



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

June 17, 2020

President O'Neal called the 1045th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on the tele-conference call.

Roll Calls: Officers: 7 present, 6 absent; Companies: 10 present, 10 absent; Past Presidents: 6 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 4 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – 2nd Vice President Ken Ryder spoke about the new web page for the DVFA. Ken reported that there will be a special DVFA EXEC meeting on 7-12-2020 at 10:00 am. There is limited space at the DSFA for attendance. The meeting will be available via Web Ex. We have a DVFA Officers meeting on 6-18-2020 to over the final plans and will send it in on Friday. With regards to Legislative Hall, there are rumors that the Grant and Aid will be cut. We should have more information concerning this by the end of next week. With regards to the DVFA Conference, the committee is in the planning stages. At this time, we are planning for the 2020 Conference. It may be modified depending on the requirements for Phase 3. We are scheduling some seminars and all contracts have been modified with no fault cancellation clauses. Our go or no go date is 8-14-2020.

State Fire Chief's Association – No report

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Deb Loghead thanked the association for the recognition and everything is going well.

DVFA Conference – No report

State Fire Police Association – No report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Bill Betts said that the commission met yesterday morning and we had one hearing that was dismissed because they had to call some witnesses so the next meeting there will be two hearings. On 7-20-2020 at 7:00 pm, there will be a hearing on the ambulance regulations. The next meeting will be on 7-21-2020 and the ambulance regulations will be voted on at that meeting. The classes at the DSFS will start on 9-6-2020. There will be some modification for the schedule.

Delaware State Fire School – No report

Legislature – No report

Kent County Levy Court – No report

State EMS – No report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Alex Carrow said that the group is going to put in for the grant for the Duracell Batteries. There will be an Operations Meeting at Station 54 on 6-30-2020. Alex stated that last night we had a conference call with the State Fire Chiefs. There were some emails sent out today by the State Fire Chiefs. The State Fire Chiefs meeting for next Thursday will be moved to Station 50 on 6-30-2020. They will be having a BBQ fundraiser at Greenwood Fire Company starting this Friday. The State Fire Chiefs have taken over the classes at this year's conference.

Kent County Fire Police Association – No report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report
Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – No report

Kent Center Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County EMS (Paramedics) – No Report

Kent County Fire Police – Thanks for the recognition.

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No report

State Recruitment and Retention – No report

Mutual Relief – Steve White had no report.

DEMA – No report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No report

ICHIEFS – No report.

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NVFC – No report

The KCVFA meeting minutes for February 2020 will be approved at the next regular meeting.

Deceased Members: It was reported that there were several deceased members.

Report of Officers: All submitted or will be submitted in written or electronic form.

President O'Neal stated that he went out and picked up some PPE for the fire companies. I attended some meetings for the DVFA. Many thanks to Shirley Pennington and Teresa Taylor for getting the Facebook page up and running.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for May 2020 is attached. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written or Email Correspondence: We received several letters. We have received two nomination letters for our association. They will be turned over to the nominating committee. We also received a letter from the Dover Fire Department endorsing Terry Whitham for Treasurer for the DVFA.

Report of Committees:

Appreciation Dinner on 2-29-2020 went very well. The ticket sales were very good.

Nominations Committee – Bill Betts said that we need a 2nd Vice President. Bill stated that he has letters for the 1st Vice President and Secretary.

Recruitment & retention – Teresa stated that the Capitol School District will possibly do something for graduation in October 2020. Teresa stated that the recruitment committee will not be able to go into the schools this fall.

Scholarship committee – Rod O'Neal stated that the applications are due by 6-30-2020.

Fire Prevention Committee – 2nd Vice President Gerald L Manley JR had no report. There was a question from Ken from Station 54 whether or not the program was going to be on time this year. It was stated that it was at this time.

Payment of Bills: Shirley Pennington reported that there are bills for June 2020 to be paid tonight. They are attached to the minutes. It was motioned, seconded and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business:

Ralph Satterfield asked why we didn't reinvest the CD monies when we cashed them in.

Treasurer Pennington stated that the interest rate was very low. Once the market comes back up, we will reinvest the monies then.

It was motioned, seconded and passed to support Terry Whitham for Treasurer of the DVFA and Ken Ryder for Director of the DVFA.

New Business:

It was asked if we have any monies with Crawford Financial. Treasurer Pennington said we do not have anything with them at this time.

Good of the Association:

President O'Neal stated that the Memorial Service meeting will be at Station 42 on 7-15-2020.

Kevin Wilson thanked President O'Neal and the Officers for keeping everyone updated on items that are going on at this time.

Steve White thanked the association for the fruit basket.

President O'Neal said that Mark Langford will be having surgery the end of June or the first week of July. President stated that they found cancer on him again. He said that he is going thru treatment with surgery as the last resort. Please look at our Facebook page. If you have anything for the Facebook page, please email it to Shirley Pennington. Please be careful.

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Treasurer's Report for May 2020

Roland Trader Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$14,478.57
Interest	<u>.61</u>
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2020	\$14,479.18

Special Ops Account

Beginning Balance	\$25,815.51
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2020	\$25,815.51

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance	\$17,516.58
Transfer	25,608.32
Interest	<u>1.17</u>
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2020	\$43,126.07

(Smoke Detectors \$ 806.60 and FF Relief Fund \$ 7,500.00)

Main Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$33,608.32
Deposits	706.33
Transfer to Money Market	25,608.32
Expenses	<u>807.95</u>
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2020	\$ 7,898.38

Total of all Accounts as of May 31, 2020 \$ 42,717.85

(Less Scholarship, Special Ops, FF Relief Fund, and Smoke Detectors)

KCVFA Bills for the month of June 2020

Terry Jester (Refund for Nascar Tix)	\$ 85.00
Telford Rager (Refund for Nascar Tix)	\$ 90.00
Theresa Taylor (Rec & Ret Masks)	\$118.95
Theresa Taylor (Rec & Ret Hand Sanitizer)	\$216.00
Ken Steele (Reimbursement)	\$ 30.94
Selective Insurance (Officer's Insurance)	\$600.00
DPC Emergency Equipment (Hartly Spec Ops)	\$119.09
Shirley Pennington(Sunshine Steve White & Cards)	<u>\$ 29.00</u>
Total of All Bills for the month of June 2020	<u><u>\$ 1,288.98</u></u>

Roland Neeman Appreciation Banquet Report

The banquet was held on February 29, 2020 at Felton Community Fire Company doors opened at 5pm and dinner was served promptly at 6pm. This year a total of 289 tickets were sold and 26 were given out to invited guests, auctioneers, or award recipients for a total of 315 guests. After dinner there was a program where we will awarded the Firefighter of the Year to Robert Yerkes of Houston Fire Company and Skip Carrow of Clayton Fire Company. We also awarded Auxiliary Member of the Year Marilyn Barr from Magnolia Fire Company Auxiliary.

Our auction this year consisted of less items as many were bundled making them more enticing to bid on. Our auctioneers were Tom Trader , Richard Lindale, and this year we added a third auctioneer Frank Bartz of the Green Gavel. They all did an awesome job and thanks to their efforts we made \$2,974.00 from the auction itself.

Jeff and Deanna Dennison sold 50/50 tickets and this year the winner received \$526.00 as well as the association.

Thank you to Theresa Taylor, Christine Davila, and Jeff Dennison for helping with the set up.

We also were able to take debit and credit cards this year which most attendees seemed to like. There was a small fee to take debit and credit cards but we think it was well worth it and would like to thank Director Christine Davila for doing that for the association. This resulted in a fee of \$40.88 but we felt it was well worth the added convenience.

Due to the Corona Virus we also had to refund the 2 individuals that purchased the Nascar tickets for a total of \$175.00.

The combined total from this event after all expenses was a total of \$3,003.62.

A Special thanks to Brian Ferguson for being the emcee for the night, Director Jim Woznicki for being the photographer, and to the rest of the committee which included President Benny O'Neal, 2nd VP Gerald Manley, Christine Davila, Ken Ryder, Marvin Sharp, and Ralph Satterfield.

We are already working to make next year's event even better so if there are any suggestions please let us know.

Roland Neeman Appreciation Banquet

Income:

289 tickets sold	\$ 7,225.00
Cash from the Auction	1,472.00
Credit Card \$ from the Auction	1,502.00
50/50 from the Auction	526.00

Total Income \$10,725.00

Expenses:

Felton Fire Company Auxiliary	\$ 7,505.50
Credit Card Fee	40.88
Refund to Terry Jester (Nascar Tickets)	85.00
Refund to Telford Rager (Nascar Tickets)	90.00

Total Expenses \$7,721.38

Total Profit \$3,003.62

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*The next meeting will be at Station 42 Carlisle Fire
Company – July 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.*

50-50 – none

It was motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn at
7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KRS" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kenneth R Steele, Secretary