



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

April 18, 2018

President Dennison called the 1024th meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Station 53, Leipsic Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary of the station, Vice President O'Neal conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary of the station. Jim Woznicki, President of Leipsic Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President O'Neal gave the response.

Deviation of Business: *A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business for the Annual Memorial Program. Assistant Chaplain Post assisted in performing the 2017 – 2018 KCVFA Annual Memorial Service Program recognizing 20 members that answered their last call this past year. Vice President O'Neal rang the bell 5 times for each deceased member. A special thanks Leipsic Fire Company for providing the bell. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.*

Roll Calls: Officers: 9 present, 5 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 9 KCVFA, 3 DVFA, and 5 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Vice President Betts, stated that most of DVFA Officer's were at the CFSI. Insurance Commissioner is working on rescue billing legislation to assure we would get paid for extricating patients. Ask that we speak to our legislators and have them support the legislation. CFSI Dinner is tomorrow April 19th. Steve Austin is receiving the Mason Langford Fire Service Leadership Award and there will be a tribute to Lou Amabili. Thanks to Dan Burriss and he states completion is near. Plan is to dedicate the NEW Firefighter's Memorial after the June 10th Executive Meeting. More information to follow. There will be a decrease of \$2769 in Fire Premium Tax for Kent County. The Ambulance Premium Tax increased.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State EMS – No Report

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition. Our next meeting is May 20th at the State Fire School.

DVFA Conference – Joe Zeroles, working on getting forms online by May 1st.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Joe Zeroles, No Report

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is May 9th at Leipsic.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Mike Berry, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is May 15th at Houston.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Donna Sivley, our next meeting is May 22nd in Leipsic Station 53 and is a Memorial Service honoring 21 members this year.

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

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State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, next meeting is May 24th at Frederica

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Elmer Steele, next meeting is August 5th at Parksley, Virginia.

International Chief's – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 46 – Robert H. Collison, Station 53/43 Aux – Judy Slaughter Ernst

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 April 1, 2018: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$15,566.90; Special Operations Fund – \$43,060.28; Money Market – \$19,197.73; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,593.00; Checking Account – \$10,935.92; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.97; Total funds – \$47,727.62 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written or Email Correspondence: 3 letters, 1st letter for filing an old personnel matter to archives. 2nd letter referencing a personnel matter turned over to the KCVFA Board of Directors. 3rd letter from South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company naming their Primary and Alternate Delegates to the KCVFA.

Report of Committees:

None

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Robert Yerkes || \$675.00 – Delaware State Fire Chiefs Association (Donation for Cardio Kinetics); \$300.00 – DVFA (1 KCVFA Officer to CFSI); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business:

Constitution & By-Laws – Randy Wood, why did the member companies not get a copy of the By-Laws change? Also, some parts are open-ended. I think it should go back to committee and have it drafted in the final form for presentation to the companies. Secretary Reyes, are you saying it should go back to committee? A motion was made, seconded, and carried to table it.

Ralph Satterfield, since last December I hear we got a lawyer for this, we done that, the directors are doing this, as probably the senior director, the directors haven't done anything. What is the lawyer doing? President Dennison, my simple answer is Mr. Brittingham has had all the contacts and to my knowledge has not passed anything to Mr. O'Neal or to myself. So, I can't answer that this evening. You will have to ask that to Mr. Brittingham that next month because I don't know. Last month we had hired a lawyer (Bob McDonald). So, we still don't know which way we are going? President Dennison, under new business I will try to address part of it. Is that okay with you. Ralph Satterfield, Yes, say something.

New Business:

President Dennison, passed the gavel to Vice President O'Neal. President Dennison then stated: The big thing that Mr. Brittingham was working on. Back in November I had an issue with where I worked and I ended up getting arrested. Okay, March 22nd I had my last court date. What they did was PBJ (Probation Before Judgement). It had

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me plead to endangering the welfare. Which is the one count. I brought the paperwork in for Mr. Brittingham so that he knew that there were no felonies, no nothing like that. So that this could be known. That I am here because I am not on any list for anything. It was all cleared up because there is nothing in our bylaws. That's where this bylaw started. Because he wanted to make a point. So, I have the paperwork here. What it says that while I am on my probation for the year. I cannot work in a school or something like that or be in instructional mode with anyone under 18. So that being said that does not affect this association or any other association that I belong to. But I am not trying to talk to, cause the mans is not here. But, I feel it has turned into a witch hunt. It is in black and white our bylaws don't say anything. You got questions, if you decide you want to make a motion about something. This is your association I am just the man running through the agenda. But I am assuring you that I will show anyone that wants to see the court documentation saying that everything is good. That is what is going on. I wanted to bring it out last month but I couldn't, but I am now. So, if you got any questions concerns. I will answer anything that you've got. If you have a problem with me sitting in this seat tell me. Like I said I work for you. So, does anybody have any questions or concerns that they want answered? Secretary Reyes, just one question. I just want to know how long is this for? President Dennison, I will be on Probation for a year. You will get a copy, I am hoping that Mr. Brittingham will give you a copy so they can be put in the minutes. Does anybody have any concerns, think I shouldn't be sitting up here, something? Ralph Satterfield, when this all happened we got a letter from your home company. What is the situation between you and Bowers now? We haven't heard anything, are you still a member? President Dennison, I am on Administrative leave which means I cannot hold my office at Bowers as a Director. Ralph Satterfield, Are you still a member in good standing? President Dennison, YES. Unidentified female ask, Am I correct in understanding that the final court day you had contacted Brittingham and he contacted the lawyer and the lawyer said go ahead and reinstate you immediately? President Dennison, that is correct, I did not come back until Mr. Brittingham had contacted me about what the lawyer had said. Otherwise I would not be standing here. Vice President O'Neal turned gavel back over to President Dennison. President Dennison, once again I apologize for all this having to come out but I feel as though you needed to know.

Good of the Association:

Mark Langford, how much money we got in there for smoke detectors? Since we don't have any. I got an email from Warren, DVFA has worked out a deal with you. President Dennison, I am trying to catch up on that unfortunately I was out of the loop. I am still supposed to go to Levy Court to get \$3000 from them. Mark Langford, I think that is good until tomorrow. I just know DVFA has worked out some kind of deal with them. \$13 and something per smoke detector. President Dennison, I will look into that.

Ken Ryder, Ice Cream trailer will be at the Felton Little League Park on Saturday open at 10:00 a.m.

50-50 – Mike Berry

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 55, Magnolia – May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary