

FFAM Auxiliary Convention
Sunday morning business meeting, Hannibal MO
April 29th, 2012

President Kim Voss, Beaufort-Leslie Fire Protection District, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Pledge of Allegiance – All

Announcements made by President Kim Voss – Fire Truck silver-plated banks, angel pins, and cookbooks for sale.

Invocation, “I Am a Fireman’s Wife” read by Chris Slaughter.

Introduction of Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Kim Voss, Beaufort-Leslie Fire Protection District</i>
<i>1st Vice President</i>	<i>Pam Carsten, Cole County Fire Protection District</i>
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	<i>Missy Erdel, Little Dixie Fire Protection District</i>
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	<i>Chris Slaughter, Warrenton Fire Protection District</i>
<i>Historian</i>	<i>Katie Schowengerdt, South Metro Fire Protection District</i>
<i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i>	<i>Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Janet Smith, Cole County Fire Protection District</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Janet Smith, Cole County Fire Protection District</i>

Past Presidents in attendance:

<i>Janet Smith</i>	<i>Cole County FPD</i>
<i>Shelia Arnold</i>	<i>Central Jackson County Fire Protection District</i>
<i>Joan Hahne</i>	<i>Washington Volunteer Fire Department</i>
<i>Rosalyn Sanders</i>	<i>O’Fallon Fire Protection District</i>

Jody of Hannibal Rural Fire Department accepted the 2012 Convention Resolution presented by Ann Jones, Madison/West Monroe FPD.

Sergeant at Arms, acting as Sergeant at Arms Janet Smith, presented duties of delegates.

Treasurer’s Report copies were available to all. Chris S. states the beginning balance for the year was \$4108.59 and the end balance to date is \$4387.35. (See financial report for the receipts and the expenditures.) Motion to accept treasurer’s report by Rosalyn Sanders (O’Fallon FPD), seconded by Pam Carsten (Cole County FPD), **motion passed**.

50/50 fundraiser was Theresa Cox, a total of \$215 was collected, pay out was \$107.50. The Silent Auction raised a total of \$1,241.00 and the Quilt raised a total of \$410.00 this year. Good Job to Everyone who helped worked and organized the fundraisers!

Old Business:

Membership: 23 Departments in attendance, with 163 members. Missy Erdel needs a mebership list from 1978-79 and 1979-80.

Poster Contest: The judges this year were Katie Schowengerdt, Pam Carsten, and Theresa Cox. Katie announced the winners. This year’s theme was ‘Have two ways out!’ The judges would have liked to see another category this year (like ‘most creative’) due to the creative content of some of the posters. Last year there were 15 entries, and this year there were 129 entries, representing 5 agencies. Winners and Posters will be in the newsletter.

Auxiliary Member of the Year: Ann Jones gave an update on this committee. No nominations for 2012 Convention was awarded. Ann mentioned many ways to submit nomination form (online, talk to Missy E, Ann Jones, or Dolores Owenby). Letters were sent out, Jaime had it in the newsletter. Recommendation was

made to *draft* a nomination form (along with the present guidelines). This *draft* nomination can contain high-level stats such as marital status, family (how many kids/grandkids), community duties, awards, presentations, etc. Any detailed information that will make recipient stand out and be the winner!

Audit: Pam Carsten and Missy Erdel stated that the books were in order and the only comment was in the checkbook to have why the check was written (ie. Stamps/envelopes to person who bought supplies, etc.)

Field Contest: Pam C. reported it went like clock work. Between Janet Cain putting times on the board for display and Jessica Miller getting official times right from the field, everyone has a system in place that works well. Overall winnings: Galt, Southern Stone, Madison/West Monroe. Richard G. purchased a sound system and flag pole. New record for replacing section of Hose was set by Southern Stone County FPD. There were 15 Junior teams.

Historian: Books on Display. Several comments on how nice they look!

An issue was brought to President Kim Voss's attention that long standing members and past presidents are always announced but need to add Auxiliary Member of the Year too. Everyone stood and was formally recognized as recipients of past 'Spouse of the Year' Awards (currently 'Auxiliary Member of the Year')

By-Laws (following readings done by Janet Smith – this will be the 3rd reading)

1. Article VI Election (new insert).

All officers, not including past presidents, are required to attend a minimum of three (3) regular bi-monthly business meetings. The Annual FFAM Convention is required in addition to the three bi-monthly meetings. If unable to attend any meeting, notification must be given to a current Auxiliary officer. If these requirements are not met, after your second absence of the bi-monthly meetings a letter will be sent requesting your intent. After your third absence, a final letter will be sent and your office position will be filled by another Auxiliary Member for the completion of your term.

2. Article IX under Duties of Officers (President duties)

d) Submit a written report of Auxiliary activities at the annual convention which exceeds the Presidents Responsibilities.

3. Article IX under Duties of Officers (First Vice President duties)

b) Work with the Convention Committee in the Host Town at the annual convention.

4. Article IX under Duties of Officers (First Vice President duties)

d) This duty will be performed and completed at the first Auxiliary business meeting of the year.

5. Article IX under Duties of Officers (Secretary/Treasurer duties)

b) Be responsible for bringing recorder and have available the prior recorded meeting minutes.

6. Article IX under Duties of Officers (Secretary/Treasurer duties)

d) Be custodian of all funds of the Auxiliary, receiving and disbursing funds upon the authorization of the Auxiliary. The books shall be in order at all times and subject to audit **at the first Auxiliary meeting of the year.** For the audit the following shall be provided: a detailed list of expenditures, deposits, balanced bank statements and the checkbook.

7. Article IX under Duties of Officers (Historian duties)

a) Record the history and special events of the Auxiliary **to include pictures, programs, etc.**

c) To keep an updated list of officers past and present, **convention sites, and Auxiliary Member of the Year and to supply all Officers with the list of the same.**

8. Article IX under Duties of Officers (Sergeant at Arms duties)

c) **Notify delegates of voting procedure**

9. Article IX under Duties of Officers (Sergeant at Arms duties)

g) The Sergeant-at-Arms **will read Roll Call of Auxiliary Membership Departments** during convention between the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report.

Proposed bylaw changes for this year, and this was the third reading. No discussion or questions on the floor, Shelia Arnold, Central Jackson County FPD made motion to accept by laws as read. Seconded by Missy Erdel, Little Dixie Fire Protection District. All in Favor (delegates only), no oppositions/no abstentions, **motion passed.**

New business:

Memorial Services to be held in Kingdom City, MO on Saturday, May 20th, with a Candle Service @ dusk, Friday, May 19th. FFAM Auxiliary in the past has been asked to make ribbons to hand out at the Service, and the Ribbons were made this year by Galt FPD. If it rains, the ceremony will be in Auxvasse at the School.

Kim Voss, President mentioned to the membership to think about donating monies back to the Memorial Foundation. Discussion was around \$4,300 in our general account. Melissa Dahms – what is our annual operating budget? This varies from year to year. For right now, let's play it safe by keeping \$2,000.00 in the account. Shelia will amend her motion, make a motion to the Memorial Foundation Museum, made a donation of \$2,300.00. Theresa Cox, seconded. All in favor (delegates only), no oppositions, no abstentions, **motion passed.**

Next year's convention needs Volunteers in order to make this work, Posting of Colors, Silent Auction, and the need for donated items, 50/50 raffle of selling tickets. No ditty bags. General discussion of ditty bags, and to discuss "No to Ditty Bags" for next year. This will be discussed in June's meeting since it is in the Standing Rules. Melissa Dahms, 1st motion made to not have Ditty Bags @ 2013 Convention. Seconded by Pam Carsten.

Discussion of 2013 Host Convention Town – Going to Carthage, MO! Ann Jones gave information on this. April 26 – 28th (proposed dates)

Motion from the Floor to do a Silent Auction for 2013 convention: Melissa Dahms mentioned she can lead the efforts. Roberta Sayer, from Galt FPD made the motion, seconded by Joan Hahne, Washington Volunteer Fire Department, **motion passed.**

Motion from the Floor to do a 50/50 raffle for 2013 convention: Rosalyn Sanders, made the motion to do a 50/50 raffle, seconded by Roberta Sayer (Galt FPD), **motion passed.**

Audit – should be completed by the first of every year, First Vice President, and another delegate (Pam Carsten to help incoming nominating First Vice President).

