

MISSISSIPPI FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF 75TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012

MINUTES

- 75th MFFA Conference called to order by President B. Smith at 1000hrs
- T. McDermott opened with word of Prayer
- Pres. Smith recognized all the sponsors of the Conf and Deep South Firetrucks for sponsoring the Fish Fry and the Banquet is sponsored by MSA.
- Chief McNulty gave the welcome address from the City of Jackson Fire Dept.
- Pres Smith thanked JFD and especially Linda McFarland from JFD
- R. Murden made motion to adopt agenda of 75th MFFA Conf. 2nd J. Barnes, all in favor.
- J. Pope made motion to accept minutes from 74th MFFA conf. 2nd S. Berry, All in Favor.
- A. Petro motion to suspend roll call of 75th MFFA Conf. 2nd J. Barnes, All in Favor.
- Pres. Smith asked Ben Warren to serve as Parliamentarian for the 75th MFFA Conf. B. Warren accepted.
- Pres Smith recognized all elected officials
- Past officers, Lifetime Members, and Current Members recognized.
- First time attendees recognized
- Memorial service conducted by Rob Martin, Tommy McDermott, Ben Warren, and Tom Lariviere. MSFA Honor Guard assisted with Memorial Service. Chief Lariviere opened the service with the scripture reading from Thessalonians 4:39. Firefighters and Chief Officers that passed away in the last year were honored at this memorial service by reading of their names and laying of a rose in the bunker gear. T. McDermott closed with a word of prayer.
- Pres Smith thanked the Honor Guards and those that assisted with the Memorial Service.
- D. Cross motion to recess until 1pm, 2nd J. Pope, All in Favor.
- Pres Smith called back to order at 1300hrs
- Dennis Rubin was introduced as keynote speaker.
- Nominations for MFFA Officers begins
 - President- B. Smith Nominates J. Pope for President, he accepts, no further nominations
 - First Vice President- B. Burkeen Nominates T. Tucker, R. Martin nominates T. Wages, both accept, no further.
 - Sec/Tres- Sidney Malone nominates J. Swales, T. Wardlaw nominates K. Westbrook, both accept, no further.
 - NW VP- D. Linville nominates M. Brown, he accepts, no further.
 - NE VP- B. Burkeen nominates J. Williams, she accepts, no further.
 - NWC VP- A. Petro nominates H. Outlaw, he accepts, no further.
 - WC VP- S. Berry nominates J. Watkins, he accepts, no further.

EC VP- J. Hand nominates R. Stampley, he accepts, no further.

SW VP- Nations nominates S. Owens, he accepts, no further.

SE VP- D Barnes nominates R. Gilberry, he accepts, no further.

S VP- K Brown nominates S. Seal, he accepts, no further.

- Pres Smith adjourned Saturdays business until 1000hrs Sunday am.
- B. Warren opened up Sunday am with a non-denominational devotional service.
- Pres Smith opened business of the 75th annual MFFA Conf at 1000hrs
- Ray Bryant Scholarship Presentations took place
 - 1st Sarah Malley- \$1000
 - 2nd Alexis Griffith- \$500
 - 3rd Sam Golden- \$500
- Larry Barr gave report from the State Fire Marshalls Office.
- Ricky Davis report was also given by Larry Barr
- R. Bell gave report from the MSFA he stated there would be no fee increases for 2012-2013, he also stated the FF Memorial would be held October 9, 2012 at the MSFA
- B. Smith presented the financial statement, J. Barnes motion to accept, 2nd B. Burkeen, All in favor.
- 221 registered for the Firefighters and Fire Chief Conf, 17 Ladies Auxillary, and 33 Vendors
- Chief McNulty from JFD was invited to the Podium and presented a check to the MFFA for the amount of \$5000 for the FF Combat Challenge.
- Tim Dennison was presented to the body for Lifetime Membership to the MFFA, S. Berry made motion to accept, 2nd J. Barnes, All in favor.
- Jim Palmer was presented to the Body for a Lifetime Membership to the MFFA, B. Burkeen made motion to accept, 2nd J. Barnes, All in favor.
- Brad Smith was presented to the body for a Lifetime Membership to the MFFA, B. Burkeen made motion to accept, 2nd J. Barnes, All in favor.
- S. Seal made motion to extend the terms of the Executive Board members of the MFFA to 2 years, 2nd H. Outlaw, All in Favor.
- R. Martin made motion to add Past President to Executive Board of the MFFA for a 2 yr term, 2nd R. Murden, All in Favor.
- B. Warren discussed the establishment of a scholarship fund for current members of the MFFA. R. Martin made motion to proceed forward with this scholarship, 2nd R. Murden, All in Favor.
- T. Johnson made motion to proceed this year with Legislation to obtain FF car tag monies, 2nd J Watkins, all in favor.
- D. Cross discussed how the Miss Burn Foundation recives money and clarified they DO NOT receive car tag money.
- R. Bell conducted elections, there were only 2 positons that had a run off (1st VP, and Sec/Tres)
- All candidates were given 2 min for a speech to the body.
- Ballots were turned in and counted

1st Vp- Terry Tucker

Sec/Tres- Josh Swales

- M. Robinson made motion to destroy all ballots, 2nd B Warren, All in favor.
- All new officers sworn in to their posts
- B. Smith made motion to accept dates of 2013 MFFA Conf in Natchez May 31-June 2, 2013, 2nd S Seal, all in favor.
- B. Smith made motion to adjourn from 75th MFFA conf, 2nd R Martin, All in Favor.