

**Utah State Firefighters' Association
Quarterly Meeting
American Fork, UT
April 13, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Utah State Firefighters' Association was held at the American Fork Fire Station at 96 N. Center Street in American Fork , Utah on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Eldon Farnsworth.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Larsen-Sergeant-At-Arms

Prayer – DeWilton Brown-Chaplain

Roll Call – Gina Bell-Secretary

Officers Present

President Eldon Farnsworth	Chaplain DeWilton Brown
1 st Vice President Brady George	Sergeant-At-Arms David Larsen
2 nd Vice President Dave Gillette	Historian/Photographer Trisha Thomas
Secretary Gina Bell	L&L Committee Chairman Ryan Mellor
Treasurer Brent Marshall	Rep State Fire Prevention Board Mike Phillips (absent)
Membership Steward Sam Larson	Rep Utah Fire & Rescue Academy Brad Wardle
Trustee Eddie Hales	Rep Utah Standards & Training David Larsen
Trustee Coty Chadburn	Rep Utah Fire Museum Dave Hammond (excused)
Trustee Andy McBride	Rep National Volunteer Fire Council R. Wendell Robison
Trustee Austin Knight	2018 Convention Chair Mike Ahlstrom (absent)
Trustee Roger Christensen	State Fire Marshal Coy Porter (absent)

Past Presidents Present

Joe Bona-Payson	Leonard Miller-Price	J. Merlin Baker-St. George (excused)
Brent Halladay- Fire Marshal's Office	Robert Harrison-Spanish Fork	Drew Rasmussen-Fillmore (excused)
Lynn E. Jones – Spanish Fork	Harold Chadwick-Grantsville	Lance Nay-Richfield (excused)
Steven H. Demas - Sandy	Jeff Norton – St. George (excused)	Travis Graf – St. George (excused)
Stan Robins – St. Fire Marshal's Office	Stan Robins-Fire Marshal's (excused)	

Past Trustees Present

None

Past Secretaries Present

None

Past Treasurers Present

Rowe Harrison – Tooele

Past Membership Stewards Present

Perry Skaug - Grantsville

Past Historian/Photographers Present

Errol Dearden - Fillmore
Leon Hadley - Grantsville

Motion to Accept Last Quarter's Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept: Ryan Mellor
2nd – Dave Larsen

Passed.

Report of the Secretary – Gina sent out death benefit letters for: Sylvan E. Haltiner-Tremonton, Ralph Siddoway-Bingham Canyon, Wayne Olsen-Tooole, Richard K. Black-Salt Lake County and John Ludlow-Nephi. She had one request for a 30-year pin for Tooter Ogden of Richfield.

We fixed Vernon Jensen's plaque and Gina sent it to his wife. She sent a planter to Andrew Glad's wife since we missed his funeral. She emailed out the newsletter and she sent the invoice for our Liability Bond to Brent to be paid. She found an ID Badge System to purchase for Sam to make plastic ID cards. Gina received a list of awards from Sam. She researched all names of members that are getting 40-year awards or higher and found that two of the individuals had passed away. She forwarded the information to Sam so he could make the change to their membership status. She has been working on convention files for American Fork and is pretty much done with them. She will be sending out delegate forms next week.

Motion to accept: Leonard Miller
2nd – DeWilton Brown

Passed

Report of the Treasurer: - Treasurer Report: Sam is doing great sending copies of deposits. We spend \$1,500 on death benefits since last quarter. The total paid out this last quarter was \$14,603.82. Our beginning account balance was \$46,776.00, we had a total of \$23,825.90 in deposits and with the \$14,603.82 in checks written our ending balance is currently \$55,998.08. We have taken care of the DMV for license plate stickers paying them \$12,450.00. The license plate grant starting balance was \$12,935.11, there was \$132,000.00 in deposits. A total of \$102,850.00 in checks have been written and the current balance is \$42,111.66. The flower fund had a beginning balance of \$1,087.68 and one check was written for Andrew Glad's passing in the amount of \$101.04. The current balance is \$986.64. The Benefit Account opening balance was \$259,462.19 and we have earned \$1,897.99 and now have a balance of \$261,360.18.

Motion to accept: Rowe Harrison
2nd – Steven Demas

Passed.

Report of the Membership Steward: Perry came down to Winter Fire School and Sam and Perry were able to go over everything and were able to get some payments too. Sam has sent out all invoices. The State Fire Marshal's office is asking for a W-9 before they can pay dues. Sam asked to back pay his dues to get him to his 40 years. When he was with Roy there was a period that was missed. He needs to pay 4 years back dues to pay his lifetime. Also, Salina got missed on invoices. Sam and Perry figured out a number to get them caught up. It was our fault they got dropped and they really want to get back in. They are working on getting caught up. Elkridge wants to get their membership going. Kanosh said they may want to just start over vs. paying their back dues. We discussed the card machine. Sam's idea to maybe do thinner ones for members and thicker ones for lifetimes or 2-sided for lifetime members.

Motion to accept: Leon Hadley
2nd- Ryan Mellor

Passed.

L&L Committee Report – Ryan Mellor: Ryan indicated that it was very busy year on the hill. We didn't lose anything we were going for. Adjustments to Tier II has become a very hot topic but we still have work to get there. The Wildfire bills are going well a lot of that is due to having Casey Snyder from Cache County as a big friend to the fire service. There was a bill passed to protect volunteer firefighters. Ryan will be meeting with him to work on more things. Ryan really wants to get some things done for the volunteer firefighters.

Motion to accept: Coty Chadburn
2nd Leon Hadley

Passed.

Utah State Fire Marshal's Office: None.

Utah Fire & Rescue Academy: Brad Wardle wanted to expand on Ryan's push to help the Volunteer Firefighter by indicating that UFRA has implemented changes to the FFI & FFII program. Now instead of trying to get through the entire FFI & FFII program, UFRA has added menu options to the program so departments can pick and choose specific topics that they want to train on. This allows Volunteer Departments to select topics that they need training on, thus allowing them to train on topics that will help them when fighting a fire and still have it go towards their certifications. Only about 50% of the Volunteer Departments have their FFI or FFII so adding this type of option will at least get those departments whose members are certified, some very valuable training. Brent Halladay indicated that when he was with the State Fire Marshal's Office, being FFI & FFII certified was a requirement to be eligible for the line of duty death. Brad said that he would look into that.

Motion to accept: Roger Christensen
2nd Steve Demas

Passed.

Fire Prevention Board: Ted Black offered to give a report. The Fire Prevention Board receives a report from the Certification Council and the Standards and Training Council. These three groups are all members of the State Fire Prevention Board. Captain Adam Davies/SLCFD has been appointed to the HazMat Advisory Council and is replacing Ryan Peterson. Coy gave a report on budget and legislative issues. Something to be aware of, the board isn't sure if they will have enough money to fund UFRA through the end of the fiscal year. They have sent a letter of intent to terminate the contract. There are legislators that are aware of the challenges and there are some efforts being made to fix that problem. As the session wraps up, these are things (especially from the rural communities) that they need input from. Phone calls to the appropriate legislators need to be made to ensure funding for the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy. If there are no increases made in the budget, the funding will be the same next year as it has been for this last year. There are challenges that haven't been faced in the past due to the way the funding comes in. But when the insurance reporting changed, this changed everything. Phone calls from smaller counties and communities to their legislation saying that "UFRA serves us, just like it serves the Salt Lake valley" will go a long way in securing that funding. The next meeting is March 12th at the South Salt Lake City Hall.

Motion to accept: Dave Larsen
2nd Ryan Mellor

Passed.

Standards & Training Council: Dave Larsen indicated that there hasn't been a meeting since our January Quarterly Meeting took place. The next meeting will be on May 1st.

Motion to accept: Coty Chadburn
2nd Rowe Harrison

Passed.

Volunteer Fire Council Report: Wendell indicated he enjoys his group that he is working with and he is glad to be part of our Association and he doesn't take it for granted. Hi indicated that he and Brent would be going to Washington D.C. for their spring meetings. There will be a dinner at the Congressional Fire Service Institute. Wendell and Brent have a right-arm friend in Provident Insurance, specifically with Ray Burkhardt (Regional Director) and Danielle Weber (Vice President, Underwriting). Wendell sits on three committees (Health and Safety, Wildfire, and Turnouts and the wear and care of them. There are so many requirements on turnouts that it is extremely likely that all volunteer departments are out of compliance with their turnouts. There is information coming on new changes of decontamination requirements. Brent sits on as many committees as Wendell does.

Motion to accept: Leon Hadley
2nd Harold Chadwick

Passed.

Convention Report: Toby Norton reported on Convention during the Board meeting, but he left on a call during the General Meeting. They want to focus on Mental Health. They are accessing Resources for Mental Health. Reached out to Dr. Bruce Jackson – Mental Resilience. Agreed to come on board so they chose to focus on this at convention.

(Mental Resiliency). The theme is Fit For..... On Wednesday: Motorcycle Ride, Golf Tournament and Registration pickup. Ride (questions throughout the ride – from Dr. Jackson). Golf Tournament: might incorporate the memorial into the golf tournament with quotes or info on those who passed away). Golf will be at Fox Hollow. Thursday – Barn at Thanksgiving Point for general meeting. Mike Gagliano (This House Rocks) keynote speaker. Chiefs Panel from across the state. 5 chiefs – best practices. Questions will be asked to them. Memorial – Tabernacle. Parade & BBQ following. Friday, Thanksgiving Point -breakout sessions for Training. 3 by 4 structure. (3 classrooms in am and 3 in the pm). Extrication Training. Dr. Bruce Jackson (mental resiliency), UPD – Incident Management. P.M. for luncheon (Challenge of a FF marriage – presented by the Gagliano’s together and will be interactive – 2-hours lunch). Banquet that night – formal banquet. Saturday Past President’s breakfast – Thanksgiving Point.

Motion to accept: Brent Marshall
2nd Roger Christensen

Passed.

Trustees Report: Coty talked about the card system that Gina has found to purchase for the Membership Steward position. He indicated that they Board is looking at some bylaw changes to bring to the membership at June’s convention. The bylaw changes would help to open up convention for other dates in hopes of getting more Cities interested in bidding. There are other bylaw changes that would need to be updated to coincide with the convention dates flexibility. Also, the board is submitting a bylaw change that would allow the board to vote on minor changes for the good of the association without waiting until June of each year. Eddie is looking into a contact to add to our website for mental health issues. Andy is working on getting a report from the DMV on the license plates stickers cost so the Association board can make sure the amount we are getting charged is accurate. The Board voted on the Firefighter of the Year awards for convention.

Motion to accept: Joe Bona
2nd Perry Skaug

Passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Rowe Harrison indicated that Tooele Fire Department would like to invite everyone to their 100-year Anniversary Open House in June and indicated to check their website for details.

Meeting adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JULY 13TH, 2019 AT THE SALT LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT’S PIONEER PRECINCT – 1040 WEST 700 SOUTH, SALT LAKE CITY. INSTALLATION MEETING WILL BE AT 12:00 PM, BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING INSTALLATION MEETING AND GENERAL MEETING AT 4:00 PM, WITH DIINER TO FOLLOW. PLEASE R.S.V.P. FOR DINNER TO GINA BELL AT 801-580-2336 OR GINA.BELL@SLCGOV.COM