Any Auxiliary or Department would like to donate a quilt? This is asked every year. Pam C. does her quilt on her own.

Every year we do an Invocation at the beginning of the meeting (Poem) – Pam Carsten to do Invocation for Friday Night and Sunday morning's 2013 Convention Auxiliary Meetings.

Angel Pins – motion to order 20 large and 10 small Angel Pins (given the supplier has all supplies needed for bulk order) Large pins for cost - \$12.50 and \$10.00 for small pens. Shelia Arnold (Central Jackson County FPD), makes motion to order new pens to have for sale @ Kingdom City Memorial Service, seconded by Melissa Dahms (Beaufort/Leslie FPD). Separate motion by Ann Jones (Madison/West Monroe FPD) to order 20 large and 10 small, seconded by Jessica Miller, Norbourne FPD.

Nominating Committee: Election of Officers

Nomination for President - Chris Slaughter (Warrenton FPD). No other nominations have been presented. Sherry Hoover (Little Dixie FPD) made motion to cease nominations, seconded by Sharlette Sanders (O'Fallon FPD), **motion passed.**

Nomination for First Vice President – Diane Hanes (Galt FPD). No other nominations have been presented. Jessica Miller (Norbourne FPD) made motion to cease nominations, seconded by Linda Baker (Holt Summit FPD), **motion passed.**

Nomination for Second Vice President – Susan Voss (Beaufort- Leslie FPD). No other nominations have been presented. Melissa Dahms (Beaufort-Leslie FPD) made motion to cease nominations, seconded by Sherri Berendzen (Cole County FPD), **motion passed.**

Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer – Theresa Cox (Wentzville FPD). No other nominations have been presented. Ann Jones (Madison/West Monroe FPD) made motion to cease nominations, seconded by Jessica Miller (Norbourne FPD), **motion passed.**

Nomination for Sergeant at Arms - Jessica Miller (Norbourne FPD). No other nominations have been presented. Ann Jones (Madison/West Monroe FPD) made motion to cease nominations, seconded by Chris Slaughter (Warrenton FPD), **motion passed.**

Nomination for Historian - Sherri Berendzen (Cole County FPD). No other nominations have been presented. Ann Jones (Madison/West Monroe FPD) made motion to cease nominations, seconded by Jessica Miller (Norbourne FPD), **motion passed.**

Shelia Arnold - Now we will vote on entire list of nominations. I, Rosalyn Sanders (O'Fallon FPD), moves to elect all the Officer's by acclamation, seconded by Sharlette Sanders (O'Fallon FPD). All in favor, Opposed by Missy Erdel (Little Dixie FPD). The discussion surrounds 'what is considered local'. If you are the spouse (child of, etc.), you can live anywhere. But, when you are sponsored, that's when you need to be with a local Fire Department. Roberta Sayer asked when this sponsorship came up, Shelia Arnold said this was first raised in St. Joseph's Convention. Theresa Cox reiterated what a 'local department' definition was based on when that particular by law was written way back when. Today, boundaries have changed, townships have changed, so this will need further discussion(s). There are two sides of this discussion. Missy states we need to take care of this by law about the sponsor part. This has been a problem for over a year. Not clarified in the by-laws of what the word 'local' means and how it should be interpreted?

Jessica Miller states as the by-laws read current, needs to be voted on, but the Executive Board (Officer's) should take this back and revisit issue. Delegates stand, all those in favor of accepting the slate of officers for the 2012-2013, No oppositions, No abstentions, **motion passed.**

Shelia Arnold sworn in new officers as outlined above and read to them each of their duties they are responsible for. Shelia stated to 'support them, help them, assist them.' All Officer's agreed to their duties.

Janet Smith handed over her 'Past President' lapel pen to Kim Voss, and Kim passed on her 'President' lapel pen to Chris Slaughter and Kim Voss gave the Sergeant at Arms lapel pen she had to Jessica Miller.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Roberta Sayer (Galt FPD), seconded by Janet Smith
Meeting adjourned @ 11:21 am.

Colors retired by Robin Schrage and Shelia Arnold.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Slaughter, Warrenton Fire Protection District
FFAM Secretary/Treasurer 2011-12

**Next business meeting(s) Sunday, June 3rd, and Sunday August 5th at the Sedalia State Fire House.