

**RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
OF WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
November 3, 2008**

President Oliff called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., with 23 Members + 3 members of Local 36 present.

There were (0) deceased members since our last meeting: 1 Non Member Eileen Smith Daughter of Walter Steamboat Smith & Niece of Reds Smith.

There was (1) application approved for membership. **John Scott**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The report of the Secretary/Treasurer was read and approved. There was a moment of silence for our deceased brothers, and the troops in Iraq.

VP Flynn: Sick list: Reported that Skip Ramsey, Leo Endler, Dan Norman, Charlie Burger, Ralph Creel, Bill Kelly, Ralph Kennedy, Hugh Barnes, John Schellenberg, Ed Beller, James Bojalad, Dan Collins, Tim Connors, William Coughlin, Fred Davis, Ed Dougherty, Joe McDermott, George Orme, Jim McIlvaine, Walter "Steamboat" Smith, Gerald Tassa, George Baliles, Joe Healy, Keith Webb, Pete Schlosser, John Slagle, Mike Greene & William Anderson.

V.P. Flynn wants to be notified of a death in the family of any member and other incidences when it is appropriate for the association to send condolence cards.

Pres. Oliff spoke to members about the longevity issue there still being no progress due to Congress tied up with the banking crises. Pres. Oliff asked that the membership concur with the \$ 10.00 raise in dues for Local 36 from \$ 60.00 to 70.00 to cover the raise in per-captor Fee, from the I. A. F.F. The burn center skeet shoot has been postponed until April 2009

Members are reminded of the retirement dinner at the Upper Marlboro Fire House on November 19th at 5:30 PM. For James Blair, John Lee, Roy Ridgeway and 2 others that I missed.

Butch thanked Jim Healy for taking the time to go over and explain that the trust fund was safe to a widow who could not hear on the phone.

Pres. Oliff introduced the members of Local 36 who are running for office in the up coming elections and gave them time to ask for your vote. Sean Brooks who is running for 1st V.P., Scott Hudson who is running for President & Dan Dugan who is running to keep his job as President. Dan also gave an update on what's going on with the stalled contract, and everything else the union is working on. The contract is headed for Mediation.

(Vocal Alarm) Joe Healy: No Report Joe always needs pictures and articles for the next issue. (301/831-0037) or rfanews@comcast.net

Entertainment Committee, Joe Healy No Report **Joe on sick leave** Check the web site for future events. www.washingtonemeralds.org)

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Local 36 (Ben Self) Ben had Decals & Work schedules available. The new contract is headed for mediation. Report giving by Dan Dugan President of Local 36.

Honor Guard: Joe O'Neal Joe reported that they had attended three non member's funerals to pay their respects because they had known them and other connections to the members of the Honor Guard, (James Crockett, Eileen Smith & Harold Tornquist). We always need more members to volunteer for the Honor Guard. (We now have Pipers if requested. Cost Approx. \$150 Paid by the family,)

Shenandoah Reunion: (Sonny Mulikin The last Saturday in September. 26th 2009 .) Check DCFD.COM for further information.

Members attending first meeting: (1) George Barksdale

Old Biz: Pres. Oliff : Pres. Oliff is working with the Police Assoc. our Lawyer Andy Quinn & Local 36 to settle the longevity issue as soon as possible.

New Biz: Pres Oliff: V.P. Bill Mould is stepping down and President Oliff would like to talk to any one interested in running for 1st V. P. of the Association. Next Month Meeting Election of 1st V.Pres. & Sect. / Treas. A discussion was held on opening the membership to retired members of other divisions as an associate member, (tabled till the next meeting).

Retirement Board (Tom Tippet): **No report**

Safety Committee (Chairman Tom Barnard) **No report** Any member wanting to obtain their medical records may pick up a form at the D.C. Fire Clinic (Providence Hospital 12th & Varnum Sts. N.E.)

Leg. Committee, (SKIP RAMSEY) (NO REPORT) (WEBB SITE at WWDCFD.COM)
Any member needing a letter for Soc. Sec. Purposes needs to call the Retirement Board, Have ready your Name, S.S. #, Date of Appt., Date of Retirement, Address complete with Zip.

Good & Welfare: Pres. Oliff thanked Wilber Jenkins son for the new Local 36 Webb Site. Rex Schroyer will look into light refreshments for the December meeting. The R.F.A. is selling Tie's for \$25.00. Contact Butch Ollif.

Joe Healey is taking orders for the **RFA Bullion badges** (209 Sold).

They're being no further Old or New Business, The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted **George T. Kenney**
Secretary/Treasurer