



# Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

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P.O. Box 661 Grayson, GA 30017

**January 14, 2020 GFSA General Business Meeting (Official Minutes)**

**11:35 am – Called to Order by Allen Cagle, GFSA President**

**Location: SPP Pumps, Inc., 2905 Pacific Drive, Norcross, GA 30017**

- **Nadine requested that Bobby McCullough provide a directional sign showing visitor how to get to the meeting room**

**Call to Order - - - Invocation/Blessing / Ray Vance**

**Buffet Lunch – Each chapter member company for 2020 is entitled to one complimentary lunch per meeting. Additional attendees and guests are encouraged at a cost of \$10 per person.**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes – 10 Copies at front desk – Approval for Records**

**Welcome: Vendor & Guest (s) / Allen –introduced:**

- **Weston Burleson – Director of Communication & Legislative Affairs,  
GA Department of Insurance**
- **DeKalb County Fire Marshall**
- **Others**

**We welcome these people and hope all will come back to our future meetings. Bobby McCullough will send you the dates, time and location of our General Meetings. We welcome your input and guidance on anything that will help the sprinkler industry.**

**Terry Pickvet: Terry spoke on the Southeastern Conference in Asheville, NC /Baltimore House**

**Larry Labbe, GTECH Fire Marshall (Slide Presentation, with handouts): Spoke on the newly adopted code amendments that became effective January 1, 2020, with the State Fire Marshal's office. Larry was present for the amendment readings and will provide insight on the application of the regulations.**

**Guest Speaker: Larry Labbe, Fire Marshall at GA Tech (Power Point presentation with handout)**

- **Larry:** Codes & Standards- Advised to keep the new code amendments close to you. The updates to the State Minimum Fire Safety Standard are the relevant codes to the sprinkler industry and the correct versions to use. The attachment shows the amendments to each of the relevant codes (see handout)
- **Ray Vance:** One of the benefits of being an AFSA member is being provided with new codes and updates.



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**Treasurer Report/ Current Balance: Jimmy & Mindy \$ Tabled for later**

## **GFSA/AFSA Membership Discussion**

- **Chapter Membership dues for 2020 are due by March 14<sup>th</sup>**
- **Invoice will be mailed**
- **Check GFSA Website for information on membership dues**

**Executive Director (State Coordinator's Report on Grants): Bonnie Pinson**

**2019 AFSA Total: \$20,853.65**

- **Total of 11 Grants – successfully submitting and collecting 9 of the 11**
- **Collected on 6 combination meetings at \$1,000.00 each (Board & General & Sign-in Sheets)**
- **Collected on the Corn Hole Tournament at \$1,000.00**
- **Reimbursed for Patrick Cordi's expenses to Dallas, TX (\$647.56)**
- **Collected on Year End Rebates for new members**

**We have two Grants for 2020 - Fire Safety Calendars for \$7,000 and ITM Training for \$3,000**

## **Committee Reports:**

- **Prepare to start committee meetings and give an update each month**
- **List of Committees in December 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

**Career Expo/March 3/12 & 3/13 @ World Congress Center– Mindy Buckley**

- **Cost of booth (Need more support)**
- **Discussion on how the booth is going to be funded**
- **Everyone is not going to college – reach students who are interested in trade school**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting: At SFPE Conference**

- **Reviewed the details of the SFPE March 2020 Fire Safety Conference**
- **Dates: March 10 & March 11**
- **March 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting will be held at the SFPE Conference**
- **Side-by-Side Burn – a cost of \$2,000.00 to make new for burn**



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## **Spring Fishing Tournament: March 14, 2020 (Fall Tournament will be announced later)**

- Lake Lanier (2-Man Teams / 4 people Pontoon)
- \$5 raffle tickets, trophies for biggest fish in several categories
- Family Fun Day & Fishing Tournament flyers / out next week
- Time: 6:30 am – 2:30 pm (or TBD)
- Boat rental discount rates

## **Southeastern Convention at the Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC**

- Dates 5/20/2020 to 5/22/2020
- Let Allen know if you plan to attend the convention?

## **Education: Ray Vance**

- Dates & Topics: TBD by Allen & Ray

## **Golf, Corn Hole, 5K Run and GFSA Burns / Information will be updated later**

## **Summer Outing: Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange, GA**

- June 4, 5, 6
- Dinner Friday night
- 4 (maybe 5) wrist bands per room
- \$164.00 per night
- Jimmy Hunt will provide information

## **Old Business: No**

## **New Business:**

- Discussions on 2020 events
- New State Fire Marshall to be announced next week

## **Lunch Break: 12:30 - Willy's Mexicana Grill (catered)**

## **Adjournment: 1:50 pm**

### **GFSA Mission Statement**

**PROMOTE:** Develop an on-going relationship with state and local fire officials, building officials, authorities having jurisdiction, architects, and engineers. Promote the automatic fire sprinkler industry and develop new markets.

**EDUCATE:** Promote educational projects for fire and building officials, architects, engineers, contractor members, and the general public. Perpetuate the quality of automatic sprinkler systems by keeping abreast of innovations, changes and new techniques.

**LEGISLATE:** Participate in the establishment of local and state codes regarding the fire sprinkler industry. Promote legislation of fire protection bills.



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## 2020 GFSA Event Calendar

1/14/2020 General Meeting: SPP Pumps, Norcross, GA

2/11/2020 Board Meeting/Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co.Inc. 4150 Shackleford Rd. #500, Norcross, GA

3/10/2020 and/or 3/11/2020 SFPE March 2020 Fire Safety Conference

3/10/2020 General Meeting: SFPE Conference

3/12/2020 & 3/13/2020 CEFGA Career Expo @ the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) in Atlanta.

3/14/2020: Fishing tournament, Lake Lanier

4/7/2020 Board Meeting: Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co.Inc.

5/12/2020 General Meeting: SPP Pumps, Norcross, GA

5/20/2020 to 5/22/2020: Southeastern Convention at the Biltmore Estate, Ashville, NC. Afsa-sec.com

6/2020 Fire Safety Symposium: Forsyth Training Center (Dates TBD)

8/11/2020 General Meeting: SPP Pumps, Norcross, GA

9/2020 Fall Fishing Tournament: TBA

9/8/2020 Board Meeting: Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co. Inc., Norcross, GA

10/13/2020 General Meeting: SPP Pumps, Norcross, GA

11/2020 21st Annual Bob McCullough Memorial Golf

12/8/2020 Christmas Gathering at Hamilton Mill