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CFTDA MEETING

4/28/06

Ben Clark Training Center- Riverside

I. Called to Order by President Phil Kelleher: 09:05

Present: Phil Kelleher, Alex Gregg,

II. Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion, Dan Coffman 2nd, Steve Dixon motion carried by the members present

III. Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance: \$12,372.45

Deposits: \$775.00

Expenditures: \$1911.44

Ending Balance: 11236.01

Coffman: After conducting an exit audit of the books the balance reflected is his best estimate of what the association has on hand. Information on 501(c)3: Need to have gross receipt over 25K in order to file. He is working to develop a system of checks and balances on expenditures and reimbursements for the association. Asked members to check dues list to make sure they are current. Dues are paid annually on the calendar year.

Shackleford: Asked if the association has to file with the state corporations board. Coffman will investigate.

IV. Correspondence:

- **IFSAC- Rich Hall-** overview of the IFSAC program
- **Kate Dargen-** sent a letter to SLO Training Officers asking for endorsement for her for the State Fire Marshal position.

V. Round Table:

- **Ray Shackleford, CSULA:** presented his textbook project to the group. "Principles of Fire Behavior and Combustion" He asked the group to look at the draft text and give any input. The text is due to the publisher the week of May 1st. CSULA is putting together a Wildland Fire degree program, Karl Smith is overseeing this

project. Revamping courses for the fire tech program to include a capstone course in order to obtain a degree. Capstone course will be required in two years. Now also working at WLAC, classes will be online oriented. Led group discussion on degree track for firefighters, 40 hour classes vs. 54 hour classes for college units. Encouraged group to look at changing level 2 classes he feels the first 5 command courses are essentially the same class/material. David Senior recommends that the association work with Ray to develop an education plan for all colleges to follow.

- **Alex Gregg, Riverside Community College:**
- **Larry Cooke, Miramar College:** working to reestablish a regional academy. Purchased CPAT equipment through VTEA. Will conduct CPAT prep classes but not testing as of yet. Running core classes on an 8 week schedule. College has lost many military students due to DOD requirements.
- **David Senior, Allan Hancock:** \$180 Million school bond, \$32M for public safety education. Getting 150 acres of land from a local family to be leased for \$1 a year. Asking for input from the group on design ideas for training facility. Jim Allen has retired and a successor is being sought. Received new training engines from Santa Maria, retired the last Crown from their fleet. Ran 3 academies this year. Not enough enrollments for the part-time academy. FTE numbers are down this year. Partnering with Cuesta College for a paramedic program.
- **Gary Morgan, Oxnard College:** Distributed tri-fold brochure of fire tech program. Discussed CPAT program with group. College getting a new president. Bond issue update; building design was done but due to delays it will have to go through a redesign. Hiring a full time EMT instructor. Received a HazMat vehicle from Oxnard City for training program. Academy went to a 5-day week academy, worked well. Offered a CPAT prep class as a PE class. Offered up a 1976 Mack engine to group if any program needs an engine.
- **Gerald Wallace, Rio Hondo:** Gave a brief history of his involvement with the Biddle PAT. Getting feedback from his area agencies that CPAT candidates are not passing academy programs. Feels that CPAT may not be physically rigorous enough.
- **Tennis Tollefson, Sierra College:** new college president to start soon. Feels he will be supportive of public safety program. Formulating a scope of practice for a fire tech program director. Bond issue on June ballot; public support is currently not very high. Looking to partner with Roseville City to build a new fire training facility. Looking for info from group on an EMS certificate program.
- **Thomas Turner, Victor Valley College:** Presented overview of SOP's of academy program. Discussed the dropping of two students in current

class due to attitude issues. Presented to group his programs prerequisites for fire academy program. College foundation raised 27K for fire tech program to purchase 2 fire engines from Victorville. Presented a bridge program aimed at high school seniors for college enrollment. Working to get IFSAC certified.

- **Craig Neuman, El Camino College:** Asked group if any one works with industries i.e. Boeing, oil refineries for training needs.
- **Dan Sullivan, East L. A. College:** Getting course curriculum together to expand fire tech program. Partnering with LAFD for training and education of department employees. Shackelford addressed group regarding colleges going into other college's districts to deliver classes and how this practice needs to stop through a district policy of some type.
- **Steve Lutz, IFSAC-** Gave an overview of Utah College program.
- **Steve Dixon, College of the Canyons:** Fire tech program is going well offering 20 sections in the fall. Working with LA Co FD to develop an accredited academy for their department, sharing FTE's at the Del Val training facility. Continuing to develop online classes; now have 4 certified instructors for online classes. Did receive engine from LAFD.
- **Dan Coffman, CSULA:** Discussed attrition rates with online class students. Looking to incorporate a discussion segment in classes. Cautioned group about ADA requirements regarding online classes using multimedia to make sure the content is in compliance.
- **Ralph De La Ossa, Long Beach City College:** Via Email- College president is retiring at the end of the year. She was a great supporter of the fire science program. College is facing huge budget cuts, affecting adjunct faculty. One core class was cut due to low enrollment. Summer enrollment is down 50% due to many economic factors.
- **Phil Kelleher, Riverside Community College:** College has committed to building a resource learning center, burn building and drill ground at BCTC through a lease agreement with Riverside County. Starting with portable classrooms for the EMS program.

VI. Reports:

- **STEAC:** Meeting in Orange County in May. Last month's meeting was cancelled. Things are moving forward in a positive manner. Working on updating local and regional academy accreditation. Proposed: Class criteria linked to SFM standards, incorporating a capstone course on level 1 & 2 classes, time limit to complete a series and a continuing education requirement. Fire officer series- exploring online/hybrid class delivery. Surveys will be sent out to current instructors asking for input. Group discussion on proposals. Policy & procedures manual:

Eliminated lock-in provisions for officer certification. Will make the ethics class/regional orientation course will be mandatory for all instructors.

- **Chancellor's office:**
- **Mike Richwine- State Fire Training:** Introduction to group. Two year goals: Improve customer service, state fire training audit, correcting billing issues, improve quality control. Improve communications with stakeholders. Outreach strategies- email newsletters. Updating the course curriculum, moving to get out of curriculum development. Meeting in May to address management I level curriculum. Looking to publishers for current info to be used in courses. Bob Luccheesi has left the department. BCP submitted for 4 new positions within SFM for regional instructors. Karen Terrell now working in SFM office as a communications manager. Looks forward to working with this group.

VII. IFSAC Presentation:

- Steve Lutz presenting
- Overview of the program
- Question & answer session
- CD of program distributed to members present

VIII. Old Business:

- **IFESHE:** Terry Capers to report out but unable to attend today's meeting.
- **IFESHE Node:** \$1431.00 check sent to NFA. Money to be reimbursed to association.

IX. New Business:

- **CFDTA 2006 Goals & Objectives:** Senior: develop a strategic plan for organization. Possibly incorporate a training session into meetings.
 - i. **Shackelford motion:** Association board to develop a strategic plan and present it to the membership. Passed by members present.
- Explore setting up a workshop with SFT to establish communication and better understanding of system and updates to curriculum.
- Modesto has agreed to host the next meeting September 8th 2006
- Senior proposes that CFDTA meet in November at the Training Officer's workshop in Fresno.

X. Adjournment: 1503

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alex Gregg

Secretary, CFTDA