



Galveston County Fire Fighters Association

REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

March 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wistinghausen called the meeting of the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association to order at 7:25 PM at the Dickinson Fire Department.

B Pollard gave the invocation and the Mascot led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

Bacliff FD	2	High Island FD	1	Port Bolivar FD	4
Bayou Vista FD	1	Hitchcock FD	2	Santa Fe FD	7
Crystal Beach FD	1	Jamaica Beach FD	1	San Leon FD	1
Dickinson FD	13	Kemah FD		Texas City FD	1
Friendswood FD	5	LaMarque FD	1	Tiki Island	3
Galveston FD	2	League City FD	4		

SPECIAL GUESTS

Tommy Gattis from The Police and Firemen's Insurance Association spoke about the challenges of the VFD's.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by A Cargile and seconded by K Baden to approve the minutes for the month of February. Motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT

R Kattner read the treasurer's report for the month of February.

A motion was made by A Cargile and seconded by K Baden to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carries.

Savings Balance \$55,147 Checking Balance \$6,720 CD Acct. \$50,326
GC/TR Acct. \$13,235 Dues and Donations \$26,643

COMMUNICATION

R Kattner read a list of people who he has rooms for at the convention in June. He only had 6 at the host hotel and the rest are at the Candlewood Suites. If you are interested contact Rusty.

R Kattner also mentioned about a legislative update. HB 751 was introduced which would regulate CISM teams, and would make them follow law enforcement rules. His opinion is that we DO NOT need this to pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training- Stan thanked Santa Fe for hosting the flashover chamber from Texas City. Also mentioned that there was about 45 students that attended.

Accountability

EMS

Website

Resource Book

Dispatching

Constitution and By-laws

Mapping

Audit

Contract

Galveston County OEM They mentioned that there is some classes coming up for training. Also with them was Kurt Tomlin, a local HAM Radio user. They will be holding a class on HAM radios on April 6th.

COLLECTION OF DUES Rusty read a list of those who have PAID their dues. If you have not paid your dues, please get them in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Texas City Fire Games are on May 17th and 18th. Registration is on the Galveston county United way website. Contact Chief Zacherl from Texas City for more details.

NEW BUSINESS

B Pollard mentioned that the Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers District vote in opposition of HB 751.

R Kattner made a motion and was seconded by D Key that we as an Association oppose the HB 751. Motion passed.

Also, Rusty asked that we draft up a letter and have it delivered to the Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers District asking them to do the same. Secretary Sumrall drafted the letter and carried it to the District meeting that was held in Cat Spring on Saturday, March 16th. The District also agreed that the HB 751 is not a good idea at this time. R Kattner also spoke at the District meeting.

R Kattner made a motion and O Thompson seconded that the Association give Port Bolivar a \$100 donation towards their upcoming Oyster Dinner benefit. Motion Passed

GOOD OF THE ORDER

M Lancaster mentioned that the Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers meeting is on the 16th In Cat Spring.

President Wistinghausen mentioned that our appreciation dinner would be held on March 16th at Moody Gardens beginning at 6:30. A guest speaker is still in the works.

A Cargile mentioned that the Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers dues are \$100.

March 16th was also the Bolivar Oyster fry.

March 16th was also the fundraiser in Dickinson for Burt Huddles.

March 19th is Legislative day at the Capitol.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

NEXT MEETING PLACE San Leon FD on April 2, 2018

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.

For more information go to:

www.gcffa.com

Banquet Head Count

Bacliff 10
Forest Bend 4
Friendswood 12
Galveston 12
Hitchcock 10
Jamaica Beach 8
Port Bolivar 8
Santa Fe 10
San Leon 10
Texas City 6
Tiki Island 10

TOTAL --- 100