



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

April 19, 2017

President Post called the 1013th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 42, Carlisle Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brittingham conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Lester Guyer, of Carlisle Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brittingham gave the response.

Deviation of Business: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go into the 2016 – 2017 KCVFA Annual Memorial Service Program recognizing 22 members that answered their last call this past year. A special thanks Deanna Dennison for setting up the memorial table and to Carlisle Fire Company for providing the bell. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the normal order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 9 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Ted Wallis, turned over to Vice President Bill Betts, Thanks to all that attended the CFSI Dinner. Last week the President and Steve Austin met with State Congresswoman Rochester with congratulations to joining the Fire Service Caucus, later met with Governor Carper on Thursday morning and then followed in the afternoon with Senator Coons. Fire Service Recruitment Day will be on May 20th and we are asking that all Fire Stations be open that day for Recruitment and Retention. National Fallen Firefighter Association Memorial is October 8th at Emmitsburg, MD. DVFA passed a motion to provide bus service for any Firefighter or Auxiliary member wishing to go to the Memorial Service. Registration flyers have been sent out to all Fire Companies please contact the DVFA Office with approximate numbers. We are also arranging for any reserved seating for anyone from Delaware. Executive Manager Warren Jones was injured recently, he is improving. Make sure your correct list of 2 each for delegates and alternates are in to the Executive Secretary, if not updated we default to the delegates list from the last conference.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Dennison, as you have just heard our meeting is with State EMS.

State EMS – Mike McMichael's, next meeting is with the State Fire Chief's on June 22nd at Harrington with the Expo starting at 3:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at a normal 7:00 p.m. time.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, Parade has been cancelled for 2017 and beyond, again it is important that you have your delegates and alternates show for these meetings. Everybody in Kent County has their contracts in, make sure when you get confirmations you check them over to see that you got what you requested. By the 1st of May registrations forms should be available online.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, disbursement of the Fire Prevention matching funds are going out electronically. One company in Kent County had a high scratch rate a letter will go out. A discussion on Senator Ennis sponsored bill concerning out-of-state EMT's operating in Delaware, this is also a national issue DAG Davis is concerned with some of the wording, she will be speaking with Senator Ennis and others in the group. Please remember to stamp the date on your DFIRS reports. Reminder, get your Audits in on time.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Dennison, Leon Hyde has had surgery and will be out of commission

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until June or July, 1st V.P. Mike Berry, thanks for the recognition, our next meeting is Tuesday May 16th at South Bowers.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Donna Sivley, thanks for the recognition there is no meeting next month and our next meeting will be the following month, a Memorial Meeting.

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 – Elmer Steele, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is Tuesday April 25th at Station 78.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, thanks for the recognition no report

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Clay Yocum, our Convention is about two weeks away. No, we will not be having a parade. It is important that you show up; there are concerns about the total welfare of the organization.

International Chief's – Bill Betts, our conference is going to be on March 19th and 20th at Rehoboth Beach, accepting registrations for \$125 we hope to see you there.

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

Deceased Members: Station 47 – Ronnie Vincent

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of April 1, 2017: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,486.98; Special Operations Fund – \$32,385.91; Money Market – \$19,568.38; Smoke Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$4,667.24; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.39; Total funds – \$41,795.01 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 2 items of correspondence, 1 letter was from Houston Volunteer Fire Company announcing their Primary and Alternate delegates. 2nd item was an oversize card from the Auxiliary wishing members a Happy Easter signed by many of their members.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention – Muriel Gillespie, results of profit from the Banquet are distributed as follows \$1,245.97 to the Roland Trader Scholarship fund and \$1,245.96 to the Association.

Roland P. Trader Scholarship – Rod O'Neal, scholarship applications are out and can also be downloaded from the KCVFA website. Reminder due in by May 31st.

Payment of Bills – \$295.00 – DVFA (1 person, CFSI); \$574.10 – Hartly Tire Company (Special Ops – door repairs); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

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Unfinished Business –

President Post, a letter of support for Alan Robinson for the Fire Prevention Commission has been sent out by Secretary Reyes.

New Business

Al Metheny, when are we going to have elections for the vacant director position? President Post, we have not received any letters of interest for the Director's position. Al Metheny, were letters sent out to all the companies? President Post, yes notifications were sent out. We will keep position open until such time we have a letter of interest. Al Metheny, do you have a report for CFSI? President Post, I was unable to go I was scheduled to work due to two call-outs. Deferred to; Vice President Dennison, evening was about a few awards to some other states to include Florida for EMS, and Recruiting Awards. Most of it is about the meal or a side trip for a Capital tour really not a lot to report.

Robert Yerkes, what are we going to do about the CFSI ticket when President Post did not go? A motion was made that President Post pay money back to the association, motion died on floor for lack of a 2nd after much discussion, to include delegation of CFSI attendance it was decided to consider it a donation to the CFSI.

Good of the Association

Mike Brittingham, Safe Summer Day's is June 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., were asking that every Fire Company bring at least one truck and if you want to do something special we welcome it. Send me email or give me a call, my information is on the website.

Steve White, Auxiliary is having a sub sale and soup and salad sale on April 28th check Facebook for information

Al Metheny, Hartly is having a sub sale this Saturday.

President Post, Any interest from floor on having a paid/volunteer seminar for members in Kent County to share information.

Ralph Satterfield, May 23rd Magnolia is having benefit for Able Keller with Cancer including a raffle.

Vice President Dennison, presented Donna Sivley the engineer from South Bowers congratulations on your success at basic you have shown us what heart and soul really is and what it takes to succeed, a package from the Ladder Class members of Fire School March 25, 2017. Donna opened package to reveal a picture of herself at basic getting wet.

50-50 – Terry Witham donated back to Scholarship Fund

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 43, Cheswold – May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Past President's Night

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary