



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

March 17, 2010

1st Vice President Gillespie called the 936th meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Station 57, South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, 2nd Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Bob Davis, President of the South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President White gave the response.

Regular order of business was suspended for the DVFA Report and to review their Fire-Service Presentation for the Joint Finance Committee.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Kevin Wilson, short overview of the Joint Finance Committee presentation followed by the actual presentation. Normally time allotted is 30 minutes but between Commission, Fire School, Fire Marshal and our report we were there about 1 ½ hours presenting our views. Because of rules and regulations we basically had five minutes then about 45 minutes later we stopped and there was about ten minutes of questions. If, you see your legislators thank them. Recruitment and Retention the coordinator position has been filled with Kim Turner. Recruitment and Retention grants will be given out at the April meeting. Thanks to all for the storm response. DVFA and Fire Commission met we will be working a little bit closer with the commission. CFSI is coming up on April 29th over in Washington. We realize the cost is \$275 but as you are looking at your budgets we would like to recommend that you send at least one if not two people. Conference, April 1st is the cutoff date for forms they will go on the Internet by May 1st. Introduced Ron Marvel and Bill Woods to present the JFC presentation program. We were called on a Monday to show up the next day a Tuesday. Good thing that came out of this was the creation of a State, County Fire Service Committee. We will try to meet every 3 to 4 weeks. We have to strive to reach out and inform. Bob Sutton, drafted to help Bill create the PowerPoint presentation detailed, short and sweet regarding funding and finances. (Copy of presentation given to all companies) We are all in the same boat and we need to stick together.

State Fire Chief's Association – Mike Rains, next meeting March 25th @ Bowers Beach. Reminder June 19th State Chiefs meeting @ Station 89, Thanks for the recognition.

State Ambulance Association – Mike Michaels, thanks to the State Fire Chiefs for allowing us to meet with them, it saves time and money. Faxes out state wide with EDEN report new corrected numbers. We have been invited to go to Washington D.C. May 3rd and 4th EMS on Capital Hill. BLS protocols, we will be looking at revising them once again. On a personal note, we want to thank Kent County for all the support with regards to Michele. Please lets watch out for each other and wear safety vests.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Loraine Madden Thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – Charlie Walls, Thanks for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – Elmer Steele forms will be online May 1st.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, Banta, at the request of Fire Chief's reduce the age for Basic Fire Fighting skills to 15. Visit from Christiana Care we loved to help them but we cannot help them out. Stat Care ambulance was sent a cease and desist order for operating without an office in the state.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Bruce Ennis, Looking at issues regarding funding County or State wide. There are several bills floating around. There are six new bills fire related issues. SB194 – lights on amber markers and reflectors rear. SB205 – indicates violation of move over law. SB312 – Building permits, HB229 – prohibits use of communication devices. HB330 – donations to fire companies, HB332 – licensing, permit to pay for protection.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Bill Betts, next mtg. Dover AFB @ April 14th, plan to come get names in by April 4th.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmidt, next mtg. @ So. Bowers Thanks for the recognition.

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Kent County Ambulance Association – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Pat Paolini, Thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – No Report

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Bob Sutton, Pleasure to be here.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zeroles, 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 55 – Ronald Harnett, Sr., Station 48 – W. Dale Hammond, Station 48 – Spencer Failing, Jr., Station 47 – George Kreigh, Station 54 – Clarence Donovan

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form. (with the exception of President's report)

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of February 1, 2010: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$5,982.51; Checking Account – \$222.97; Money Market – \$16,026.87; total of all CD's – \$19,376.32; total funds – \$35,626.16:: as of March 1, 2010: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$5,982.96; Checking Account – \$222.97; Money Market – \$19,664.49; total of all CD's – \$19,407.07; total funds – \$39,294.53

Written Correspondence – Received 4 letters, 1st letter from Citizen's Hose Fire Company supporting the nomination of Alan F. Robinson to the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission. 2nd letter was from Harrington Fire Company supporting the nomination of Edward Welch to the Delaware State Fire Commission. 3rd letter from Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company stating their Primary and Alternate delegates to the Kent County Firemen's Association. 4th letter from Felton Community Fire Company stating their Primary and Alternate delegates to the Kent County Firemen's Association.

Report of Committees

Ladies Night – Frank King, Ladies Night net income \$686.30. The Firemen of the Year for 2009 was William C. Myers from Felton Station 48.

Fire Prevention – 2009 Program was concluded @ Hartly. 2011 State Fire Prevention funding is now at \$0.00! Thanks to all involved for their assistance throughout the program. Need to work harder at having them understand the forms.

Recruitment & Retention new hire is Kim Turner

Safe Summer Days – June 12th packets are out. Survey coming out next county meeting please get them back by due date.

Raffle items will be allowed for non-profits and watch for inappropriate items, all items must be listed. No food will be allowed to sell food. Please put on your websites an item about Safe Summer Days and use your marquees too. If anyone is interested in helping we are looking for representation from all companies.

Scholarships – DVFA due end of month. Kent County due in by last day of May.

Jim Cabbage – We have not made a recommendation to the governor for a member of the Fire Prevention Commission for 12 years. Under proper order of business I will make motion to have a cut off date for acceptance of letters by the May meeting.

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Payment of Bills – \$7.17 – Robert Yerkes, (Fire Prevention Postage); \$5073.00 – Felton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, (Ladies Night Dinners); \$226.70 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Ladies Night Plaques); \$343.15 – Roland Trader Scholarship (50% profit from Ladies Night): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business –

None

New Business –

Jim Cabbage – A motion was made and seconded, and carried to accept nominations for State Fire Prevention Committee no later than the May meeting to be voted on at the June meeting. Jim Cabbage – A motion was made and seconded, and carried to accept nominations for the office of DVFA 2nd Vice President until the May meeting with voting at the June meeting.

Jeff Denison – A motion was made and seconded, and carried that we continue with the Fire Prevention program despite funding issues.

Rod O'Neal – State Fire Police decides that for me to drive my vehicle to fire scene I must have an EVO license. Joe Zeroles – clarifies that it is not the State Fire Police but it is the draft by the standards committee through the State Fire Commission committee. Marvin Sharp responds a draft is just a draft. It was suggested an email be sent in addressing those issues.

1st Vice President Gillespie relinquished the chair temporarily to 2nd Vice President White to address the association concerning comments made at Ladies Night by the Firemen of the Year. He suggested a letter of apology be written and sent clarifying the association's position. A motion was made and seconded, and carried unanimously to send a letter to Representatives Robert "Bobby" Outten & Clifford "Biff" Lee indicating the comments made at Kent County Ladies Night were not of the Association and that we valued the relationship we shared with our legislators with a draft copy to be sent to the elected leadership for review and comment.

Good of the Association

Bill Betts – I am a member of CIRCA representing State Fire Prevention and they are having a Hazmat starting April 9th with dinner at Little Creek Fire Company all free weekend. Top notch instructors and great program. Call Biff at the Fire School.

Pass-thru monies got shot down \$0.00 in budget.

Al Metheny – come Saturday to the annual Spring show. April 10th Spring dinner, Letters need to get out for Hazmat registration.

50-50 – Bill Lagerman

Conference Souvenir – Pablo Reyes, Jr.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Ambulance 64, Smyrna.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary