



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

November 18, 2015

President Dempsey called the 998th meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 46, Dover Fire Company. Following dinner served by the members of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the members of the station. Charlie Boyer, President of Dover Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dennison gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 0 absent;
Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents:
14 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Joe Zeroles, We have appointed a conference committee with the 1st meeting being December 1st and tasked with balancing the budget. About a week ago we met with the JFC, Senator Ennis and some people from the Comptrollers staff talking about Grant & Aid funding and possibly moving over to regular budget items but it was suggested we would be better to leave where it is at.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Dennison, next meeting January 28th at Townsend with our guest speaker a Chief from New Jersey

State EMS – No Report

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, in the next meetings we will be concentrating our time to work on the contracts.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel, talked about DFIRS reports, and about 2000 Narcan auto-injectors current batch bad because expired in February. They are working on getting on getting more. It was voted yesterday in reference to buying a new ambulance that the power stretcher is an option and to include the 5 point holding systems in the ambulance. Stated that the scratch sheets are high and to avoid a 10% scratch rate or risk being de-certified.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Ennis, we had a brief Special

Session in October 2015. On December 2nd the JFC will meet at Legislative Hall. Presumption bill failed in the Senate.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition next meeting will be at Station 57 on January 19, 2016

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Shirley Pennington, thanks for the recognition our next meeting will be at Station 54 Little Creek on November 23rd.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley Pennington thanks for the recognition our next meeting is in Magnolia Station 55 on November 24th.

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

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, our next meeting is January 19th at Frederica.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

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

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

Deceased Members: Station 44 – Ed Hohman, Jr., Station 55 – Harry C. Consalo, Sr., Station 49 – Donald (Hoss) V. Webb, Station 44 – Robert (Bob) W. Jones

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Dempsey, A 1000th Meeting committee was formed with Vice President Jeff

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Denison appointed as chair. Also the KCVFA has volunteered to assist as bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Sam's Club on December 5th; we will need at least four people for a couple of hours.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported that Past President Ryder returned his check as donation to the fire detectors fund and his Treasurers report of ending balances as of November 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,900.58; Special Operations Fund – \$22,908.88; Money Market – \$21,430.44; Smoke Detector Fund – \$24.60; Checking Account – \$295.12; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$62,175.08. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report. President Dempsey recognized and thanked Past President Ryder for his generous donation to the Smoke Detector fund.

Written Correspondence – 1 letter was from the Audit Committee stating that the Associations Books were found to be in good order for the period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Report of Committees

Audit Committee – Pablo Reyes, Jr., as reported under correspondence Audit Report written by George J. Pyott, Jr. with a total of \$60,181.24 in assets as of date ending September 30, 2015
Fire Prevention – Muriel Gillespie, Fire Prevention event December 6th 2:00 pm at Carlisle. Make sure if you are notified that your companies are represented for your company's award winners.

Appreciation Night – Muriel Gillespie, Appreciation Night tickets have been handed out to the companies. Also we will need to have \$50 from each company and the money for the tickets sold to get a good count by the 20th of January.

Payment of Bills – \$171.98 – Earle Dempsey (Past President's Plaque); \$76.36 – Muriel Gillespie (Banquet tickets); \$565.00 Steve White (Fire Prevention Awards); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

Ref. to Fire Prevention – Michael Brittingham with a question, we turned our Fire Prevention packet over to 7 schools about 150 packets and only got three packets back. Most schools never handed them out stating they did not have time. Can we set up a meeting with the school boards? Maybe September or October is not the best time to do this. President Dempsey appreciated the feedback, this was discussed in committee and it has been agreed this has been a trend and we need to, at the beginning of the year push our agenda to increase more involvement and education in the program.

New Business

Harold Brode, A motion was made and seconded, amended and carried that the KCVFA send a \$1000.00 check to the DVFA Foundation (Ray Stevens in Selbyville) for assistance to the Firefighter Memorial fund.

Good of the Association

Brittingham, CardioKinetics funding is available through the State Chiefs encouraging Presidents and Chiefs to get involved which includes free testing and free workup. There has been a lot of them funded about 20 for \$13,000.

50-50 – Denise Dennison
Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Farmington Fire Company, Station 47 – January 20, 2016 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary