

Solano County Firemen's Association

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Minutes of the Delegates' Meeting January 9, 2008

Call to Order

The Delegates' meeting was called to order at 1915 hours.

Roll Call

The following chapters' Delegates were present: Benicia Volunteers, Montezuma, Suisun City, Suisun District, and Vacaville District.

Howard Wood moved that the 2007 members be moved to the 2008 year with an open position. The motion was seconded by Frank Cereda and unanimously carried. The maximum number for directors is 12.

The following were nominated:

Frank Cereda – Suisun Fire Protection District
Carmen Maio – Suisun City Fire Department
Bill Petersen – Montezuma Fire Protection District
Hank Seguin – Suisun City Fire Department
Dan Schindler – Montezuma Fire Protection District
Jack Rice – Benicia Volunteers
Ron Rice – Benicia Volunteers
Howard Wood - Vacaville Fire Protection District
Laura Wood - Vacaville Fire Protection District

The nominations were closed by a roll call vote: Vacaville District - aye, Suisun City - aye, Suisun District - aye, Benicia Volunteers - aye, and Montezuma District - aye.

Adjournment

The Delegates' meeting was adjourned at 19:18 hours

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours by 1st Vice President Carmen Maio.

Roll Call

The following chapters were present: Benicia Volunteers 2, Montezuma 1, Suisun City 1, Suisun District 2, and Vacaville District 2.

Election of Officers

Howard Wood made a motion to move up the current Officers one position, Treasurer and Secretary to remain the same as last year. The motion was seconded by Frank Cereda and unanimously carried.

Carmen Maio nominated Freddie Abruzzini to be Sergeant-at-Arms. The motion was seconded by Frank Cereda and unanimously carried.

Bill Petersen made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Howard Wood and unanimously carried.

Officers for 2008 are as follows:

<u>President</u>	<u>Carmen Maio</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Laura Wood</u>
<u>1st Vice President</u>	<u>Frank Cereda</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Howard Wood</u>
<u>2nd Vice President</u>	<u>Ron Rice</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Bill Petersen</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u>	<u>Freddie Abruzzini</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Jack Rice</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Hank Seguin</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Dan Schindler</u>

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Howard Wood to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Frank Cereda and unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

Bill Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. The motion was seconded by Jack Rice and unanimously carried.

Communications

None

Committee Reports

None

Treasurer's Report

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Howard Wood said that the county quarterly dinners have a maximum price of \$10 and the Association reimburses the hosting department \$2.50 a plate for those in attendance to offset the cost of the dinner. He questioned if members bring their wives, girlfriends, or significant others to the dinner, would they pay the same as members? The reason for his question is that there are several of his department members who would like to bring their wives. The issue is not money, but is the dinner open to everyone? Carmen Maio said that the dinners are open to the membership. He added that members bringing guests to the dinners is good since the dinners have been poorly attended. Frank Cereda said the dinners are for Association members and he understood what Howard was saying, "Should other people attending get the same cost benefit as an Association member". Bill Petersen noted that some departments pay for their members. Howard Wood then made a motion that effective at the January dinner in Suisun City the fee for quarterly dinners for non-members will be the cost of the dinner plus \$2.50. The motion was seconded by Frank Cereda and unanimously carried.

A brief discussion was held on what can be done to get all Chapters interested in attending the quarterly dinners, since the attendance is getting very low.

2008 Quarterly Dinner Meeting: The Dinner Meeting was hosted by the Suisun City Firefighters Association on Friday, January 18, 2008, at Station 47 in Suisun City. The dinner was attended by approximately 90 people.

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful cowboy stew. The following chapters were represented: Benicia Volunteers, Cordelia, Montezuma, Suisun City, Suisun District, and Vacaville District.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and Michael Whited conducted the benediction.

First Vice President Carmen Maio presented the Life Time Membership Award and the Dave McCready Award. Ernie Moretti of Suisun Fire Protection District was presented the Life Time Membership Award for his dedication to the Fire Service. The Dave McCready Award was posthumously awarded to John Wink of the Suisun Fire Protection District for his commitment to the Solano County Firemen's Association, award was accepted by his son Sean Wink.

Gil Richardson swore in the New Officers for 2008. The new President, Carmen Maio of Suisun City, presented outgoing President Dan Schindler of Montezuma with a plaque and pin for his outstanding service for 2007.

The raffle began and Carmen Maio kept the raffle moving. Which chapter would be the winner of the raffle prizes - Montezuma or Vacaville District? Prize winners were Vacaville District, Montezuma, Benicia, and Suisun District was the top winner of raffle prizes. The name badge winner was Gil Richardson.

Fire Chief Mike O'Brien thanked everyone who attended the dinner.

Everyone enjoyed the comradery of the evening.
So, mark your calendars and attend the next quarterly –

This will be the Joint Yolo/Solano Dinner

Friday, April 18, 2008
Location to be Announced