



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

June 19, 2013

President Pridemore called the 972nd meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 40, Bowers Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the Auxiliary. Adam Warner, President of the Bowers Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 12 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charlie Boyer, thanks again to all those participating in the CFSI Dinner in Washington D.C., Delaware had over 260 members in attendance. The officers and the executive management would like to continue with the presentations at your fire company meetings please contact the office to help make this possible. We are actively working at Legislative hall and have six bills running. Update on HB149 legislation requiring the Insurance Companies to pay directly to the Fire Companies has passed both houses waiting for the Governor to sign it. Thanks to all that attended the monument name unveiling. There will be a 2013 Conference at Dover Downs, the committee has been working diligently to make it happen. Anyone with reservations at Sheraton or has paid get with them before July 27th that is the day they will start moving students into the Sheraton. Conference email sent out today to say that DVFA has been in conference with Dover Downs and would like to see representation of all involved to meet next Wednesday in the Chesapeake Room at Dover Downs. A lot of thanks go to Elmer, Mac, John, and gentlemen from Hockessin & Seaford.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Dennison, next meeting is June 27th at Station 50, Harrington a meeting with the Expo.

State EMS Association – Ed Angwin, we will be meeting at the same time and place with the State Chiefs. Also, it will be our nomination and election night. We need by July 21st letters for 4 awards to be given out. EMS High Time Achievement, Heroic EMT, Paramedic Excellence in Paramedicine, and Instructor for Excellence in EMT Education Training. Zoll a vendor wants to assist us to

acquire a grant to allow us to purchase enough automatic CPR devices to go around the state. Get your people to get their ideas together and provide some input.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak Thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – Mac, Looks like Dover Downs is tentatively the place to go. We are looking forward to next week's meeting. Conference challenge coins are out.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, 3 Companies in Kent County over a year without submitting DFIRs reports if you need help please contact the Fire Marshal's office. We need accurate reporting for funding.

Instructors will no longer read text to students. BLS Medical Director reported that Middletown ER will open June 25th at 8 a.m. Working on a draft for home sprinklers. Due to HIPA concerns looking into have some non-public deliberations.

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 – Richard Schwalb next meeting July 16th at Smyrna.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin next meeting is Monday at Station 48.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Gentry meeting next Tuesday at Magnolia.

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

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zerolles will have information at the conference.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed with a

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correction of "Carlisle" to "Cheswold" on page 1 column 2 and typo correction on roll call.

Deceased Members: Station 49 – Donald Evans, Station 54 – John Halphen

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Pridemore thanks to all attending Safe Summer Days. A Special thanks to all those assisting and providing safety for the event and the donating and raffling off of 3 bikes. July and August is nominations if you are interested in running for an office you must have a letter on letterhead from your company signed by president nominating you to the office. It is that time of year when audits are due Station 43 is due as of June 15th and on July 15th Stations 40 44 45 47 49 50 52 53 55 57.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of June 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,233.29; Money Market – \$29,012.96; Checking Account – \$288.07; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,241.32; Total funds – \$46,542.35 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 2 letters read, 1st letter from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company supporting Al Metheny as a DVFA Treasurer. 2nd letter from the Laurel Fire Company supporting Elmer B. Steel as a DVFA Secretary.

Report of Committees

Safe Summer Days – Harold Brode, Thanks to all that attended and supporting the event. There was estimated to be over 2500 in attendance.

Payment of Bills – None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Vice President Harold Brode, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to send letter of support to the DVFA for both Al Metheny for Treasurer and Elmer Steel for Secretary.

President Pridemore, idea for next year's Association Appreciation Banquet of commissioning one for the County

Association and on Night of appreciation Banquet raffle it off. I am looking for different ideas of making money. Gaming Commission rules need to be checked. Al Metheny, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to create committee of 5 people to investigate benefits of profitable and non-profitable or issue with gaming commission and report back to the association. President Pridemore, assigned 2 table officers, Shirley Pennington, Earl Dempsey, and Jeff Dennison

Good of the Association

Harold Brode, This Saturday in Harrington Annual Crab & Shrimp Feast 4 to 7 all you can eat and drink. Steve White, next Friday is a Sub Sale \$6 to \$7 each in Frederica.

Al Metheny, 8 to 11 all you can eat breakfast at Hartly Bowers Fire Company Annual Joust, registration starts at 11:00.

Earl Dempsey, Saturday September 21st looking for assistance from the Fire Police.

50-50 – George Macready

Conference Souvenir – Barbara Metheny

The next meeting will be at Camden, Station 41 – July 17th

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary