



Utah State Firefighters' Association

Gina Bell, Secretary
Utah State Firefighters Association

Installation & Quarterly Meeting
Spanish Fork, Utah
July 15, 2023

Installation Meeting

Welcome by Coty Chadburn. Installation meeting will take place first. Then we will break to hold the Trustees meeting and reconvene for the General Meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Prayer conducted by Mark Hales, Chaplain
Pledge conducted by Sam Ashman, Sergeant-at-Arms

Eddie Hales was sworn in as President.
Andy McBride was sworn in as 1st Vice President
(Austin Knight will be late and will be sworn in at General Meeting)
Chris Shubert was sworn in as Trustee
Gina Bell was sworn in as Secretary
Mark Hales was sworn in as Chaplain
Sam Ashman was sworn in as Sergeant-at-Arms

Meeting adjourned until the General Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Welcome to all by President Eddie Hales.
Prayer – Chaplain Mark Hales
Pledge – Austin Knight

President Hales – At the earlier Installation Meeting, Austin Knight wasn't able to be here so we need to swear him in as 2nd Vice President.
Motion to move into a special meeting.
Motion: Sam Larson
2ndL Coty Chadburn

Austin was sworn in as 2nd Vice President.

Motion to return to regular order of business.
Gina Bell
2nd – Ryan Mellor

Roll Call

Current Board Members in Attendance or Excused

Eddie Hales – President
Austin Knight – 2nd Vice President
Brent Marshall – Treasurer
Roger Christensen – Trustee
Steve Hales – Trustee
Coty Chadburn – Convention Chair
Sam Ashman – Sergeant-at-Arms (Excused)
Paul Evertsen – Area Steward

Andy McBride - 1st Vice President
Gina Bell – Secretary
Sam Larson – Membership Steward
Ryan Mellor – Trustee
Chris Shubert – Trustee
Tya Wells- Historian
Mark Hales – Chaplain (Area Steward)
Mike Ahlstrom – Area Steward (Excused)

Harold Chadwick – Area Steward (Excused)

Past Officers in Attendance or Excused

Bob Harrison

Errol Dearden

Coy Porter

Drew Rasmussen (Excused)

Dave Hammond (Excused)

Lynn Jones

Joe Bona

Dave Chugg

Lance Nay (Excused)

Treasurer Report

Brent indicated 2nd quarter costs are higher because of Convention.

- The beginning balance on the checkbook account was \$87,627.73. There was a total of \$35,710.00 in deposits and \$33,178.19 checks written. This leaves a balance of \$90,159.54
- Death Benefits Paid out in the amount of \$4,000 for this quarter for John Haws, James Anderson, DE Wilton Brown, Delbert Bruderer, Mondell Knowles, Rodney Warren, F. Carl Thompson and O. Leon Hadley.
- License Plate Grant beginning balance was \$298,705.65 with a total of \$124,938.10 being distributed (excluding \$57.12 for check printing). The current balance is \$173,767.55.
- Floral Fund beginning balance was \$1,301.60. There were two \$20.00 deposits and a \$15.54 charge for check printing. The current balance is \$1326.06.

Discussed grants available for small departments as selling point for the area stewards. Disappointing that about half of the grants approved have never submitted their claims to get the money. The grants were raised up to \$5,000.00. Please cash your checks if Brent has given one to you.

Motion to accept report.

Motion – Bob Harrison

2nd -Joe Bona

Passed

Membership Steward Report

- Currently at 703 lifetime members
- Most Departments are paid up.

Motion to accept report.

Motion – Andy McBride

2nd – Ryan Mellor

Passed

Secretary Report

Dave Chugg provided his final report as Secretary. He indicated that six death benefits have been processed through him since our last meeting and there are five new ones. There haven't been any new business members since Serv Pro and Belfour submitted their applications for this year. Thanks for everything. Dave has enjoyed the position.

Motion to accept report.

Motion – Sam Larson

2nd Gina Bell

Passed

L&L Committee Report

Coy Porter said that not much has happened over the break but there should be items to report on at the next meeting. Fire Code, Bureau of EMS money, DPR will likely be on the agenda. Blue Cross sent the State EMS a letter indicating that consumable items won't be paid. Coy believes other insurance companies will follow suit.

Motion to accept report.
Motion - Brent Marshall
2nd – Ryan Mellor
Passed

Fire Prevention Board Report. – Mike Phillips not in attendance – no report.

Utah Fire and Rescue Academy Report – Brad Wardle not in attendance – no report.

National Volunteer Council Report

Brent indicated that they are trying to make a federal law with a check box on medical forms that says volunteer/career firefighter because of cancer issues. Brent spoke to Ted Blank because he feels there are cancer issues at the state level.

No report from Ted Black. Brent received an email concerning the statue at convention. He forwarded over to Gina.

Senior Trustee Report

Roger Christensen reported that the board has selected four individuals to be stewards for the Association. They will be reaching out to the departments to see what the Board can do to make the Association better. They will each have an area based on counties. The board discussed changes to the Mission Statement and the Death Benefit. President Hales asked each person on the board to come back to the next meeting with two ideas on ways to make the Association better. We have applications for two business members.

Dave Chugg read the two resolutions. The Mission Statement is being amended to be more relevant and responsive. The Death Benefit change will remove the requirement of a Death Certificate and will be replaced with a published obituary. This change is due to the fact that family members may be uncomfortable providing the death certificate because of items on the certificate that would be considered private.

Convention Report

Coty asked Andy McBride to report on where they are with the 2024 convention. Andy indicated that convention will be two days, June 14 & 15th. At the USU Brigham Extension (for now). They have another venue 20 miles up the road if over 250 people. (Box Elder County Building). Take all Thursday activities will be moved to Friday, all Friday activities, including banquet will be at the banquet. (Banquet dinner/dance). Has 5 hotels that have been talked to. About \$115 - \$150 range. Hampton or Holiday are the best. Hampton is closest to the events. There's a couple RV parks there as well. Registration will be up within the next couple weeks.

Activities: Golf Brigham (Thursday), Looking at something else. Trap shoot that evening - \$5 per round for fun (own shells and guns), competition (\$20-\$30 plus rounds). Maybe tour at golden spike monument (45-minute drive). Hampton – 435-538-7080 (ask for northern room because of gun club which is next door to the Holiday Inn). Holiday Inn – 435-723-7639. Say with USFA. Two training sessions (Saturday morning – farm rural rescue), Incident Command Training.

As a reminder, nominations for board positions will now be held at Quarterly meetings. No new nominations for positions were presented. There are no nominations for Convention in 2025.

New Business

The process to get items on the website will be achieved by sending anything that needs to be added to Gina Bell and she will forward them and work with Ron Harris. We need to get the word out to members to take advantage of the \$250 grant for convention. We only had one for this last convention.

Ryan Mellor thanks Spanish Fork for hosting the meetings and dinner.

Motion to adjourn
Motion – Sam Larson
2nd Coty Chadburn

