

Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association

MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2022

Location: Pickens County (Pickens County EOC)

Scribe: T. Prather, Secretary

10:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order – Chief Mitchell

Welcome – Chief Sloan Elrod – Pickens County

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Chief King, Bartow County

Item 1: Opening Remarks – Chief Mitchell – reported we need updates, some are not getting the minutes, we need to modernize paperwork etc. Solicit anyone that might have a better program.

- Web Page is being updated and we are looking for any extra to add to the site.
- We need to update personal contact information

Item 2: Minutes Last Meeting: Received option to approve minutes as printed. Motion and second. Passed unanimous

Item 3: Treasurers Report

- Previous Balance: \$8,291.85
- Expense: \$ 102.00
- Revenue: \$ no addition
- Current Balance \$8,189.85

Chief Davis: Seeking info to better manage and get information out to membership. Especially seeking scholarship information.

Chief Mitchell: Scholarship Applications; member applications/documents to update were available back of room. He emphasized that there seems to be minimum interest in Scholarship Program. They are typically awarded in fall and this year will be in Columbus. Lots of discussion regarding scholarship. They are available for any current continuing education. Eligibility – active member of any department that is current member NWGFCA.

Item 4: Old Business / Committee Reports

Mitchell: GMAG had their first meeting of the year at GFSTC – Gave updated report. He gave report on a recent event in NWG. All chiefs should be on the GMAG alert system. If not already on it...strongly encouraged to get on it. Update contact information if needed. ALERTS ARE SENT OUT WEEKLY.

GOVERNORS' FIRST RESPONDER CHECK: NO UPDATE – ONE MUNICIPALITY RECEIVED – DAWSON COUNTY REPORTED THEIRS ARE PENDING

MEMBER SHIP BILLS – SOME DEPARTMENTS NEED AN INVOICE – IF YOU NEED INVOICE, CONTACT CHIEF DAVIS. IF NEEDED, PROVIDE A LIST OF NAMES FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

WEB SITE – LOOKING REALLY GOOD.

STILL NEED PHOTOS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

PROVIDE ANY UPDATE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE.

THE IDEA IS TO GET THE FORMS WE USE ON THE WEB SITE. (SCHOLARSHIP ETC.) WORK WITH CHIEF DAVIS VIA WEB SITE. MIKE SMITH WILL SEND EMAIL WITH WEB MASTER NAME AND CONTACT INFO

ITEM 5: COMMITTEES/AGENCY

ROBERT SINGLETARY –

GAFC NEW OFFICERS HAS TAKEN OFFICE (GET WITH CHIEF SINGLETARY OBTAIN NAMES OF NEW PERSONNE)

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY-AWARDS ON SCHEDULE (DATE? GFFA WEBSITE) 2-1/2

CONFERENCE STILL ON TRACK MARCH 27-30 SAVANNAH (GAFC)

JOINT CONFERENCE DATE – 9-26

LEGISLATIVE SESSION – NOTHING REALLY TO REPORT

GA PIPELINE INITIATIVE – NEW PROGRAM – FOCUSING ON AIR MONITORING; GFA CAME UP WITH A CLASS. PRE-REQUISITE 4 OR 8 HOUR PIPELINE CLASS; LOT OF CLASSES SCHEDULED; IF INTERESTED IN ANY 4 OR 8 HOUR CLASS; AIR MONITOR WILL BE PROVIDED; REGISTER AT GFA. (PERRY PROGRAM)

QUESTION: ANY CLASSES ADDED TO THE GAFC CERTIFICATION; CHIEF SINGLETARY WILL FOLLOW UP

GFFA - SINGLETARY-ELECTIONS WERE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK...BUT NOW POSPONED

CHIEF CARTER – NEED MORE REPRESENTATION ON THE GAFC BOARD OR MOST BOARDS-NWGFCA NEEDS TO BE MORE INVOLVED

GFA - OFFERING TRAINING HOURS FOR VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

3 HOUR BLOCKS NOW BEING OFFERED FOR OFFICER TRAINING

SAME TRAINING FOR VOL AND CAREER

ADDING 2 FORTY PERSON CLASSROOMS AT FIRE STATION

TRAINING REQUEST AVAILABLE ON GFA WEB SITE

CLASSES STILL BEING OFFERED AT GFSTC/GFA – ATTENDANCE DOWN (COVID PROTOCOL)

PENSION FUND

LEGISLATION POSSIBLY COMING –

VOLUNTEERS – SEEMS MOST VOLUNTEERS DEPTS CONTINUED TO TRAIN – DON'T SEE A WAIVER COMING THIS YEAR REGARDING TRAINING;

2 OF 3

GSAR - ANNOUNCEMENT

CHEF NESBIT – CATOOSA COUNTY (COBB GAVE UP THEIRS) – LOCATION

FIRE INSPECTORS – MEETING WENT GOOD – DAWSON COUNTY

TIME TASK FORCE

RAY KING – ATKINS GLOBLE – TIM TEAMS: THERE ARE 5 TEAMS IN THIS REGION

- * SHARP 2 TRAINING AVAILABLE
- * CONTACT RAY IF SHARP CERTIFICATE CAN'T BE LOCATED
- * EAG TRAINING IN CHEROKEE; OFFERED BY TIME
- * THEY ARE GOING STATEWIDE
- * TOWING AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM GOING STATEWIDE (TRIP)
- * TRIP TRAINING PROVIDE BY RAY
- * GRANTS OPENED JANUARY 25 (YESTERDAY) RAY WILL ASSIST IF NEEDED
- * CONFERENCE COMING UP IN UNICOI; MARCH 6-8
- * QUESTION: FIREFIGHTER TRIPPING THE CALL?

ITEM 6: NEW BUSINESS

NWGFCA – THE SCHEDULING MEETINGS – NEED FOUR MORE LOCATIONS (26 DEPS IN AREA 6)
VENDOR INTRODUCTIONS

BENNETT FIRE PRODUCTS – RYAN BENNETT

STARTING STOCK GEAR PROGRAM (STORING 50 SETS)

FIRELINE

NEW REP – INTRODUCTION

NEW DEMOS ARE COMING UP; THEYD LIKE TO IDENTIFY A SHOWING

TFT / EONE (GET A CARD)

RAMPING UP THEIR STOCK PROGRAM

APPROX 16 MONTHS DELIVERY

800 BOARD UP

MIKE SMITH – SOUTHEASTERN RESTORATION GROUP - INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCED THEY HAVE DEVELOPED AN APP FOR LOSS EVALUATOR THAT IS NOW
AVAILABLE

AMERICAN RED CROSS

HAS A NEW REP FOR THE AREA – EVERYONE SHOULD CHECK ON THEIR REP

NEXT MEETING AT THE CONFERENCE – CHIEFS CONFERENCE

SUTTON REMINDED: REQUEST RECEIVED TO ACCEPT \$750.00 TO SUPPORT THE FF
APPRECIATION DAY DINNER

MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVED TO.

ITEM 7: MOTION TO ADJOURN; RECEIVED A MOTION AND SECOND; MEETING ADJOURNED