



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

June 15, 2016

Vice President Post called the 1004th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 52, Houston Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Fred Ellerbusch, President of Houston Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dennison gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 14 present, 5 absent; Past Presidents: 11 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 5 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Joe Zeroles, Hagley Museum in Wilmington is going to have a fireworks display this Friday, June 17 see Warren Jones or Earle Dempsey for tickets. The conference committee is working on the conference and all forms are on the DVFA website and deadline for all the forms is August 8th. At Legislative Hall we had a bill HB 406 introduced to get free background checks for the fire service will be voted on tomorrow. HB 302 doubling of fines for using cell phones on highway adding \$20 for EMS funds. We received \$200,000 from JFC for a smoke detector program for low income families. Poster/Essay contest program is in the hands of the Department of Education to make sure it is part of their curriculum for the future. Allen Metheny, clarify a point made at the recent Executive meeting. An individual stood up and asked questions on funds for the conference. Wanted to know why we had to use \$33,580 out of the General Operating Account to cover the Conference costs? Gentlemen forgot to read across a couple of lines where actually what was used was zero \$0. Last year's Conference did not cost the DVFA anything out of our budget.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Dennison, thanks for the recognition.

State EMS – No Report

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Mary Eisenbrey, thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John Stevens, actual names on the rooms have to be in by August 1st and don't wait to the last minute to cancel. Everything is now on the website. Numerous seminars, workshops, all of them listed on the website. www.dvfassn.com

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, our next meeting is this coming Tuesday.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Ennis, we have been in session after 2 weeks of Joint Finance. The budget is pretty much all together and it appears at this point there will not be any cuts in Grant and Aid for the Volunteer Firefighters, Veterans, and Senior Citizens. Overall Grant and Aid for the other agencies will have an 8% cut. HB 406 is on tomorrows agenda. SB 164, Special Plates for Retired and Active Paramedics and the other one was for Professional Firefighters was signed. Insurance distributions, will get an increase for Kent County of 8.82% \$17,713. Ambulance and Rescue down by about .5% getting about \$55,979 otherwise Grant and Aid should stay pretty much the same.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Dennison, thank you for the recognition our next meeting is June 21st at Clayton. Also, the Fire Police are getting new ID cards the only two individuals that can sign the form are 30-unit and the Chief.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Doris Semans, next meeting in Camden-Wyoming.

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, No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

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Mutual Relief – Robert Yerkes, thanks for the recognition.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Clay Yocum, next meeting is August 4th at Big Town.

International Chief's – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 51 – Thomas McGuire.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Dempsey, thanks to all that came out for Safe Summer Days. It was a strong showing for the fire service. Hagley fireworks please see me have enough tickets to go around. Delaware State Fair looking at staffing the Recruitment and Retention booth. Thursday July 21st is Monster Truck show. Next month we will vote on whom to support for the position of 2nd Vice President of the DVFA. Reminder check the delegates listed for your company. A new Financial Review Committee being created for the DVFA is looking for 3 names to represent the KCVFA.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of June 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$15,183.72; Special Operations Fund – \$21,856.07; Money Market – \$22,311.06; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,624.60; Checking Account – \$3,012.39; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$64,720.16. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 1st letter from Marydel Volunteer Fire Company assigning their company primary and alternate delegates. 2nd letter from the Clayton Fire Company endorsing Bill Betts for the office of 2nd Vice President of the DVFA.

Report of Committees

Kent County Scholarship, Robert Yerkes per Ron

O'Neil we will be meeting in the next week or so to pick the Scholarship winner.

Payment of Bills – No Bills

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Al Metheny, how many attended Safe Summer days? About 2500

Allan Post, Speaking on behalf of Jenn Knox for a donation, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to make a donation of \$100 to the Resuscitation Academy with the State EMS for the DVFA Conference in September.

President Dempsey, for those interested in the DVFA Financial Review Committee, state your name and company. Robert Yerkes-Houston, Brian Jackson-Bowers, Pablo Reyes-Harrington

Good of the Association

Jeff Dennison, reminder June 25th Bowers 16th annual canoe joust, we are looking for teams from different fire companies to challenge us. Jousting starts at 1:00 there is a traveling trophy for the event. We have everything you will need.

Ken Ryder, Saturday June 25th reminder Station 48 Shrimp Feast from 5 to 7 p.m.

Al Metheny, this Sunday morning starting at 8 a.m. breakfast all you can eat. Also, on June 25th Open House from 1 to 3 p.m. Everybody is invited.

50-50 – Jack Vogel, *donated back to Association* Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Leipsic Fire Company, Station 53 – July 20, 2016 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary