

Louisiana State Firemen's Association

Board Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2022

Jennings Fire Department

Board meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Tim Crockett at 1:00 P.M. Chris Mickal led us in the opening prayer. Chris Boudreaux led us with Pledge of Allegiance. Dwayne Thevis called roll. Board Members not in attendance were William Parker, Thomas Stone, Gray Young, Judge Rot Cascio, Father John Talamo, Kenn Fontenot and Butch Browning. Guests present were Melvin Lamont, Stephanie Coffey.

Motion to accept the minutes of July 27, 2022 board meeting as emailed to the board was made Mike Labruzzo, second by Chris Mickal. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the treasurer report as emailed to board was made by Sonny Coffey, and second by Chris Boudreaux. Motion carried.

Mike Labruzzo reported that a the annual LSFA Yearbook would no longer be produced.

There was Reports of Special Interest to report at this meeting.

No Committee Reports were filed at this meeting.

Old Business: Dwayne reported that a meeting was held at Port Allen Fire Department and that many committees were established to assist in making the 2023 conference a success. Many details are still in the planning stage, but coming together fairly well.

Tim Crockett reported that details for 2024 conference were coming together and that they had some fund-raising events plans. He also reported that Melvin Lamont would be his conference coordinator.

New Business: Tim Crockett reported that he would be attending the Agri-Medic class on October 1-2, 2022 in Minden, La. Discussion on FETA Commission appointment of Lee Cahanin to commission brought up some concerns. One major concern was that Lee made a motion at the general membership meeting to keep all appointments the same since there was incoming president. The board requested that Bob White produce the letter of his appointment to Lee and a copy of the commission appointment by the governor. Bob reported that he did not have the letter with him but would send a copy to the secretary and 1st Vice President. Mike Labruzzo suggested that Bob have copies of letter sent by October 1, 2022. The reinstatement of Berwick Volunteer Fire Department was discussed, Mike Labruzzo made a motion to have Berwick Volunteer Fire Department reinstated as a member department. Second by Jarrod Naquin, motion carried. AMBA Roundup is November 1-4, 2023. AMBA will provided transportation for two board members and guest to attend, lodging will be provided for only one board member. Sonny made a motion for the LSFA to pay lodging for a second member to attend, Bob second the motion. Motion carried. Discussion of American Income Life harassing the members once again. Jarrod suggested that the cards that mailed to departments be sent to secretary and that the secretary distribute them. If American Income Life did not agree to do it, that we would consider dropping the contract. Tim Crockett discussed the issues with WiFi issues we had during the conference. First, problem was that we were not on a secure network and a lot of transaction took place during the conference, second was the speed of the internet

service. Chris Mickal made a motion for the secretary to purchase a HOT Spot for the organization. Jarrod Naquin second the motion, motion carried. Mike Labruzzo stated the bricks for fallen Louisiana Firefighters prior to 1988 at National Fallen Firefighters Memorial at Emmittsburg, Maryland is finally completed. Mike also discussed needing to purchase new officer pins for board members. Motion by Bob to purchase pins and second by Jarrod. Motion carried. Discussion on the selling of the LSFA coins was presented by Mike, he stated that when coins were originally done that coins would be sold. Lately some board members had requested coins to distribute as a promotional item to try and gain departments to join the LSFA. Sonny made a motion to ratify the motion that coins could be given to chief officer of a department if a board member was trying to get a new department to join. Second by Chris Mickal, motion carried. Mike discussed the budget for the 2022 Conference in Marksville, La. Bob did not have complete details of all transactions. Mike asked Bob if two weeks would be ample time to finalize all details. Motion was made by Mike to have a ZOOM Meeting in two weeks on October 1, 2022 to finalize all budget issues for the 2022 Conference. Second by Jarrod, motion carried.

Ricky Benoit with Punisher's RugaRu led the closing prayer.

Motion to adjourn at 2:35 P.M. by Mike Labruzzo.