



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

March 18, 2015

President Ryder called the 990th meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the American Legion Ambulance Station 64, Smyrna. Following dinner served by members of the station, Vice President Post conveyed our thanks to the American Legion members. Mike Havel, President of American Legion Ambulance Station 64 gave the address of welcome; Vice President Post gave the response.

Deviation of Business – A motion was made, seconded, and carried for a deviation of business to facilitate the Veterans Military Appreciation with recognition of 296 fire service members identified as Military Veterans. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 12 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Vice President Joe Zeroles, Past President Joseph Hojnicky from DVFA passed away this past Saturday. President Guzzo would like max participation at the CFSI on April 16, 2015. We entered into a contract to establish calculations of what it cost for an ambulance run. We were charged by legislators to have information by the end of the month. JFC hearing has been re-scheduled to April 1st. FDIC there are a few rooms left.

State Fire Chief's Association – Terry Jester, our meeting will be next Thursday the 26th at Station 89. Randy Brown a nationally renowned individual will be the speaker.

State EMS Association – Jennifer Knox, our meeting will be next Thursday the 26th at Station 89 with the State Chiefs.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report.

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, menus are due to Elmer by April 1st at which time it will be finalized. Get your contracts in for the rooms 2 companies were outstanding. Spoke a little on the budget and how things & participation affects cost. A lot of things are going on. I would be glad to answer any questions.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, we met yesterday with a quiet meeting and were done shortly after 10.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, SB31 was reactivated and is now HB41 which deals with the surf fishing permits for the ladies auxiliary. The Red light violations fines have a \$10 fee and have been enacted. We had a Food Protection, meeting last Thursday to consider some service groups that have low risk with different regulations.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is in Frederica April 21st.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Next meeting is March 23rd at Farmington

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debra Lawhead, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is March 24th at Houston.

President Ryder came forward to accept the presentation of a check for the Scholarship Fund.

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 – Mike, our next meeting is next month April 9th in Odessa

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Steve Deery, our next meeting is next Tuesday at Station 77

State Recruitment and Retention – *Vice President Dempsey stated with Report of Officers; 3 things, 1st last summer we unveiled recruitment shirt and continue to give out shirts to new fire fighters. There was such a demand that we made another purchase and are making them available for \$5. The idea is to get the message out. 2nd We are planning an open house on

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Saturday May 16th and asking all stations to have open doors from 11 to 2 and we will be running an aggressive advertisement campaign. Lastly, we will be sponsoring the rodeo at the State Fair on Thursday July 23rd

Mutual Relief – Steve White, report is pending

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, thanks for the recognition, be wary of the upcoming inclement weather, hopefully a final event.

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Debra Lawhead, our Conference is in Millsboro on April 30th, May 1st and 2nd.

International Chief's – No Report

Special Guest – Drew Slater on behalf of John Carney's office, Congressman Carney is sponsoring a bill to permit the fire company volunteer hours to be allowed a tax rebate.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (With a typo correction on 1st page "Brode" to "Ryder" & State EMS "CPR" to "CPR Assist Device" and page 3 "Harold Brode" to "Ed Welch")

Deceased Members: Past President DVFA – Joseph W. Hojnicky

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Ryder, Special committee is working on cost of ambulance runs. CFSI scheduled for April 16th and FDIC is April 20-25 and also on Saturday June 17th is Safe Summer Days at Brecknock Park remember Fire Companies will be asked to help publicize this. *Vice President Dempsey

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of March 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,495.22; Special Operations Fund – \$14,970.05; Money Market – \$27,565.54; Smoke Detector Fund – \$1,246.60; Checking Account – \$1,587.81; Total of all CD's – \$17,502.10; Total funds – \$61,625.47. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 2 total, 1st letter from South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company stating their delegates to the KCVFA. 2nd letter is from the Carlisle Fire Company stating their delegates to the KCVFA.

Report of Committees

Fire Advisory – Marvin Sharp, we met at Magnolia on Monday night to discuss the new unit having only one person assigned. Suggestion was made not to have just a one person unit but a two person unit. Suggest the one person unit stay in Dover.

Appreciation Night – Robert Yerkes reported a profit of \$2484.14 with half going to Scholarship Fund other half to Association.

Donation from the ladies was \$1000.00 for the Scholarship fund.

CISM Team – Blake Bowers, next meeting is April 2nd 19:30 at Station 44 anyone interested please attend. Two one day classes will be offered on July 31st and August 1st Ethics Critical Incidence Response and Critical Incidence Management Response. Also same weekend teaching a Chaplaincy course for new Chaplains for \$200.00

Jeff Dennison, thanks for Mr. Tobin for donating such a generous amount for the Fire Helmet at the Appreciation Banquet.

Al Metheny, to Marvin Sharp has there been any discussion as to CAD? Marvin, no.

Payment of Bills – \$800.00 – Muriel Gillespie (Door Prizes); \$126.50 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Ladies Aux Plaque); \$6,300.00 – Felton Fire Company Auxiliary (Banquet Meals); \$240.00 – Connie Townsend (Banquet Center Pieces); \$815.00 – Larry Jameson (500 Military Pins) A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

Marvin Sharp, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to write a letter with a copy sent to the county to go on record recommending that when the Southeastern quadrant New Medic Unit comes up it have 2 medics on it and not a single medic.

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New Business

Robert Yerkes, associations pleasure on the CFSI Dinner? A motion was made, seconded, and carried to send the KCVFA President and Vice President to the April 16th CFSI Dinner.

Robert Yerkes, no value out of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce what is the pleasure of the association? Glenn, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to withdraw from the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce.

Al Metheny, issue for FDIC? A motion was made, seconded, and carried to not continue sending the Vice President to FDIC Lorraine Madden, is providing patron ads for the conference at \$2 per line, see me next month if interested.

Good of the Association

Morrison, March 28th hosting a dinner at Carlisle with take-out available for tickets call 422-2178 or 422-6097

Al Metheny, March 28th our Spring Train Show expecting up to 900 people with \$3 entry fee & also on April 11th Oyster dinner.

Marvin Sharp, regarding motion just a reminder to send copies of letters to Commissioner Banta

Earle Dempsey, just asking you to get out and vote. I am stating that I will be running for Lake School Board District.

Steve White,

50-50 – Bruce Ennis (donated to Scholarship Fund)

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Bowers Fire Company, Station 40 – April 15, 2015 7:00 p.m. Memorial Service

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary