

**Alabama Firefighters' Annuity & Benefit Fund**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Alabama Fire College 1:30 pm**  
**05/08/2014**

**Members Present:**

Chairman Dale Wyatt  
Vice Chairman Reid Vaughan  
Robert Ezekiel ("Zeke")  
Billy Doss  
Charlie Dixon

\*A Quorum was present at this meeting to conduct business.

**Secretary's Report, Approval of Meeting Minutes, and Financial Report**

Meeting minutes from 03/05/2014 were presented by the Secretary

**Motion to accept Minutes by Zeke**  
**Second made by Charlie Dixon**  
**Motion passed unanimously**

Financial Report for March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> presented by the Secretary

**Motion to accept Financial Report made by Charlie Dixon**  
**Second made by Billy Doss**  
**Motion passed unanimously**

Secretary reported that there were no new members to sign up. One individual has filled out part of the paperwork but has not completed the membership process. There have been a few individuals inquiring about the Fund.

**Old Business**

Reid transferred \$65,000 to RSA State Street Bank today. We should be able to transfer money by our online login through Regions to the State Street account. If done at a bank, the transfer will incur a fee of \$20 from Regions. There will be no charge if we transfer the money ourselves online.

Discussion about promotion at Pennington Fire Department. Pennington Fire Department has about 19 members.

**New Business**

Invoice from the Alabama Fire College for Secretary Office Contract was presented for approval.

**Motion to approve and pay the AFC invoice made by Zeke**

**Second made by Reid Vaughan**

**Motion passed unanimously**

Reid Vaughan began a discussion about approaching the Legislature for a ¼ million dollars in funds yearly along with adding Volunteer Rescue Squads to the eligibility for the AFABF. In order to do this, the code would have to be amended. Discussion progressed to the difficulty of sun setting the Fund next Legislative session because of the RSA account, members, and flow of money (though small). More discussion was brought up about tracking Rescue Squad members and having an active database on these members. No decisions or actions were made at this time. The Fund is in discussion mode only at this time.

The Secretary also presented an issue. The Law says that in order for a vested member to draw funds, he or she must be 62 years old or older and be retired from the fire service. This poses a real issue for volunteer members. Since many volunteers will never truly retire from the fire service, they will never become eligible for benefit. There was a discussion held about the Fund amending or changing the wording in the law. No action was made at this time. The Secretary will read through the law again to see if there are more issues that need attention.

Discussion that Zeke and Reid need new appointment letters by September 2014 to remain on the board. Dale needs a new appointment by October 2014.

Next meeting has been set for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the AFC.

**Adjourn**

**Motion made to adjourn made by Reid Vaughan**

**Second by Zeke**

**Motion passed unanimously**

 7-16-14  
Chairman Dale Wyatt/ Date

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Secretary Tiffany Crutchfield