



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

June 18, 2008

President Joe Zeroles called the 918th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 55, Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire company, 2nd Vice President Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Ralph Satterfield of Station 55, Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President Snell gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Ron Marvel spoke on voter registration still needing to be at the top of the list, you need work on getting your members registered. DVFA website will have a memorial tribute added for Stephanie Callaway. Funding is currently to remain at the same level as before. There is a news reporter by the name of Mike Chalmers interviewing fire companies with regards to funding. If he calls please have your designated representative or PIO do the interview. Kevin Wilson thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Chief's Association – Mike Rains, Thanks for the recognition, No Report

State Ambulance Association – Everything is listed on website has forms for sign ups. Station 91 help was appreciated.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Thanks for the recognition, No Report

State Fire Police Association – Yerkes stated that things are going well. Zeroles law book move over markers are available.

DVFA Conference – **CUTOFF** date is coming as stated by Jim Cabbage, when he emphasized that the conference forms need to be downloaded off the DVFA website and are to be turned in prior to the August 8, 2008 **CUTOFF**.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Bill Betts stated that lunch with the governor will include an on going discussion about 2 more positions. At Legislative Hall a new dog was introduced.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Al Schmick Thanks for the recognition, No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – No Report

Kent County Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, Thanks to all the companies for responding to a page. Last weeks meeting with the Fire Advisory board ONLY had 6 (six) company representatives, this was a POOR showing. Next meeting needs to have more participation from the companies.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Diane Severson presented a check for \$800.00 to be applied to the Roland Trader Scholarship Fund and thanks for the invite.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Al Metheny states that the Federal Declaration for assistance to Coastal Towns was denied for insufficient \$\$ dollars reported. We are looking for some type of warning system for high tides and the dollars to do it with. All else is quiet. Kent County Transportation management team is still meeting. Business continues as usual.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

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

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Yerkes Thanks for the recognition, No Report

DEMA – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 56 – Edgar Harman, Station 50 – Dave Peterson, Stephanie Callaway – Sussex County Paramedic (see DVFA website)

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form. (No reports for 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents)

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of Jun 1, 2008: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$4,890.74; Checking Account – \$591.68; Money Market – \$10,459.13; total of all CD's – \$17,590.88; total funds – \$28,641.69

Written Correspondence – Received one letter from Hartly endorsing Al Metheny for DVFA Treasurer.

Report of Committees –

Constitution & By Laws – A 2nd reading of a change to the Fire Advisory board article 4 must be made under the proper order of business.

Fire Prevention – Charlie Boyer thanks all those that participated in Safe Summer Days. A questionnaire is out about Safe Summer Days likes and dislikes, please fill out and return. 4100 people attended the event. 155 people went through the Smoke House. Now the committee will concentrate on the Essays. Jeff Denison needs to meet with all representatives (Fire Prevention Officers, PIO or designee) on July 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Biggs Museum.

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp thanks to all the attendees. Current goal is to make a presentation to the Levy Court about funding issues.

Payment of Bills – \$149.26 – Jeff Denison (Fire Prevention Expenses); \$143.33 – Paula King (Fire Prevention Expenses); \$345.30 – RWM Embroidery (Fire Prevention Expenses); \$82.64 – Frank King (Fire Prevention Expenses): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business – Constitution & By Laws – A 2nd reading of a change to the Fire Advisory board article 4 was made by Ed Welch. A motion was made and seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the 2nd reading of the change.

New Business – Fire Prevention Charlie Boyer – A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have a letter sent to the Fire Prevention Person at the Millsboro Fire Company with copies to the Fire Chief and President thanking them for the use of their smoke house at the Safe Summer Day event held at Brecknock Park on June 14, 2008. Rod O'Neal suggests we send a letter to DVFA supporting Al Metheny, to be brought up at the next meeting. NEW Applications for Bingo Charitable Gaming and Texas Hold'em are on website. They should be in no later than 60 days prior to an event.

Good of the Association – Ron Marvel states the Delaware History Museums will open their facility in Wilmington on Friday for the Fire Service. Glenn Neese – when your company representative sits with the reporter have your statistics handy, such as monies that are earned not given to the fire services.

50-50 – won by Francis Deneumoustier

Conference Souvenir – won by Steve White

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary