

November Minutes R.F.A.

President Oliff called the Nov. 5th meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1955 hours with 44 members present.

Deceased members: Franklin Henry E-31 and Gordon Irvin of the FFA. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops in the Armed Forces.

The minutes of the Oct. 1st meeting: Read and approved by the membership.

Applications for membership: Darrell Welch, Joseph Henry and Dan Crawford. Voted on and approved.

The Secretary/Treasurer report: Read and approved by the membership.

Sick Committee: Ed Flynn reported that Ray Askins, Gerald Tassa and Jim Tidwell were added to the previous list of Wendy Baden, Larry Beardmore, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Ken Buckley, Dan Collins, Tim Connors, Fred Davis, Gus DeGeorge, Ed Dougherty, Joe McDermott, Jim McIlvaine, Tom O'Conner, George Orme, Irvin Poole, Kenny Propst, Steve Reid, Raymond Roberts, Ed Rupard, Ed Shymansky, Walter "Steamboat" Smith and Frank Wise Sr.

Vocal Alarm: No report.

Entertainment Committee: Butch Oliff discussed the Retired Florida Firefighters Reunion. Almost a hundred attended. Good times and good food. Wally Adkinson hasn't decided whether to have the next reunion in the spring or fall. The musicians were Danny Beach, Carroll Ashbrook (mandolin) and Art Murray (bagpipes) accompanied singer Bob "Big Earl" Bradshaw.

Safety Committee: No report.

Honor Guard: No report.

Local 36: Ben Self has decals and that the 2008 work schedules are at the printers and he hoped to have them at next months meeting.

Retirement Board: No report.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Members attending their first meeting: Ed Burkley.

Old business: Sonny Mullikin reported that the Shenandoah Valley Reunion group was able to make very nice donations to the D.C. Firefighters Burn Foundation, the RFA, 4 H Kids Camp and the Emerald Society Pipes & Drums.

New Business: The Longevity process is now in the Senate where it's being "Held at the Desk". Bill Mould then discussed the Pension Protection Act that starting with your 2007 federal income tax returns, a retired F/F may exclude from gross income up to \$3000 in distributions from an eligible plan for health insurance premiums. The tax relief must be listed on the member's monthly pay statement. The RFA, L-36 and the IAFF are keeping an eye on the progress of the bill before Congress. More details to follow. Nominations were opened up for President and 2nd Vice President. No new names were nominated. Motion was made and seconded and approved for the annual Christmas Gifts. Bill Mould showed the members the final 3 designs for a retirement patch.

Good & welfare: Updates on the condition of Sgt. Michael LaCore and F/F Charlie Shyab.

There being no further old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:35 hours.

Doug Wheeler