



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

October 18, 2017

President Post called the 1019th meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Station 40, Bowers Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brittingham conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary of the station. Bryan Jackson, President of Bowers Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brittingham gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 9 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Richard Perillo, relinquished report to Bill Betts, yesterday we got together and selected the DVFA Committees and Chairs. This year we are trying something different by contacting all the chairs and putting emails next to the names so they can connect with each other. If you are interested in a committee come see one of us. Thanks to all that attend Memorial in Emmitsburg last Sunday. We had a meeting with the Governor last Thursday afternoon for 31 minutes. We did discuss about putting more money in the Revolving Loan Fund. We are preparing for the JFC meeting this year and each company is provided the information on your desk. We have a count that we get before the end of the year that is saying we have \$94 million in assets throughout all companies. We need to show debts so we can show it is not \$94 million. Bill Preston has found an attorney looking into the other business-related income and should have an answer soon.

State Fire Chief's Association – Andy Hall, next meeting January 25th 2018 are Fire Station 26 with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

State EMS – No Report

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting will be November 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire School.

DVFA Conference – Charlie Frampton, we will be having our first meeting on the 1st Monday in November.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, our meeting was yesterday at the Fire School. Fire Marshal Engel stated he is opposed to making Sparklers legal and we support him. State Medical Director suggest you all get the Flu shot because he believes this season will be a bad one. Kudos out to Marydel for coming well under the limit for their scratch report. Ron Marvel is Vice Chairman with myself as Chair. DMERS changes coming in January to make it more user friendly. 24 med-sleds available for distribution. Get your Audits in on time, please. Next meeting November 21st at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, we had a total of 12 bills that were introduced with 9 of those being signed by the Governor. SB 35 – allowing EMS personnel to operate across State lines.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Bobby Johnson, thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Mike Berry, thanks for the recognition. Leon Hyde, our next meeting is at Clayton on November 21st.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Donna Sivley, thank you for the recognition. The Ladies Auxiliary has been very busy serving the Delaware State Fire School. We are looking forward to working with the KCVFA in ringing the bell this December.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

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Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Elmer Steele, thanks for the recognition, next meeting is Tuesday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Station 89.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, thanks for the recognition, No Report

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Elmer Steele, next meeting will be the 1st Sunday in November in Virginia.

International Chief's – Bill Betts, thanks for the recognition

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA September meeting as printed. (Typo correction on page 2 line 2 "Wanda" to "Melinda")

Deceased Members: Station 44 – James A. Blanchfield, Station 19 – Louis J. Amabili, Station 46 – Al Farling

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of October 1, 2017: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,540.37; Special Operations Fund – \$29,371.41; Money Market – \$18,573.10; Smoke Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$6,590.41; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.68; Total funds – \$42,757.19 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written or Email Correspondence: None

Report of Committees:

Fire Prevention – Deanna Dennison, for Murielle Gillespie, Posters and Essay's are due this Friday to the Fire Stations and on November 9th we will judge them at the 911 center.

Appreciation Night – Deanna Dennison, Tickets for Appreciation Awards will be handed out at the next KCVFA meeting.

Payment of Bills: Treasurer Robert Yerkes, \$600.00 – Alan Post (Past President's expense); \$16.24 – Robert Yerkes (50/50 tickets \$6.44 and stamps \$9.80); \$945.17 – Cheswold Fire Company (Special Ops Repairs \$525.17 and Text System \$420.00); \$97.45 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Past President's plaque); \$365.96 – Leipsic Fire Company (Tires, Special Ops unit); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills. Treasure Yerkes, also received a check from Kent County Levy Court for \$15,000.00 and was deposited to the Special Ops fund. Harold Brode, how much do we have left in the Special Ops fund? Treasure Yerkes stated add \$15,000.00 to current for a total of \$44,371.44 minus bills from tonight.

Unfinished Business:

Randy Woods, still looking for more volunteers to ring the Sam's Club Salvation Army Bell. We have some that have signed up but we need a whole lot more for the 9th, 16th, and 23rd of December. Please take it back to your companies for volunteers. Mike Brittingham, for the EMS Association Committee, wanted to be done by October but had to push back one month for final monies transfer. Chiefs Association wanted to hold off for selection of members to the first of the year. We are hoping to get it done before that. Their audit is about 99% done.

Mike Brittingham, completed a 2nd reading to change KCVFA By-laws for **Article VI Duties of the Standing Committees** Section 5: The Fire Advisory Board to the Kent County Levy Court. Subsection B. 2.

From: One member appointed by the President of the Kent County Ambulance Association to serve a term of one year.

To: One member appointed by the President of the Kent County Fire Chief's Association from the Kent County EMS Committee to serve a term of one year.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2nd Reading of the By-Laws.

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Pablo Reyes, disposition of the File Cabinet with KCVFA information dating back to 1932. Thanks to all for their suggestions as to the disposition of the information. After going through 4 different individuals within the State System, Mike Lowe suggested it can be store in the same area that the DVFA stores their things. It will be located at the Fire School the Garage/Warehouse. Thanks to both Mike Lowe for his assistance and Warren Jones who has the key to let us in.

Installation of Officer's:

Marvin Sharp, administered the oath of office to the all the incoming officers. Then offered his hand as congratulations to President – Jeff Dennison, 1st Vice President – Michael Brittingham, 2nd Vice President – Ben O'Neal, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Bob Yerkes, Director – Jeff Eisenbrey, and Director – James Woznicki

President Jeff Dennison presented Past President Alan Post with a \$600.00 check, PP-Pin, and PP-Plaque, Past President Post returned the \$600.00 check to go to the Roland-Trader Scholarship Fund. Past President Post passed the gavel to President Dennison. Past President Post gave each of the Officers and Directors a gift.

President Dennison announced he submitted the name Isaac Willis to replace Al Metheny representing the KCVFA for the DVFA Foundation.

New Business:

Chaplain Blake Bowers speaking on recommending the President establish some type of KCVFA Firefighter's Assistance Fund with Chaplain Blake Bowers as the Chair and all Directors as committee members and will come back next month with a report and guidelines on how to proceed. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the recommendation as stated.

Good of the Association:

Ken Ryder, Station 48 is having a couple of fund raisers. 3rd Saturday in October is an Oyster Feast with tickets on sale in advance only. 2nd thing is Hunter's night out on October 22nd all tickets are sold out, but still have raffle tickets available. Jeff Dennison, some smoke detectors are at the back of the room delivered by Delmarva Power with company numbers on them, pick them up.

50-50 – Charles Evans

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 49, Frederica – November 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary