



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 15, 2020

President O'Neal called the 1046<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on the tele-conference call. President O'Neal led the attendees present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 7 present, 6 absent; Companies: 9 present, 11 absent; Past Presidents: 4 KCVFA, 2 DVFA, and 3 Fire Company Presidents.

### Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Jay Jones turned the floor over to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ken Ryder for the DVFA report. Ken reported on 7-12-2020 at the DVFA Executive meeting, the 2020 DVFA Conference was cancelled. The current Legislative Session was concluded on 6-30-2020. The Grant and Aid remains the same as 2019. The \$75,000 was in the Fire Prevention's budget. The Rescue monies is in the Bond Bill. There is also \$2,000,000 in the Bond bill for new radios. The DVFA will be meeting with the radio company and OME to decide on the distribution of the radios. This will be a one for one exchange situation. With regards to another item concerning the State Fair, the DVFA will have a booth at the fair. The fair will run from 7-23-2020 thru 8-1-2020. We will keep everyone in the loop on how the fair does this year with regards to recruiting new members. Other DVFA Officers on the call tonight are President Jay Jones, Assistant Vice President Dan Carrier, Assistant Vice President Ken Ryder, Treasurer Terry Whitham, Past DVFA President Rich Perillo, Directors' Jim Watson, Benny O'Neal and Jim Wozniki.

DVFA President Jay Jones thanked everyone for their patience at the special DVFA Executive meeting on 7-12-2020. There were some hiccups during the meeting, but we got thru them. The two most important items from that meeting was the bylaw change and 2020-2021 budget approval. It was not the best situation, but we muddled thru and got the business done.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – No report

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No report

**DVFA Conference** – No report

**State Fire Police Association** – No report

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Ron Marvel spoke about the public hearing on Monday, 7-20-2020 at 7:00 pm at the DSFS. At the next Commission meeting on Tuesday, 7-21-2020, the Red Light money will be approved.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No report

**Legislature** – No report

**Kent County Levy Court** – Brooks Banta reported two items. The first one is we will have Paramedic units stationed at the State Fair this year. The checks from Levy Court for the fire companies will be available in October 2020. Brooks stated that we are very close to the million-dollar mark for the monies to the fire companies. We can be proud of Levy Court and their support to the volunteers for the Kent County Fire Companies and Ambulance Company. Brooks also said that they are building a facility on RT 8 past the new high school and the ground breaking ceremony should be within the next thirty-days.

**State EMS** – No report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – No Report.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Treasurer Shirley Pennington reported that they had an in-person meeting.

**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** – Randy Wood stated that their next meeting will be on 7-21-2020 at Station 43 at 7:00 pm. This will be our Past President's night.

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – President Jim Watson reported that

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their last meeting was held last Thursday night in Hockessin in person. There was limited attendance at the meeting. Jim said that it felt good to be able to meet in person. The next meeting will be on 10-8-2020 at Holloway Terrace. If you need anything, please let us know.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association –**  
No report

**DelMarVa Association –** Ralph Satterfield stated that the association is having a Chicken BBQ this Sunday at Greenwood. If you can help, be down there around 6:00 pm. The next meeting will be in August 2020.

**State Recruitment and Retention – No report**

**Mutual Relief – No report**

**DEMA – No report**

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No report**

**ICHIEFS – No report.**

**NVFC – No report**

The KCVFA meeting minutes for February 2020 & June 2020 will be approved at the next in person regular meeting.

**Deceased Members:** It was reported that there are several deceased members. They are J Benjamin Roy from Stations 45 & 44, Randy Johnson from Station 45, Memphis P Evans from Station 44 and Tim Murray from Station 55. A moment of silence was held for our deceased members.

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

President O'Neal stated that he has not done a whole lot since our last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Shirley Pennington reported that she had talked with Crawford Financial and will have a report at the next meeting. The Treasurer's report for June 2020 is attached. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept

the Treasurer's Report. There are a couple of changes to the budget.

**Written or Email Correspondence:** We received some emails for nomination endorsements for our association.

They have been turned over to the nominating committee. We also received a letter from the NCCVFA requesting that the DVFA Conference for 2020 be cancelled.

### Report of Committees:

Nominations Committee – No one was here from the committee.

President O'Neal stated that we have a letter from Station 47 for Mark Langford for the Office of President.

President O'Neal stated that we have a letter from Station 44 for Gerald L Manley JR for the Officer of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

President O'Neal stated that the Officer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is open, no nominees.

President O'Neal stated that we have a letter from Station 44 for Kenneth Steele for the Officer of Secretary.

President O'Neal stated that we have a letter from Station 49 for Shirley Pennington for the Officer of Treasurer.

President O'Neal stated that we have a letter from Station 53 for Benny O'Neal for the Officer of Director. President O'Neal stated that we have one slot for the Officer of Director that is still open.

Scholarship Committee – Rod O'Neal reported that we only received one scholarship request this year. The one we received was from Rhonda Saatman and was awarded \$1,500. She will be going to Delaware Technical & Community College.

Memorial Committee – Shirley Pennington stated that the program is almost finalized. The program will be printed for the August 2020 meeting. There will be a medal for each deceased member.

Appreciation Banquet – Shirley Pennington read the attached report.

**Report of Nomination Committee of the KCVFA**

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**President: Mark Langford of Station 47** LTR

**1<sup>st</sup> VP: Gerald Manley of Station 44** LTR

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Open (no nominations in from any companies)**

**Secretary: Ken Steele of Station 44** LTR

**Treasurer: Shirley Pennington of Station 49** LTR

**Directors: Two for a ~~1~~-year term** 3 YEAR TERMS

**Ben O'Neal of Station 53** LTR

**Second slot is open as Jeff Eisenbrey and James Woznicki are not interested in resuming their positions.**

**Bill Betts, Chairman**

KCVFA Bills for the month of July 2020

Frederica Fire Co (Reimb for Memorial Service)	\$ 111.12
Amazon(Two no-touch thermometers)	\$ 59.98
DE Tech & Comm College(Scholarship R. Saatman)	<u>\$1500.00</u>
Total of All Bills for the month of July 2020	<u>\$ 1,671.10</u>

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Treasurer's Report for June 2020

Roland Trader Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$14,479.18
Interest	<u>.60</u>
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$14,479.78

Special Ops Account

Beginning Balance	\$25,815.51
Expenses	<u>119.09</u>
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$25,696.42

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance	\$43,126.07
Interest	<u>1.77</u>
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$43,127.84

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

Main Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,898.38
Deposits	118.95
Expenses	<u>1,169.89</u>
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$ 6,847.44

Total of all Accounts as of June 30, 2020 \$ 41,668.68

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

## 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 Verkes 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

Kent County Volunteer Firefighters Budget 2019 - 2020

	A	B	C	D
1		Budgeted	Spent as of 6/30	Balance
2	<b>EXPENSES</b>			
3	Auxiliary Meal Funds	1200.00	600.00	600.00
4	Appreciation Dinner	9000.00	7505.50	1494.50
5	CFSI Dinner	300.00	0.00	300.00
6	Fire Prevention	1000.00	925.74	74.26
7	Insurance	1300.00	1239.00	61.00
8	Memorial Service	200.00	0.00	200.00
9	Office Supplies	200.00	30.94	169.06
10	Officers Shirts and Badges	1800.00	1502.55	297.45
11	President Expenses	600.00	552.84	47.16
12	Past President Scholarship Donation	500.00		500.00
13	Recruitment and Retention	1500.00	580.25	919.75
14	Sunshine	300.00	274.00	26.00
15	Website	99.00		99.00
16				
17				
18	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>17999.00</b>	<b>13210.82</b>	<b>4788.18</b>
19				
20	<b>INCOME</b>			
21	Appreciation Night	3000.00	3003.62	-3.62
22	Assessments for Appreciation Night	300.00	300.00	0.00
23	Dues	5700.00	5700.00	0.00
24	Fire Prevention Reimbursement	970.00	706.33	263.67
25	Tickets purchased for Appreciation Night	7500.00	7225.00	275.00
26	50/50	550.00	330.50	219.50
27				
28	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18020.00</b>	<b>17265.45</b>	<b>754.55</b>
29				
30	<b>Difference</b>	<b>21.00</b>		



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Fire Prevention – Shirley Pennington said that this is at a standstill at this time. We are thinking outside of the box. We are going to make a presentation for the program.

Recruitment & Retention - Theresa Taylor thanked the association for the recognition.

Auditing Committee – it was reported that a mid-year review will be taking place this year.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

NONE

**New Business:**

It was motioned and seconded to send a letter to P Brooks Banta thanking him for his outstanding work for the fire service of Kent County during his tenure on the Levy Court., motion carried.

**Good of the Association:**

It was motioned and seconded to return to New Business, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was motioned and seconded to accept the scholarship winner and award the \$1,500 to Rhonda Saatman, motion carried.

It was motioned and seconded to return to Good of the Association, motion carried

**Good of the Association:**

Jim Wozniki thanked Steve White & Theresa Taylor for the work that they did with the temperatures and registration for the special DVFA meeting.

It was asked about the status of Mark Langford. He was scheduled for surgery.

President O'Neal spoke about his condition. He said that his cancer is back and is currently going thru radiation at this time.

*The next meeting will be at Station 43 Cheswold Fire Company – August 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a dinner meeting.*

50-50 – none

Chaplain Rich Walton gave the benediction.

It was motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth R Steele, Secretary