



GALVESTON COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

August 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wistinghausen called the meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association to order at 7:10 PM at the Dickinson VFW hall, hosted by the Dickinson Fire Department. Secretary Sumrall gave the invocation. President Wistinghausen led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	1	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	2
Bayou Vista FD	1	Hitchcock FD	1	Santa Fe FD	5
Crystal Beach FD		Jamaica Beach FD	1	San Leon FD	1
Dickinson FD	2	Kemah FD	1	Texas City FD	
Friendswood FD	2	LaMarque FD	2	Tiki Island	1
Galveston FD	2	League City FD	3		

SPECIAL GUESTS

Chynell Hollis from Columbia Southern University gave a brief presentation of online fire classes offered by them. Since this meeting, our association has become a partner and get an additional discount for educational classes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by K Baden and seconded by T Cones to approve the minutes for the month of June. Motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer's report was read by R Kattner.

Motion made by T Anderson and seconded by K Baden to approve the treasurer's report for the month of June. Motion carries.

Checking \$26,037 **Savings** \$35,305 **Dues and Donations** \$17,734 **CD** \$51,241
GC/TR \$15,009

COMMUNICATIONS

VFIS Newsletter, VFW Post 6378 is having a school supply drive thru Sept.30th., thank you letter from the Hitchcock VFD and the Edwards family for the donation in the nme of Mrs. Edwards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training- Greg Obert gave a rundown on the training at COM, and poke about upcoming classes offered by them.

There is a large attendance for the fire classes this summer. There is 60-70 students. There is 35-40 from Galveston County. All lectures will be online using Microsoft Teams .Skills days will only be on the weekends. They are limiting classes to 12 students per class.

Accountability

EMS

Website Send stuff to the webmaster for publication on the site.

Resource Book Allison asked for information for the year 2019 report.

Dispatching

Constitution and By-laws

Mapping

Audit

Contract

GCOEM Gave a brief rundown on the hurricane season and on the COVID-19 cases in Galveston County.

For evacuation, there will only be 15 people allowed per bus. The base camp will be at the Santa Fe High School.

First Responders needing COVID-19 testing can contact the county for a test at UTMB. First Responders are getting priority testing.

All FEMA Fire Grants are closed as of now. They have some money for training classes thru a CCTA grant. If Departments would like any specialized training, just let them know.

COLLECTION OF DUES

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Emergency Reporting seems to be going well. The checks are being processed for those getting the reimbursement. T Anderson mentioned that we should ask for an increase from the County to cover the cost of the new reporting system.

NEW BUSINESS

T Anderson made a motion and **O Thompson seconded** to ask for an additional \$35,000 from the County to cover the costs of the new reporting software.

This will also aid in keeping track of Departments runs, training and other records. Motion passed.

R Kattner asked where the old P/A system was. He has a spare microphone for it. I mentioned that I thought Bill Pollard has it in his possession.

The Audit Committee was formed again, with Chief K Baden once again offering to chair this committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

It was mentioned that one of our great supporters and Galveston County Commissioner, Ken Clark had bladder cancer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

The Fall meeting of the Gulf Coast / Tri-Rivers in September has been cancelled. A virtual meeting of the board will be conducted with a YouTube or Facebook Live stream for attendees. Please go to the Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers Facebook page to join the group and to stay informed.

www.facebook.com/groups/298723690545816/

Thank you to the Dickinson Fire Department for hosting the meeting and the Dickinson VFW for providing the meeting place and meal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

NEXT MEETING PLACE at Bacliff FD on Sept 3 , 2020

GALVESTON COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY METING NOTICE

There will be a monthly meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association. Please place this memo on your bulletin board and inform all members of this meeting location, date and time. Please make every effort to attend these meetings.