



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

April 18, 2012

President White called the 959th meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Station 44, Citizen's Hose Fire Company, Smyrna. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brode presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Chris Hudson, President of the Citizen's Hose Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brode gave the response.

Deviation of Business: *A Last Call Ceremony Memorial Service was held for 20 of our deceased members.*

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 12 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charles Boyer, Mr. Frampton sends regrets he is in Indianapolis with Rich Tolson, Al Metheny, and Warren Jones. Thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glen Gillespie, thanks for the recognition and next meeting June 21st at station 89, also have the Fire Chiefs Expo and falling Expo will be the meeting.

State Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin thanks for the recognition our next meeting is in conjunction with the Chiefs at station 89. Next DEMSOC is on 25th of this month. They are looking into vehicle and ambulance safety standards with NFPA guidance we may see something at state level trickling down from the FEDs. The EDEN program that was being replaced by DIMES but DIMES died and they now looking for an off the shelf product to replace it. Conference forms waiting to go on website.

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

State Fire Police Association – David Snell, next executive meeting May 1st at Millsboro. State meeting will be May 20th at the Fire School.

DVFA Conference – Mike Michaels, next meeting April 30th at Sheridan looking for conference registration forms finalized. Souvenirs are moving forward and should see some at scheduled meetings. Hotel room requests from Sheridan get your lists in. Any questions see me.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, met yesterday for 24 minutes. Sometime in July will be a bid opening for Sussex County site.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Ennis, on behalf of the Chiefs we invite you to take a walk around and check out the Firehouse. We have records dating back to Jan 1st 1886. Proud of many things 16 mm converted to VHS and on that film shows many of the alarms in 1933 and some of original members that responded. Legislative; SB182, deals with Fire Marshalls office to be enumerated as law enforcement officers. HB, leave of volunteer firemen from employment which deals with private employers. Another bill circulating that any High School student will not graduate without CPR training. Another bill involves DELDOT changing legal terms and names in EMS to be in conformance with national regulation. At a recent firehouse dinner I attended an announcement was made that there was 380 attendees with over 9175 years of fire service, 18 members with more than 60 years fire service, 2 members with more than 70 years fire service, 1 with more than 74 years of service, and 1 with more than 75 years of service.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington, next meeting at Station 46 on May 9th at 7.

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

Kent County Ambulance Association – Jennifer Knox, next meeting the April 23rd at Little Creek.

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Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Gentry, presented a check to the KCVFA for the Firemen's Scholarship fund. Next meeting is May 22nd a memorial service.

Kent County Levy Court – P. Brooks Banta, Thanks for the recognition.

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 – Charles Sheridan, thanks to all those that attended the 5k race. Next meeting is May 10th at Station 11.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zerolles, working on the new 3 year policy.

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.

(Question on the minutes, Dave Snell, It has been the practice for years to have a roll-call vote for Constitution and By-Laws. Why wasn't it done? Frank King, What happened to my roll-call vote that I requested from the President? Pablo Reyes it was stated as after much discussion followed in the minutes. Pg2, col 2, lines 3-5 of March 21st 2012 minutes.) Bring questions up under proper order of business (unfinished business).

Deceased Members: Station 55 – Ronald Vautard, Station 64 – Steve D. Chillas, Station 51 – Steve Szelestei, Jr., Station 56 – John Shults.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President White, Commissioners Brooks Banta and Terry Pepper come forward, last week we asked for more money for smoke detectors and they presented us with another \$6500. We want to thank you very much. Vice President Brode echoed the President's thanks to the Levy Court Commissioners.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of April 1, 2012: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$8129.23; Checking Account – \$132.20; Money Market – \$18,671.06; Smoke Detector Fund – \$306.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,989.75; Total funds – \$38,793.01 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 0 letters read, 1 letter was from the Felton Fire Company for a nomination to be turned over to the nominating committee in July.

Report of Committees

Constitution and Bylaws, John Pridemore – Kevin Wilson could not be here today but has asked that a Primary or Alternate delegate take a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws and sign for it. If you have any questions let us know.

Fire Prevention, Harold Brode – Fire Prevention meeting will be Sunday at 2 o'clock Station 49 Frederica.

Safe Summer Days, John Pridemore –next meeting at Levy Court May 10th date change Safe Summer Days is now June 30th Brecknock Park 10am to 2pm next meeting you will have paperwork.

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Fire Advisory Board, Marvin Sharp – Brooks referred to funding, Tuesday night is vote on the budget we will need dress uniforms in the audience by 7 o'clock sharp.

Payment of Bills – \$590.00 – DVFA (2 CFSI Dinner Tickets); \$95.00 – Rogers Sign Co. (Logo Charge)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

Constitution and Bylaws, Dave Snell – according to the minutes there has been a 2nd reading and you signed for the 3rd what happened to the 3rd reading? Frank King, Parliamentarian verifies it is only 2 readings required. Bruce Ennis reiterated the minutes with regards to the vote of the March meeting. After reading the standing bylaws came to a conclusion that a roll-call vote was not required for amendments or revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws. After some discussion, someone stated it was requested to have a vote a certain way and the request came from the Parliamentarian. Why didn't it happen? President White once Gavel is done, it takes 2/3 to undo something. The two major issues are still out there.

New Business

Harold Brode, a motion was made and seconded, and carried that a letter be sent to the Levy Court thanking them for \$6500 donation for smoke detectors and the upcoming increase.

Good of the Association

Mike McMichael, Saturday Delaware City Fire Company will be celebrating 125 years of service. Memorial Service 9 am Saturday and Open House in the afternoon. Sunday there is a boat load of events. Check www.dcf15.com

Chris Hudson, May 12th 125 anniversary event. Rotary has car show same day.

Rev. Blake, we are still asking for information on your companies Chaplin's. June 20th come to Ocean City Maryland State Firefighters association I will be guest speaker.

Joe Zeroles, Golf tournament with State Chiefs see me.

Harold Brode, Brooks and Terry thank you for coming and spread the word to the other commissioner you are always welcome here.

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Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at the Dover Fire Company Station 46 (Past President's Night)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary