



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

January 19, 2011

President Gillespie called the 945th meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. for a combined KCVFA & KCFCA meeting at Station 48, Felton Community Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Pridemore presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Ken Ryder, President of the Felton Community Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Pridemore gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Bill Tobin, at a recent Board of Directors meeting, voted and selected as the new Executive Manager – Warren Jones. On the 30th of January at 10:00 there will be a meeting at the Fire School for the delegates and alternates to make a final decision for the Executive Manager. Charlie Boyer, out of 6 applications for Recruitment & Retention we selected Evelyn Lemmons as the new DVFA Recruitment & Retention person, for any questions regarding the program please direct them to her via email at evelyn.lemmons@gmail.com.

State Fire Chief's Association – Doug Butler, next meeting will be 7:00 p.m. January 27th 2011 at Station 14 Cranston Heights.

State Ambulance Association – Mike McMichael, next meeting – January 27th along with the State Chiefs.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak, thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John McKenzie, next meeting 3rd Monday in February.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, good meeting and the reports from Fire Marshal and Director were done online which allowed us to look at them before-hand. BLS Medical director stated that glucometers may be giving false readings, if you get a reading that is really high or low take another reading. It was reported that the Ambulance Regs, hardwired smoke alarm regs will be posted. Hearing will be in March. Problem in Kent County only 3 of the 19 companies have turned in their 2011 Fire Company information updates. Please note when financial year ends get your reports in, next year it will be \$100 a day for being late.

Delaware State Fire School – Bill Baker, Officer Seminar and also need copy of companies information.

State Fire Marshal's Office – Thanks to Camden and Magnolia Fire Companies for standby last Friday night.

Legislature – Representative Bob Outten, No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington, guest speaker Ryan Pennington at Cranston.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, next meeting at Harrington, February 15th

Kent County Ambulance Association – JoAnn DiDonato, next meeting 24th of January at Carlisle

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Barbara Metheny, Thanks for the recognition next meeting 25th at Symrna

Kent County Levy Court – Short deviation to read letter on appointment of Harold Brode as liaison. Harold Brode, for any problems let me know and I will be there with you.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – Kevin Sipple, look forward to working with Terry Pepper.

Kent County Emergency Management – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – Thanks for the recognition

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Thanks for the recognition, No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Thanks for the recognition, No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – No Report

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DEMA – Thanks for the recognition, No Report

State Police – Danny Hall, on the job for 21 years wanted to get fund raiser going for the Special Olympics. Dodgeball tournament March 19th at Caesar Rodney. Please publicize this event.

A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 48 – Vincent Ware, Sr., Station 48 – Walter W. Moore, Station 41 – Lewis (Dickey) Everett.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. (*Summary by President Gillespie, January 5th KCVFA Executive meeting providing opportunity for associations to meet. Contacted by the Fire Advisory Board and accepted resignation of Clyde Luton with recommended replacement named as Phillip Russell for remainder of term. Additionally, the KCVFA is now member of the Chamber of Commerce with committee chair named as Fred Jester. Introduced an KCVFA Assistant Chaplin Blake Bowers. All companies with members currently serving in the military please notify President with information. In March will be the recognition of those members.*)

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of January 1, 2011: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$6,531.76; Checking Account – \$3,518.63; Money Market – \$22,682.87; total of all CD's – \$19,746.53; total funds – \$45,948.03

Written Correspondence – Received 4 letters, 1st letter was from the Kent County Levy Court assigning Harold Brode as a liaison. 2nd letter from the Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company Station 53 naming their primary delegates and alternates. 3rd letter from the Marydel Fire Company Station 56 naming their primary delegates and alternates. 4th letter from the Hartly Fire Company Station 51 naming their primary delegates and alternates.

Report of Committees

Constitution & Bylaws, Kevin Wilson – Under old business we will be bringing the next reading of a name change. Contact the committee members for any suggested Bylaw changes so they can so they can incorporate changes at one time.

Ladies Night, Frank King – Please get final count on tickets need to get info to Felton Fire Company. If you have extra get them back so we can re-distribute. All companies should provide two unwrapped gifts. Firemen of the Year for 2010 in no later than January 31st and must be signed for by President of the company.

Mutual Relief, Robert Yerkes, several companies need to pay their Mutual Relief Premiums. They were due middle of December.

Website, Kevin Wilson – website has been approved, waiting to get contracts signed, work in progress.

Fire Advisory, Board, Marvin Sharp – Clyde's vacancy on the board his memory and expertise will be missed. We discussed agenda with number one topic being money. We have to have facts and figures and are asking for information. We will need to know the cost of Ambulance operations. Any problems call me but also put it in writing.

Fire Expo, John Pridemore, Safe Summer Days at Brecknock Park Saturday June 11th 7:00 a.m.

Wake Up Delaware, Jeff Denison, most companies have detectors and batteries, need anything else let us know.

Payment of Bills – \$80.00 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Pocket badge 2nd Vice President); \$200.00 – Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (Annual dues); \$200.00 – Ladies Auxiliary Carlisle Fire Company (Fire Prevention

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Program meals); \$704.06 – Muriel Gillespie(Fire Prevention Expenses); \$7380.00 – Dover Electric Supply Company (1800 Smoke Detectors); \$6.67 – Robert Yerkes (Fire Prevention Postage); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Deviation of business: Very short recess, Kent County Fire Chief's Association members dismissed for their own meeting. Drawing of 50/50. Chief Pennington – thanks for allowing combined meeting.

Unfinished Business

Kevin Wilson, last meeting was 1st reading of a By-laws change now there is a 2nd reading of the change. Constitution & Bylaws, present the second reading that the association name be changed article 1 section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws to read Kent County Volunteer Firefighters Association instead of Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to accept this as a second reading.

New Business –

Robert Yerkes, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bill for the Wake-Up Delaware batteries. John Pridemore, revamping and refreshing the KCVFA logo and looking at the local high school Art departments to help by way of a contest be on the lookout for more information on that.

Good of the Association

Ron Marvel, CFSI Dinner coming soon send at least 2 people cost of \$275 per person April 7th at the Hilton in Washington D.C.

New Castle, Thanks to the Fire Police with help involving MVC. Special thanks to Glenn Neese

Glenn Neese, We are not getting enough information out to the public on what we really do and how we are funded. President Gillespie and Vice President White, present William Betts, Jr. with a resolution for years of service to the Fire Prevention Commission.

50-50 – Ed Welch

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Station 57, South Bowers – February 16th

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary