



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

May 15, 2019

President Brittingham called the 1036th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 48, Felton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary members of the station, President Brittingham conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary members of the station. Kevin Sipple, Chief of Felton Fire Company gave the address of welcome; President Brittingham gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 8 present, 5 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Bill Betts, Presumption legislation has been released for signatures and will go through the voting process once the legislator's return to session. Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters, resolution has been completed and we will send out email for your support once we know it is coming up for a vote. CFSI thanks to those that attend, we had 166 in attendance and we presented CSFI with a check for \$49,800 which goes a long way for their support with AFG, Safer Grants and Federal Legislation. Sent correspondence to the Budget Direct to set aside additional monies for the Revolving Loan Fund, DVFA Pension, Smoke Detectors, and 800 MHz Radio replacements. We are still looking for some Radio Inventories that are not in. Conference forms are now on the website or will be up by next week.

State Fire Chief's Association – On behalf of President Derrick Brode, July 20th in Hartly a State Chief's Crab/Shrimp feast \$40 to \$60. next meeting is June 27th at Station 50 starting at 3:00 p.m. with the Expo and meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

State EMS – Jennifer Knox our next meeting June 8th at the Fire School at 10:00 a.m. Today and this week is the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride with stops at Newark, Delaware City, Townsend, Cheswold, and Dover. Conference we are having Ken Bouvier coming back to the Convention. Thanks to all that have submitted their dues.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is May 19th 9:00 at Fire School.

DVFA Conference – Joe Zeroles, committees are working to get things done. We are having a meeting Monday night for anyone wishing to attend. President Bett's has already stated some registration forms are on the website. Soon they will all be there and keep in mind the deadline of August 8th.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, no report if interested stop in our next meeting is May 21st.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, May was not a good month we had 3 Fire Fatalities which puts us up to 6 for the year. One is being investigated as a criminal incident. 2 of the 6 had a working smoke alarm.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, JFC goes in Monday for markup. Insurance Distribution looks like each of the counties got around \$26,000 more than last year. Ambulance/Rescue appropriations is up around \$69,000 per company. Motorcycles in the Fire Service to allow special license plates for example Red Knights with condition they be enrolled in the Advance Driver Course. HB 56 to rename a 14-mile section of US 301 to Maryland line to Roth Bridge to 1st Responder's Memorial Highway awaiting Governor's Signature.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – President Brittingham, both the Chief's and County meeting a change next month in meeting locations to Camden-Wyoming due to work being done at Frederica. Then the following month will be back at Frederica.

Kent County Fire Police Association – next meeting is Tuesday at Farmington.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Melinda Jackson, our next meeting is May 28th a Memorial Service at Cheswold.

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Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, we passed the budget last night with no tax increase. We increased funding to the County Fire Company's by \$50,000 plus the \$15,000 to Special Ops. It won't be long before we reach the million-dollar mark.

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 – Jim, next meeting at Station 15 Delaware City on June 13th hosted by Christiana.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, on the Conference want you to keep in mind that the Mutual Relief is a separate form for delegates. Bill Tobin and Debra Lawhead spent time helping out Middletown with Provident Insurance. Anytime you need help with an incident just call us, we would be glad to help out.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

International Chief's – No Report

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA April 2019 meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 41 – John Shoemaker, Station 53 – Eugene "Gene" Handsberry, Station 45 – W. Donald Kelley, Station 47 – Pat Walsh

Report of Officers: All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shirley Pennington report of ending balances as of April 30, 2019: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund* – \$16,355.87; *Special Operations Fund* – \$23,339.03; Money Market – \$18,007.61; *Smoke Detector Fund* – \$806.60; *Firefighter's Relief Fund* – \$7,593.00; Checking Account – \$13,697.63; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$40,951.93 *not including Scholarship, Special Ops Funds, Relief or Smoke Detector Funds*. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report's.

Written or Email Correspondence: 1 item, 1 letter turned over to the nominating committee.

Report of Committees:

Recruitment & Retention, Teresa Whisman, anyone in this area with the Lake Forest High School I spoke with a teacher about the Fire Companies and Volunteers. She said if you have a program for 13-14 year old's to send her email at W.T. Chipman. We are going ahead with Rudy's, Green Turtle, and Grotto's Restaurant's for a little fund raiser emphasizing we are looking for volunteers.

Payment of Bills: None

Nomination of DVFA Officers:

President Brittingham, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to endorse unopposed Ken Ryder for the position of 2nd Vice President to the DVFA. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to nominate and endorse Jim Woznicki to the Directors position of DVFA representing KCVFA pending a letter being submitted.

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Unfinished Business:

President Brittingham, regarding some action to rename "Kent Center" after much discussion with many folks it was determined best way to honor an individual is to name a room after them or hanging a standing resolution. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pursue renaming a room and have a standing resolution at Kent Center.

Bill Betts, regarding gifts to the Past Presidents, President Brittingham that comes up next.

President Brittingham, attended the Ladies Executive meeting with an attorney present. We will be sending out letter again regarding attorneys' comments on tax issue. Hopefully I will get it out by Monday.

New Business:

Marvin Sharp, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to recommend to the DVFA that a Budget Item for \$25,000 be created for DVFA Officer's Travel and not limited to the Officers going.

President Brittingham, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to create a budget item to donate \$200.00 per meeting to the Auxiliary of the company hosting the meeting.

Past President's Night: President Brittingham, made a presentation to Past President Alan Post representing all Past Presidents with a check for \$1,000. Past President Alan Post on behalf of all Past President's donated the \$1000 check to the Roland Trader Scholarship Fund.

President Brittingham, announced the appointment of Ken Steele as Assistant Secretary to the KCVFA

Good of the Association:

Robert Yerkes, Houston will be having Breakfast this Sunday Special rate for all firefighters all you can eat \$8.00

50-50 – Les States – *Donated back to the Scholarship Fund*

Conference Souvenir – Kitty Correia

The next meeting will be at Station 41 Camden-Wyoming Fire Company – June 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary