



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

February 15, 2012

President White called the 957th meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Station 42, Carlisle Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brode presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Glenn Gillespie, Vice President of the Carlisle Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brode gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 1 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charles Frampton, Warren Jones is doing all the classes in Sussex County and they are well accepted, they are going well. Classes are running about 20 to 25 minutes. We met with the JFC and we do not know if to get any money but we are trying to get the 5% plus money for Fire Prevention which is about \$100,000. Warren is working on a Safer Grant for the whole state in regards to education programs. Earl Dempsey, 2012 pension package is out in the street. Requesting due back by March 15th any questions contact me. The Awardees for 2011 need to submit their report on how money was spent. Got results from parade last year. Al Metheny, all pension dues in on time. Suggest training at conference for anyone dealing with pensions.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glen Gillespie, thanks for the recognition and next meeting March 29th at station 42, Carlisle.

State Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin thanks for the recognition our next meeting is with the Chiefs at Carlisle. Conference meeting goals of finalizing the dates for EMS training are from Sunday to Wednesday.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – Dave Snell next meeting Sunday at Fire School

DVFA Conference – Mike McMichael, next meeting February 20th looks like we are heading in the right direction. New golf committee and Friday night dance is back. All forms and registrations requirements will be on DVFA website soon.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, meeting is next Tuesday. Thanks to the following Kent

County companies for getting information in on time.

Bowers, Camden-Wyoming, Leipsic, Magnolia, Carlisle, Citizens Hose, Clayton, Felton, Frederica, Hartly, Houston, and Ambulance 64 the rest of you are late.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report.

Legislature – Senator Ennis, JFC SB67 dealing with the Federal Highway Administration on this issue there is no waiver in the regulation the only way to resolve maybe to grandfather it. Committee looking into the tax insurance premiums being assessed proper jurisdiction. Last time we had a meeting nothing happening until insurance office gets back to us, hopefully in next fiscal year we will get more information as of now nothing more yet from their office. Insurance representative said they are being collected by zip code. Lastly, there is an issue in Fire Marshall Office, Fire Marshall's have a mandatory training act. They are duly authorized law enforcement officers. Section 19-511 they do not get numerated but they numerate the others.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mike Gosch, thanks for the recognition next meeting at Cheswold.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb, thanks for the recognition next meeting at Carlisle.

Kent County Ambulance Association – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Gentry, thanks for the recognition and next meeting in Hartly.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management Agency – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report,

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – President Charles Sheridan, thanks for the recognition.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Elmer Steele, next meeting Station 88, Selbyville.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zerolles, next quarterly meeting will be 27th of February at Station 55 Magnolia.

DEMA – Glen Gillespie thanks for the recognition.

NVFC – No Report

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

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Deceased Members: Station 42 – Vail W. Johnson

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President White, reminder next month is Military Appreciation night need names in by March 2nd. Vice President Pridemore, talking to DVFA Office they are missing officer information for numerous companies. Tuesday February 7th President of Kent County Levy Court wrote a letter on our behalf about the Fire Service and headline read Fire and EMS depend on our contributions.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of February 1, 2012: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$7,356.52; Checking Account – \$124.16; Money Market – \$24,666.82; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,989.75; Total funds – \$44,780.73

Written Correspondence – 4 letters read, 1st letter from Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company stating their delegates and alternates. 2nd letter from the Clayton Fire Company stating their delegates and alternates. 3rd letter from Citizens' Hose Fire Company going on record opposing current proposed by-law changes. 4th letter from Delaware City Fire Company advertising their 125th Anniversary asking for page sponsorship returned no later than March 15th.

Report of Committees

Constitution and Bylaws, John Pridemore on behalf of Kevin Wilson – proper order of business we will do a 2nd reading and show association the proposed logo. Wake Up Delaware, Jeff Dennison – Any companies needing anything let me know and I went ahead and put in an order in for 1200 smoke detectors and 1050 batteries.

Payment of Bills – \$15.43 – Robert Yerkes (Fire Prevention Postage \$6.63, Stamps \$8.80); \$36.00 – Frank King (Tickets, Ladies Night); \$6,117.00 – Dover Electric Supply Company (Smoke Detectors & Batteries)

Unfinished Business

Al Metheny, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the Ladies Night Bills as they come in. John Pridemore, completed a 2nd reading of the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter Association Constitution &

Bylaws changes. Official Logo was included in the 2nd reading. Change Annual Ladies Night Committee to Annual Appreciation Banquet Committee. Article VIII Section 2 regardless of number of delegates or alternates present only 1 vote per company will be allowed. Numerous items were read. **Check your copy** of the proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws. **Discussion followed** with regards to the logo, Levy Courts ok of the use of their logo seal, logo should not be adopted with bylaws, issue with mission statement, and Article VIII Section 2, and other issues.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to table the 2nd reading of the Constitution & Bylaws. President White asks that in the next 2 weeks get together with Kevin Wilson or the secretary with any issues or changes to be submitted about the Constitution & Bylaws

New Business –

President White, each company should have 2 gifts for Ladies Night door prizes unwrapped.

Good of the Association

President White, round of applause for having Dover in attendance tonight.

Robert Yerkes, on February 24th 6:00 pm. at Houston Fund Raiser for my brother Ted fighting cancer and needs help Ken Ryder, Felton is having an annual Helmet and Heels Girls night out March 10th 6 to 11 pm.

50-50 – Pat Paolini

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at the Cheswold Fire Company Station 43

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary