



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

February 20, 2013

President Pridemore called the 968th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 54, Little Creek Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Richard Hand, Sr., President of the Little Creek Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 17 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 13 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charles Boyer, We made our presentation to the JFC and we want to thank everyone that came out. Also thanks to the Government Affairs Committee. We would like to see a good turnout for the CFSI Dinner. New Chiefs and Presidents we need your contact information pass this information on to the DVFA Office. DVFA Recruitment Website is up and running the website is firefighter.delaware.gov. We have already had 18 possible recruits for the advertising program we need the name of your recruiter/membership committee chairman. When develop lead we need to pass on information. We now have 3 Co-chairs for Wake Up Delaware one from each county. DVFA Patrons Ads for \$2 being sold by Debora Lawhead please see her. Earl Dempsey, Recruitment and Retention Committee finalized the 2013 Retention Grants program congratulations to Little Creek, Carlisle, Magnolia, and Hartly. We are still looking for your company contacts for Recruitment and Retention.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glenn Gillespie, next meeting is March 28th at Station 75, Ellendale. At January meeting State Chiefs presented Newark, Delaware City, Fire Departments, and Citizen's Hose Company with a plaque for 125 years of service. Speaker for the March meeting has not been solidified yet. We encourage all to attend.

State EMS Association – Ed Angwin, we piggyback at the same time for a meeting with the State Chiefs same time same place. DEMERS progress is moving forward. Make sure papers are filled out in their entirety or they may not be loaded. We should know more at our next DEMSOC meeting.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – Dave Snell thanks for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – John McKenzie, once you register your name will show up on the website. End of month contracts for Sheridan rooms need to be in as soon as possible. Any questions we are here and available for you.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Dave Roberts, we met on Tuesday. Ambulance Regulations we have been through several AG's we will be working with current one to finish it up. If you know when your audits are due you need to ask for extensions if you needed it or get them in on time.

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, Number of months ago there was a mention of vacancy on the State Gaming Commission, James Green representing the Fire Service term of 5 years has expired. Found someone from New Castle County with an interest his name is Rich Parks from Townsend. A company heavily involved in gaming. Aggressive inspectors going around and does not hesitate to fine or pull license. Under proper order of business would like this organization to consider supporting Rich Park, Sr. It has been proposed no general salary increases. 2 Bills being introduced, HB 21 and HB 22 One HB 21 says if called for any type of emergency and you get injured you cannot be fired from your job. HB 22 Protects against discrimination from hiring or retention if you are a firefighter.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb thanks for the recognition next meeting North Bowers March 19th.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Mike Havel thanks for the recognition next meeting February 25th at Station 42 Carlisle

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debora Lawhead thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – Scott Bundek, bring radios in that need re-banding on March 7th they will be turned up new ones and turn off old ones.

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Kent County Emergency Management Agency – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Dan Carrier, thanks for the recognition next March 14th at Mill Creek.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Todd Riley, next meeting is Tuesday February 26th at Gumboro.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zeroles, thanks for the recognition next meeting Station 55 Magnolia discussing new policies.

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, thanks for the recognition.

NVFC – No Report

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

Deceased Members: By the Treasurer, Robert Yerkes: Station 48 – Roland Neeman, Station 53 – Henry Marshall (Reminder: March is last month to enter deceased members for recognition at the April memorial meeting)

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Pridemore, Please send representation to the CFSI May 9th expecting 250 from State of Delaware they have helped us tremendously tickets have been lowered to \$250 for the 1st 250 people after that will be \$275. Thanks to all that represented at the JFC. March meeting is Military Appreciation Night and April meeting is our Memorial Service. Get your audits in on time.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of February 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$9033.05; Money Market – \$28,005.16; Checking Account – \$7,311.90; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,241.32; Total funds – \$52,558.38. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 10 letters read, 1st letter from the Cheswold Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 2nd letter from the Clayton Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 3rd letter from the Houston Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 4th letter from the Magnolia Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 5th letter from the Marydel Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 6th letter from the South Bowers Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 7th letter from the Ambulance 64 stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 8th letter from the Felton Community Fire Company extending thanks to the KCVFA and Fire Police for providing traffic and communication services with the loss of Roland Neeman. 9th letter from KCVFA Fire Advisory Board to Leipsic Fire Company with response to questions on the FAB proposal. 10th letter from KCVFA Fire Advisory Board to Citizen's Hose Fire Company with response to questions on the FAB proposal. 11th letter not read but distributed from KCVFA President Pridemore to all Fire Company President's soliciting names of service men and women for the March Military Recognition.

Report of Committees

Safe Summer Days – Harold Brode, Safe Summer Days will be at Brecknock Park in Camden Saturday June 15th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. meeting coming up March 14th at Levy Court in reference to this.

Appreciation Night – Charles Coverdale, after this meeting committee meet for about 5 minutes see you all there. Door opens at 5 with dinner at 6.

Payment of Bills – \$900.00 – Charles Coverdale (Banquet Door Prizes); \$6.80 – Robert Yerkes, (Fire Prevention Postage); for the Total – \$906.80 A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

Towbridge, A motion was made and seconded, to table the FAB funding proposal issue. Motion was defeated.

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New Business

Senator Ennis, A motion was made and seconded, that the KCVFA endorse Richard Clark, Sr. from Townsend as Fire Service Representative to the Delaware Gaming Commission and send a letter to the Governor's Office. *Questions on the motion, Allen Metheny, President Boyer did you announce that appointment last night at our Officers meeting? President Boyer, I was notified by the Executive Manager that we had to appoint someone and I had mentioned Shirley Pennington. I did not realize it had to come from the Firemen's Association. Senator Ennis last time we had an appointment 5 years ago we of the association nominated James Green the biggest problem with appointment to the Gaming Commission is the timing. Now we have 2 nominations. President Boyer, thought behind her was that a lot of the women run the bingo. That was mainly our reason behind it. Discussion continued in support of Shirley Pennington. Shirley has already committed to some future meeting with Warren. Motion was defeated.*

A motion was made and seconded and carried that the KCVFA support Shirley Pennington as Fire Service Representative to the Delaware Gaming Commission and send a letter to the Governor's Office.

A motion was made and seconded and carried that we send the President and 1st Vice President to the CFSI Dinner.

Raymond Morris, A motion was made and seconded that the KCVFA go on to support the Fire Advisory Funding Proposal. Questions on the motion, request for roll call vote and it will be a majority vote. Any other questions, motion to vote carried. Roll call vote on the Fire Advisory Board Funding Proposal, all companies called and the vote was tallied as follows 35 delegates yes and 20 delegates no. President Pridemore announced that the motion to support FAB Funding Proposal passed. See attached Roll Call vote sheet for votes.

Good of the Association

Bill Betts, Confusion over the Bingo Commission. If you go on the website they have a form you need to register for meeting on the 14th and if they do not have enough people they will not have a meeting. Meetings are usually the 1st Thursday of every month at 1:00.

Chief Pennington, Bowers is celebrating their 75th Anniversary on April 13th applications are out for the parade.

Robert Yerkes, Last month pool table for sale someone bought it for \$200.

50-50 – Earl Dempsey

Conference Souvenir – Ron Marvel

The next meeting will be at the Magnolia Fire Company, Station 55 – March 20th Military Recognition

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary