



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

June 20, 2018

Vice President Brittingham called the 1026th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 56, Marydel 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. Billy Lepore, Vice President of Marydel 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 to allow Debra Lawhead, Insurance Coverage Administrator for the State of Delaware to provide a presentation. The topic was "How to report a claim through the Internet". Debra stated currently there is 97.3% at Internet Reporting. People who are NOT Internet reporting is the Fire Service. An immediate advantage to using the Internet is the minute you hit Submit you will get a Claim number. Debra Lawhead went through a detailed step by step process of filing a workmen's comp claim on the Internet. Suggest you use your best contact numbers on the form. All claims should be reported within 24 hours. If you have any questions contact me at work. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 4 absent; Companies: 18 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 8 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Perillo yielded to Vice President Betts, in reference to the 2018 Conference; Jay has put a lot of work into putting together a packet for those having trouble with the website with a list of classes, 3 very good speakers, 1 for PTSD and 1 for Recruitment & Retention and also a Round Table Discussion addressing the Internet Survey Monkeys issues that you voted on. We have been trying to facilitate a Memorial Dedication on Friday afternoon and finding it difficult to fit in schedule. Smoke Detectors for the low-income program have been distributed. If you have not got yours they are being stored at the Fire School. Things are starting to improve for the Grant & Aid Bill and the Bond Bill.

State Fire Chief's Association – Dave Hall, our next meeting is June 28th at Station 50 Harrington. Expo Meeting with doors opening at 3:00 p.m. followed by meeting starting at 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Cardio Kinetics Program we again thank KCVFA for starting the donation to the program. We have had success with all the associations including both the DVFA donating 10 spots and State Ambulance Association donating 3 spots to the program.

State EMS – Mike McMichael, on behalf of President Amy Yonko, we are gearing up everything towards the conference now. We are looking for letters for our annual awards. I notice some folks out there that deservingly need to be recognized. Include Police Officers such as administering CPR.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition. Our next meeting will be September 12th at Conference.

DVFA Conference – No Report | Get your completed forms in on time. **No later than August 8th 2018.**

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel, we had a meeting yesterday. There are 10 departments in Kent County that did receive the Narcan and the Narcan Program to have a call. Everyone needs to start thinking about whether or not to make it mandatory to have and carry Narcan on your ambulance. Personally, I think that is what we would want to do with it. ALS/BLS Standing Orders are getting ready to be finalized. We are hoping to have them ready by conference so they can go into effect by the first of the year. We closed 3 cases brought to us by the investigator. Any questions ask Marvin.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, Sparklers are now legal in the State of Delaware. Only allowed to be sold and used 2 times a year. Sold 30 days prior to and used only on July 4th and December 31st with another bill out there to include January 1st.

Legislature – No Report

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

Kent County Fire Police Association – Mike Berry, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is July 17th at Little Creek.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is June 26th at Little Creek. Lorraine Madden is not with us tonight she is at KGH Room 3511 640 South State St. Dover. She may be moving to a rehab later this week.

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Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, thanks for having us here. No increases for tax (10 years) or sewer rate (11 years). We have increased funding to the companies in Kent County by \$50,000 this year and provided \$15,000 to Special Ops.

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 – J. David Majewski, thanks for the recognition.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Terry Jester, our next meeting is June 26th at 7:30 at Delmar Fire House. Our program will include Ray Steven's and he will be going over our State Funding and explaining our debt. The county gave us an increase this year of \$500,000 to help offset cost of running the Ambulances. That puts us at a little under \$5 million a year that the county gives us.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, working on soliciting bids from insurance companies for AT&T the liability medical. Next meeting is a dinner meeting August 27th at Fraizer's on Loockerman St

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 May meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 55 – Herbert L. Semans, Sr. and Chaplain Bowers mentioned loss of Zachary Jones from Greenwood.

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 June 1, 2018: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund* – \$16,568.22; *Special Operations Fund* – \$43,060.28; *Money Market* – \$18,199.31; *Smoke Detector Fund* – \$806.60; *Firefighter's Relief Fund* – \$7,593.00; *Checking Account* – \$10,679.96; *Total of all CD's* – \$17,593.97; *Total funds* – \$38,073.64 *not including Scholarship, Special Ops Funds, Relief or Smoke Detector Funds*. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written or Email Correspondence: 1 letter from Frederica Volunteer Fire Company endorsing William (Bill) Betts to the Office of President for the DVFA and requested an endorsement from KCVFA.

Report of Committees:

Scholarship Committee, Robert Yerkes on behalf of Rod O'Neal the Roland-Trader Scholarship Application, we meet next Wednesday to select the winners and they will announced at next months meeting.

Sunshine Committee, Mike Brittingham, I think it only proper that we send Lorraine Madden something. Under the proper order of business, we can work on that.

Nominations Committee, Mike Brittingham starting next month we do 2 months of nominations, September elections, October installations. The nominating committee is Bill Betts, Chair, Steve White and Harold Brode. Referencing the By-laws if you wish to run for an elected position you must be endorsed by your home company and letters must be in prior to the start of the August meeting.

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Robert Yerkes || \$3,932.59 – Cheswold Fire Company (Special Ops Repairs and replace some equipment); \$1,062.50 Hartly Fire Company (Special Ops 2 air packs parts); for total payments of \$4,995.09; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

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Unfinished Business:

Mike Brittingham, thanks to all that contributed to Safe Summer Days. Also last month we reported that we had no insurance coverage. We looked at all the policies that were submitted. We determined the best fit for the Association is through Selective and would cost us \$1,163.00 per year. We talked a bunch, I called Bob a couple of weeks ago and I am a little concerned so I recommend that the association pay for this to get us the coverage we need. Going through our budget and income. The income for the association is \$5,700.00 a year and we overspend by about \$1,400.00 a year. We have a healthy bankroll now but eventually it will go away. I want to work back with the Budget Committee and Directors to come up with a way to finance this from year to year. The option we chose this year is to scale back on some fixed bills. For example, President's money we pay out in October won't happen this year and scale back the Past President's \$1000.00 to \$500.00 that would clear up some funds. We need to get back into a position where we are working in the green. I believe we can do it by coming up with options to do it. Anyone wishing to see the policy I have it up here. Is there anyone that wants to serve on the budget committee just let me know. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase the Insurance Policy for \$1,163.00.

New Business:

Harold Brode, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to send Flowers to Lorraine Madden.

Steve White, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to support 1st Vice President Bill Betts for the position of President of the DVFA.

Good of the Association:

Chaplain Blake Bowers, explaining the process of the KCVFA Members Relief Fund, it is an emergency Relief Fund. Process is simple, The President or Fire Chief fills out the application and the application will go to the Director, the Director sends it to Robert Yerkes. I have nothing to do with it. President or Chief has vetted person for need, Director says yes or no and then goes to the Treasurer. Chaplain Bowers, As the Chaplain for this particular organization I have not been able to be here for the last couple of the meetings and so there are a lot of things I have missed. Every organization has the responsibility to discipline membership when necessary. We have the responsibility to deal with people with disciplinary matters in a professional way. I would just like to offer some observations that I think might help us do this better. I would ask that as an organization in the future when we have disciplinary actions to take, that we are mindful that we are fair and we get it right the first time and we are mindful to have in place proper rules, regulations, and procedures to make sure that it is done properly. There are many times that disciplinary actions can be handled way ahead of the actual meeting. We need to be firm, fair, and compassionate. We also need to be mindful of a proverb "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Lastly, (long pause) Many of you have very kindly asked about my father. Dad is failing, he had a stroke about 3 to 4 years ago. As a family we can see the things he can do now as opposed to years ago. His speech is going and his mind is slow. Mom and Dad have moved to Dewey Beach. Their new address is P.O Box 1471, 110 St. Louis Street Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

50-50 – Charles Evans

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 57, Ambulance 64 – July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary