



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

February 15, 2017

President Post called the 1011<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 40, Bowers Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brittingham conveyed our thanks 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: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 8 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – President Ted Wallis, turned over to Vice President Bill Betts, Fire Service Symposium is March 11, 2017 at Atlantic Sands Hotel Conference Room, Rehoboth Beach, and topics will be Legislative Financial Overview Taskforce recommendations and also Volunteer Combination Fire Departments. Registration is on the Fire School website. <http://statefireschool.delaware.gov/pdfs/2017classes/DVFALeadershipSymposium2017.pdf> March Executive meeting has been changed from March 12<sup>th</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>. JFC hearing is going to be February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Legislative Hall asking those of you that show up come Class A uniform to show strong support for our Legislators. This year's CFSI event is Thursday night April 6<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for a good show from Delaware. Information is on the DVFA website. Allen Metheny, all pension monies for Kent County has been received.

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

**State EMS** – Mike McMichael's, next meeting March 29<sup>th</sup> at the State Fire School.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – Les States, thanks for the recognition. Our State meeting will be this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. the Fire School.

**DVFA Conference** – John Stevenson, room contracts get them back ASAP, don't leave them lying around and forget about them. If you did not get a contract contact us and we will take care of it. If you are on a committee which requires a menu please get that information back to Elmer Steele or you will get what he picks.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Ron Marvel, turned over to Joe Zeroles for an extensive report, Since we had no meeting, No Report Tonight, next meeting will be Tuesday at the Fire School at 9:00 a.m.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Mark Langford, our next meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> at Station 41 Camden-Wyoming. The Eastern Division IAFC Conference is May 18 - 20, 2017.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Jeff Dennison, to Leon Hyde, our next meeting is Tuesday in Milford.

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association** – Shirley Pennington, our next meeting at Station 40 Bowers on February 27<sup>th</sup>, I am hopeful that we will have a 1<sup>st</sup> or a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Secretary. We are still looking for a Vice President.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Shirley Pennington, thank you for the recognition, our next meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup> at Farmington.

**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, our next meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup> at Dagsboro.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White, next meeting is next Wednesday night in Frederica.

**DEMA** – No Report

**NVFC** – No Report

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – Clay Yocum, we had our meeting this past Sunday. There was a discussion on the Queens contest and the dates of the convention. We may postpone the Queens Contest for one year. I am working to have it combined with the convention in 2018.

**International Chief's** – Bill Betts, Mark Langford gave my report.

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

**Deceased Members**: Station 40 – Thomas L. (Lenny) Jackson, Jr., Station 51 – James Rodimak

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form, President Post apologies for missing meeting last month. While attending Leipsic's Banquet met with Governor Carney and discussed some of our needs and that we would like a sit-down with him or his representative at some time.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of February 1, 2017: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,237.00; Special Operations Fund – \$32,385.91; Money Market – \$18,148.80; Smoke Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$9,129.74; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$44,819.18 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Written Correspondence** – 1 item from Marydel Volunteer Fire Company announcing their primary and alternate delegates.

### **Report of Committees**

Appreciation Night – Muriel Gillespie, Appreciation Banquet is February 25<sup>th</sup> and the count is in. We are going to need checks for that night. We are still missing \$50.00 from five organizations, Stations 41, 44, 45, 54, & 64.

Fire Prevention – Muriel Gillespie, thanks to all that participated at the awards. If you are having problems getting into any of the schools please let us know. DVFA has reached out with the Superintendents and they are supposed to be onboard.

DVFA Scholarship – Allen Metheny, per Mr. O'Neal scholarship information will be available on the website by the end of this week.

**Payment of Bills** – None

### **Unfinished Business** –

Ken Ryder, some remarks and comments about CFSI. You have heard it is coming up Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> and it is \$295.00 per person. We would like to see full support from the County as we have had in the past. A letter and reservation forms went out from DVFA President Wallis and they are on the DVFA website. Couple of sentences I want to quote "We can capture the attention of every member of Congress and deliver a strong message about our concerns if we have a large turnout. If you are concerned about continued federal support for fire service programs you should attend this program." You should buy a ticket; I cannot say anything more than that. Some of us will be contacting each company to see how many tickets you can get for the CFSI this year.

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Mike Brittingham, regarding the monument move, from the last State meeting Mr. Brode and myself will be on a committee together, to send out letters for corporate sponsors to move that monument. We have letter ready to go out we will meet to finalize then send them out.

Robert Yerkes, just a reminder that we have an outstanding motion to send the President and both Vice President's or their designees to the CFSI Event on April 6<sup>th</sup>

**New Business**

Al Metheny, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to authorize the Treasurer to pay the Appreciation Banquet Night bills.

Mike Brittingham, two things, 1<sup>st</sup> I reached out to the County about Safe Summer Days. Jeff Dennison and I will be the liaison. Let us know if you want us to bring anything to the meeting. We do not have a date yet. 2<sup>nd</sup> I will send that date out via our Facebook page. It is live. As soon as I get a date from them I will put it on Facebook.

**Good of the Association**

President Post, to dispel a rumor; I did not resign as President of the KCVFA. To clarify, Ambulance 64 has a policy about Volunteers that become employees "to put their membership on hold until such time they resign or leave" when I left my Ambulance 64 position on December 31, 2016 I reverted back to being a Life Member of Ambulance 64.

50-50 – Steve White

Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at Station 41, Camden-Wyoming – March 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Military Recognition Night  
If you have any new or deceased Military Veteran's get up with Secretary Reyes to update the list for the Award Pins.  
Polytech ROTC kids are to present colors and sing the National Anthem that night.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary