



General Meeting
Garland Fire Department
July 13, 2024
4:00 pm

Welcome by President Andy McBride

Pledge by Jimmy Munns

Prayer by Mike Meyer

Roll Call - Gina Bell

Attending

President Andy McBride
Treasurer Don Rich
Trustee Steve Hales
Area Steward Harold Chadwick
Dave Hammond
Perry Skaug

2nd VP Roger Christensen
Trustee Ryan Mellor
Trustee Chris Shubert
Sergeant-at-arms Jim Munz
Ted Black

Secretary Gina Bell
Trustee Kevin Beck
Trustee Rob Johnson
Chaplain Mike Myers
Brent Marshall

Absent (Excused)

1st VP Austin Knight
Area Steward Mike Ahlstrom
Eldon Farnsworth

Membership Steward Sam Larson
Area Steward Paul Evertsen
Brad Wardle

Coty Chadburn
Lance Nay

Motion to accept the April minutes.

Roger Christensen
Don Rich
Passed

Treasurer Report: Don went over the expenses and deposits. Checks totaling \$18,533.12 during the 2nd quarter. Total amount spent this year is \$83,394.99. The starting balance in the checkbook was \$58,383.40 and we had \$21,208.30 in deposits which leaves a balance of \$61,058.58. There were \$2,000 in death benefits paid out to four members who passed away. We had a beginning balance in the License Plate Grant Fund of \$89,068.50. There were 3 deposits amounting to \$69,945.00 and we paid out \$48,510.00, which left a balance of

\$110,503.50. The flower fund received a deposit of \$120.00, leaving a balance of \$1,735.06. The current balance of the two Money Market Account balances are \$74,866.87 and \$301,159.02. Brent mentioned that we have an audit in August regarding the License Plate Grants. Brent will let Ted know so he can let the license plate grant committee know.

Membership Steward Report:

Given by Brent Marshall. Many departments have paid their dues. The board gifted a lifetime membership to Gina Bell at the recommendation of the Membership Steward.

Secretary Report:

Sent death benefit letters to Brent for Wesley Chaudion – Granstville, Max Berry, Dave Buck, and Albion Sanderson. Handed out several pins to members who turned in a completed pin form. In order to set up a new jot form account, Gina had to create a new email account because our old email is tied to the jot form account that Trisha Thomas set up. The new secretary email address will be secretary.usfa@gmail.com She will be creating all the new forms for the new jot form that will replicate the old forms from the old jot form account. She will have the form for new accounts go to the secretary email and the membership steward's email.

NVFC Report:

Brent indicated that this past week the president is signing the safer grant. The chairman from the NVFC was invited for the signing. Brent talked to the chairman prior to, he wasn't super excited but he was excited to go to the white house. The grant has been signed and it isn't as much as it has been in the past. There are nine organizations that help administer the AFG Safer Grants. International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Fighters, National Volunteer Fire Council, National Fire Protection Association, National Association of State Fire Marshals, International Association of Arson Investigators, International Association of Fire Service Instructors. North American Fire Training Directors, Congressional Fire Service Institute, OSHA Letter. He and Lance will be heading to Kansas City in November.

L&L Committee: No Report

Fire Board: No Report

UFRA: No Report

Ted Black asked to interject – He said: You may hear rumors that training is changing. UFRA is the accredited training agency. If you here rumblings about any of the tech training, there's nothing to be concerned about. A lot going on about fireworks in the legislation including electronic devices that you can connect through your phone and if they need to be regulated. UFRA is teaching more classes than they ever have. Stay in touch with your area program manager. UFRA is funded through the university for the sole purpose of training fire departments. Great support from the legislature but it's a contractual process. They eventually move on so when you lose those contacts it hurts us and we have to build new contacts. Ted's office has been asked to investigate the fireworks incident at the stadium. These things are explosives called a cake and it is a multi-device, when it went off the cake came apart and shots went in different directions. 8 people injured, This will go on likely for months for the Fire Marshal's office. Provo Fire stopped the show, the evaluated what happened and treated

injured. Disconnected the device that malfunctioned, had a private meeting to determine the safest thing to do with the show. All done in 15 minutes, very impressive by Provo Fire. Everyone is being very cooperative. Reminder these are explosives, people really need to be aware that.

Fire Marshal Report:

Still working on the collecting AFFF foam and disposing of it. They have selected the vendor. Please keep an eye out for communication. It will be a short window with a one-time drop off. Want to get all AFFF dropped off at no cost.

Motion to accept all above reports

Don Rich

2nd: Ryan Mellor

Passed

Senior Trustee Report: Ryan Mellor

The Board welcomed all the new board additions. Talked to the Stewards, they are focusing on SL County area Chiefs to meet with them. Getting the new bylaws updated and Gina will get them uploaded to the website. We voted to approve up to \$8,000 to buy an enclosed trailer to travel items of the association and the ladies auxiliary. Recognizing LODD by the Association even if the department isn't part of our association. They are still our brothers/sisters and this will let departments know that we care. Talked about ways to get people registered for convention earlier. Get the word out early, make the registration process easier. Ron Harris suggested having the registration process on our Association Website. Discussed the talks that happened at convention regarding Cancer. We are talking about ways that the association can help. We don't have the funds to get everyone checked, but we are looking to see if there are grants we can go after, or at least to help departments go after testing. Discussed getting reports out to the board members a week before the meeting to help streamline the board meeting.

Motion:

Harold Chadwick

Brent Marshall

Passed

Convention Report:

Eddie asked to be excused and didn't give a report, but we know that their Spanish Fork website already has info. The date will be June 25-28, 2025.

Old Business: None

New Business: New positions for next year. Nominations are now open for president.

Nomination for Austin Knight by Don Rich

2nd by Gina Bell.

Nominations 1st VP, Roger Christensen

Nomination by Dave Hammond
2nd Rob Johnson

2nd VP Ryan Mellor
Nomination by Gina Bell
2nd Don Rich

5-Year Trustee
None at this time

Membership Steward
None at this time

Host City 2026
None at this time.

All closed until October meeting.

New Business for the good of the association.

Brent: On behalf of the association, a warm thanks to Garland Fire for hosting this meeting including the lunch and dinner. Also, congratulations on hosting a great convention.

Next meeting will be October 12th at 1:00 pm at the Museum.

Motion to adjourn until dinner.
Don Rich
2nd Ted Black
Passed

4:40 pm