MISSISSIPPI FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012 **MINUTES** The Executive Board Meeting of the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association was duly called, conveyed, and held on Thursday, October 11, 2012, Natchez Convention Center. The meeting was called to order at 1005 hrs by John Pope, President. A quorum was announced with the following members being present: **Brad Smith** Josh Swales Terry Tucker Jason Watkins **Richard Stampley** Henry Outlaw Jr. John Pope Jennifer Williams Scott Berry Ronnie Gilberry Stan Owens

- We were joined by the Natchez Convention Center staff and the mtg started out with introductions of everyone in the room.
- S Owens advised the Natchez Grand has blocked off rooms for the 2013 FF Conference and the rates are \$109 per night for reg room and suites are \$139 night. The Hampton also has rooms blocked off and the rates are \$119 a night, the View also has rooms blocked and the rates are \$79 night for reg room and \$119 night for Suite.

- Natchez Visitors Bureau will be sending out a postcard to everyone that the Association wishes to send to and they will pay for it.
- Natchez Fire Chief advised that he has secured a place for the Firefighter Combat Challenge and the Natchez Convention Staff would help us find sponsors.
- There will be 8 breakout rooms available for training and meetings at the convention center during the conf.
- Cost of rental of the convention center is \$7,700 the last FF conference held there \$43,385 was
- Natchez Convention Center will handle all registration and vendors.
- Attendees can register online for conference thru Natchez Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- On a motion by B Smith the approval of the minutes from the 7/2012 executive board mtg was brought up, 2nd S Owens . no discussion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Discussion brought up about sending J Williams to meet with Coy for SCS the MFFA website
 designer to learn more about the website and have her expenses paid. Motion by S Berry, 2nd T
 Tucker, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.
- Motion by B Smith to change signers on VEBA acct at Bankplus to include: John Pope, Terry Tucker, Josh Swales. 2nd R Gilberry, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.
- Motion H Outlaw Jr to approve financial statements of the MFFA, 2nd J Watkins, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.
- Motion by R Gilberry to appoint Steven Wood Sr. of Reservoir FD to be the FF Association Representative on Ray Bryant scholarship for members, 2nd R Stampley, no discussion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Next mtg Tuesday December 11, 2012 at 1000 hrs Reservoir Fire Department.

S Berry motion to adjourn, 2nd J Williams, no discussion, all in favor, motion carries.