



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 20th, 2017

CFFCA President Jim White called the April 20th general membership meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. The Roll Call sign-in journal confirmed that a QUORUM was present under the adopted bylaws to conduct official business with membership voting approval on any needed business matters. CFFCA Chaplain Ragan Vandegriff requested any special prayer requests from those present, followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

All in attendance were given a warm welcome with special acknowledgment of those Retirees and guests in attendance.

Retired Fire Chief Charlie Chapman and Danny McAvoy [Osceola County FR] performed door duty collecting lunch payments and 50/50/Raffle ticket sales as assistance to the Secretary/Treasurer.

INSTALLATION AND OATH OF OFFICE – DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR [OSCEOLA COUNTY]:

Chief Bill Sturgeon was sworn-in as the District 3 Director representing Osceola County for a 2-year term of office. CFFCA Chaplain Ragan Vandegriff performed the installation/oath of office honors. A warm round of applause and congrats were extended to Chief Sturgeon with special thanks to Chief Sorenson as the outgoing Osceola Director.

[Roll-in Lunch Buffet Served to all in attendance]

Meeting Attendance Summary: *[refer to roster for attendee sign-in and signatures]*

Members Present = 32
Corp Partners Present = 6
Agencies Attending = 12
Guest Agencies = 1
Guests = 11
Total Present = 43

Note: 50/50 was collected in the amount of \$160 with \$80 going to the ticket winner [Chief Matt McGrew] with the remaining balance \$80 to be deposited in the CFFCA Treasury.

After the buffet luncheon, CFFCA President Jim White called the CFFCA meeting back to order.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of General Meeting Minutes of March 9th, 2017. [posted on CFFCA website Home Page]
2. Treasury Report January/February/March 2017 deferred to March meeting.
3. Approval of new Membership Applications: Seven [7] Received

PRINCIPAL MEMBERSHIP:

1. Trenton Campbell, District Chief – Orlando FD



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2. Alissa Baussen, District Chief – Orlando FD
3. Richard Glover, District Chief – Orlando FD
4. Tim Notartomaso, Battalion Chief – Winter Park FD
5. Michael Templeton, Battalion Chief – Winter Park FD
6. Mark Adams, Battalion Chief – Winter Park FD

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

7. James Santoro, Deputy Fire Marshal – Winter Park FD

Motion made by Chief Oakes and seconded by Chief Cornier to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the membership present.

Committee Reports:

No Fire Legislative Report

No EMS Legislative Report

Chief Miller reported on upcoming programs as follows: April – The Case for Tractor-Drawn Aerials by Winter Park Fire Rescue; May - After Action Report by Osceola County FR ref: Hotel Fire; June – AAR Pending; July – FFCA Summer Conference Luncheon; and August - OPEN. Please contact Chief Miller with any potential programs – especially operational after-action reports. He also informed the membership that a Leadership Seminar is scheduled in partnership with Valencia College School of Public Safety for July 26th. Flyers were placed on all tables and e-distributed to all CFFCA members, including courtesy copies to the Presidents of the Volusia County FC Association and the Space Coast FC Association.

No Social Committee Report

No other committee reports

Old Business Items:

President White reminded the membership of the Leadership Seminar – July 26th at Valencia College School of Public Safety FR Institute Auditorium.

No other old business

New Business Items:

President White reminded the membership who is attending the FFCA Summer Executive Conference in Fort Myers will need to also pre-register for the CFFCA luncheon on Sunday, July 16, if they plan to attend. This is required for seat and meal planning purposes.

No other new business



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Good of the Organization [Announcements]:

Apopka staff present handed out flyers on the upcoming FF Combat Challenge that Apopka FD is hosting. This will be the only Combat Challenge in the State. The event will be held on May 12th and 13th in Apopka with encouragement for FD teams to enter the competition.

Hearing no further announcements from the floor, President White adjourned the business meeting at 12:38 p.m. upon motion by Chief Sturgeon, second by Chief Miller, and approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

PROGRAM:

Chief White introduced the program and speaker: The Case for Tractor-Drawn Aerial Truck by Jimm Walsh, Division Chief, WPFD.

Chief Walsh delivered a very informative presentation on the decision for WPFD to rethink aerial operations and determined that a tractor-drawn aerial with tiller function was the best operational option for their agency based on the following key areas or points:

1. Maneuverability
2. Increased Compartment Space [3.5 times]
3. Reduced ride height and lesser weight [15,000lbs less]
4. Faster set-up time [2 outriggers vs. 4 outriggers]
5. Bonus: Less costs due to less moving parts

Three [3] key decisions or sticking points were:

1. Straight-ladder design
2. Pump vs. No Pump
3. Bends in the middle

[Other Discussion Topics]

Rethinking Aerial OPS
Unencumbered climbing
Size matters
Organizational commitment
SPECS detailed-oriented
Dedicated training and staffing success

Only One regret – Didn't do it sooner...

After Q and A, President White presented DC Walsh with the CFFCA Logo Coaster Set in appreciation for his presentation.