mindy McCullough-Buckley: Steven Baggett and Mindy plan to get together to discuss upcoming activities.

Education: Patrick said the apprenticeship program will become a priority. AFSA held an Apprenticeship webinar on April 17. So far John Jordan, Mike Goodis, Ray Vance and Patrick Cordi have volunteered to be on the apprenticeship committee.

Golf Tournament: Scott Donnelly said committee meetings will start soon.

Old and New Business: Receipts: We need receipts in a timely manner in order to get them in to the AFSA for Grant/Reimbursement.

12:30 Break for Lunch

Programs: Joe Tilman and Chris Stewart of Johnson Controls reviewed couplings, sprinklers, anti-freeze, and other items. The new couplings have one bolt and a flush seal gasket. They are rated at 365 psi. The presentation continued on anti-freeze. Johnson Controls offers a UL Certified (same as Listed) solution in a five-gallon pail or a 30 gallon drum. This product is compatible with most system material and is meant for use at a minimum -10° F,

Johnson Controls has revised the poly coating and stainless coating on sprinkler heads, which can be used near pools or other chlorinated areas. The LFII 4.9K Concealed 212° intermediate temperature is now UL Listed. FRII MRI Room sprinkler is non-magnetic. The program to predict dry system water delivery times is FDT and contractors can pay Tyco a set fee per project or buy the software.

Training and/or support is through TechXchange is available at onlinetechxchange.com in the form of webinar training and SprinkCad support. There is a live training calendar. Technical Services is available by phone or email. techserv@typofp.com 800-381-9312

Adjournment approximately 1:30pm