



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

August 15, 2012

President White called the 963rd meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 49, Frederica Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brode presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Scott White, President of the Frederica Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brode gave the response.

Deviation of business: *President White to present the Roland P. Trader Memorial Scholarship may I have Lauren and her parents come up. Tommy Trader sends apologizes for not being able to attend. Thanks to all for their remembrance of his dad. A special thanks to the scholarship committee for all the work to get this done. Lauren Nicholson attending Delaware State was presented the Roland P. Trader Scholarship with Dad and Grandparents present.*

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charles Boyer, DVFA forms have to be in by Friday for the DVFA Conference. Directors met the other night working on the budget.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, conference forms due in by Friday. Numbers registered are low and some events are in danger of being cancelled. Next meeting is at the conference.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Lorraine Madden thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – Dave Snell thanks for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – Mike McMichael's thanks to all the guys doing work behind the scenes. Friday is the deadline and take advantage of all the FREE seminars. Get your registrations in. Had to cancel the cooking seminar, and the Photography seminar because instructor could not get away to do seminar. Please review the alcohol policy, be responsible for your members. I am looking forward to helping out the next upcoming conference committee. Anything you need do not hesitate to ask me or anybody else on the committee. We want to make sure it is a safe

conference. Look out for one another. A round of applause was given for all his work.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, meeting next Tuesday August 21st 9:00 in commission chambers at Fire School. A couple of things to go over action item BLS Implementation date, public hearing on changes to regulations unfortunately audit hearing for Camden Wyoming, Little Creek, and South Bowers because audits are so late should have representation with supporting documents Delaware law fines are \$100 a day.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engels, public hearing next Tuesday one on proposed changes to the regulation have talked about for last couple of months. There were no written comments presented. Not aware of any issues that are out there. Hope things go well.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, Joint Finance we were able to get Fire Service across the board 5% increase. Bond Bill for Fire Service \$260,000 to replace tower.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb, next meeting August 21st at Hartly Station 51

Kent County Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, next meeting August 27th at South Bowers.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debra Lawhead, thanks for the recognition.

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 – Dan Carey, next meeting September 6th at Delaware City.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Vice President Pridemore, reminder at conference Mutual Relief meeting be prepared to take action with proposed changes

DEMA – No Report

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 44 – George E. Scuse, Sr.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President White thanks for plants and nice words.

Treasurer's Report – Secretary Reyes reading for Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of August 1, 2012: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$9030.78; Checking Account – \$153.20; Money Market – \$24,597.67; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,989.75; Total funds – \$44,740.58. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 5 letters read, 1st letter from Felton Community Fire Company supporting Ken Ryder for KCVFA 2nd Vice President, 2nd letter from Felton Community Fire Company supporting Ken Ryder as a nominee to the Mutual Relief Association Kent County Trustee, 3rd letter from New Castle County Volunteer Firefighters Association supporting Anthony Guzzo for the office of 2nd Vice President of the DVFA, 4th letter from Citizen's Hose Fire Company submitting Bruce Ennis name for the open position of the Mutual Relief Association, 5th letter from Harrington Fire Company supporting Pablo Reyes nomination for the office of Secretary of KCVFA.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention – Harold Brode, meeting this Sunday 2:00 at station 49 and I need to see company representatives for 41, 43, 48, 54, 55, 57, 58, and 64 after meeting. I have letters for 42, 48, 49, 51, and 58 someone from those companies see me.

Payment of Bills – \$250.00 – Delaware Net, Inc. (Annual website charge) A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

Nominations: President White opened the floor for nominations calling each office 2 times. Nominations are as follows; President – John Pridemore, 1st Vice President – Harold Brode, 2nd Vice President – Ken Ryder, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, 2 Directors – Ronnie Vincent and Jeff Dennison. Motion's were made and seconded, and carried to close each of these

nominations at the end of each calling for the office. President White elections will be held next month.

New Business

President White after reviewing 3 letters and with a discussion from both Vice Presidents decided to appoint Ken Ryder from Station 48 to the position of Delaware Volunteer Firemen and Ladies' Auxiliary Mutual Relief Association Kent County Trustee. President White will send the letter in.

Good of the Association

Rev. Paul at the close of the meeting next month I will be retiring as the Chaplin for KCVFA and KCCA. Next week I will have been in the Fire Service for 60 years. I will continue to come to meetings. A standing applause. Rev. Blake Bower, Conference on Suicide Prevention and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, many Veterans are coming back after 10 years of war with Stress Disorder. September 12th in Newark. October 20-25 Chaplin Training in Missouri. Harold Brode, does DVFA have money set aside? It was stated there is some set aside per Al Metheny. Bruce Ennis, re-election mode vote early

50-50 – Glenn Neese

Conference Souvenir – Mark Knots

The next meeting will be at the Harrington Fire Company, Station 50 – September 19th (elections)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary