



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 17, 2013

President Pridemore called the 973rd meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 41, Camden-Wyoming Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the Auxiliary. Leroy Dear, President of the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from regular order of business to present the Roland Trader Scholarships. President Pridemore and Tommy Trader presented graduating high school student Drew Fox going to Del Tech and returning college student Brian Rasmussen attending Del Tech each with \$1000.00 scholarships. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charlie Boyer, Company meetings the officers and executive management would like to continue our presentations at your fire company meetings. We still have a few companies to see. Please contact us to make the visits possible. Legislative session has ended for this year. 3 of our bills have passed the General Assembly HB-149, Insurance Companies to pay Fire Companies directly. HB-41, Volunteer firefighters job protection bill and HB-22, Firefighter anti-discrimination. We've also received \$1 million for our revolving loan fund and language added to the Grant & Aid bill to form a task force to develop methodology for reimbursement of EMS services across the state. Revolving loan interest rate is 2% and can be used for apparatus, ambulance, and remodeling fire station. Information for the fund is on the DVFA website. Monument name unveiling, for Justin Townsend I would like to thank those that attended. Conference 2013 has moved to Dover Downs and all information is on the website. Many good seminars and if you have pay employees there is a good legal one you can attend and another is a DVFA roundtable to include discussion on the affordable care act.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glenn Gillespie, very

successful June meeting, next meeting is during conference at Station 43 Cheswold. Guest speaker will be Mike Lombardo he is a retired firefighter officer from the Buffalo Fire Department.

State EMS Association – Ed Angwin, we will be meeting at the same time and place with the State Chiefs. All forms are on the DVFA website with cutoff date of August 9th. Make sure your EMS reps or officers are checking their email regularly. OEMS notifications are coming through email.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak Thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – Dave Snell, No Report
DVFA Conference – John McKenzie, All events are schedule but still some work in progress. Just check the DVFA website. All registrations are on website and once registered you can get back on and check your registration. Hotel if you have player card you will get \$25 playing credit.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, a complaint was filed against Trans-Care. Recommendations from ambulance committee were passed on. BLS Medical Director reported the Middletown ER will be open for ALS patients except for cardiac beginning July 23rd and he is exploring funding for Cardiac Assist devices. DAC is looking into a boundary issue for a letter from Frankford Fire Company. Six companies are late for their reports. Next meeting August 20, 2013 at Fire School

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, We have had our 4th fire fatality back on the 9th of June with no working smoke alarms. We are now advertising for an Intervention Specialist.

Legislature – Bruce Ennis, SB-31, Allows surf fishing permits and bill is still in the house. SB-75 passed providing \$54 million for a community trust fund. SB-53, presumption bill if an active firefighter gets cancer or a heart problem it is because of firefighting, for new members. New firefighters will need their initial physical to help track he/she came to Fire Company in good health. Each company can deal with it independently. Every year we get try to get \$100,000 for Fire Prevention but we have to spend money to get the money back. It is \$78900.00 and we were not successful to bring it up through Grant & Aid.

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Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb next meeting August 20th at Clayton.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Mike Havel next meeting is August 26th at Station 49.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Gentry Thanks for the recognition.

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 –

Dan Carrier Thanks for the recognition.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No

Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zerolles every company should have their packages.

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, Thanks for the recognition

NVFC – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 41 – Harold L. Bennett, Sr., Station 41 – Donna M. Queen, Station 54 – Irwin W. Little, Sr.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Pridemore reminder check off the committee you want to be involved with. Thanks to Camden for new bag & hardware for banner. All directors & 2 Vice President's need to work together for the upcoming February banquet.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of July 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,233.29; Money Market – \$29,014.87; Checking Account – \$328.07; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,241.32; Total funds – \$46,584.26 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 7 letters read, 1st letter from the Carlisle Volunteer Fire Company submitting nomination for Richard Deputy as a KCVFA Director. 2nd letter is from

the Harrington Fire Company supporting the nomination of Pablo Reyes, Jr. as KCVFA Secretary. 3rd letter is from the Harrington Fire Company supporting the nomination of Harold Brode as KCVFA President. 4th letter is from the Citizen's Hose Company, Smyrna supporting Harold Brode for the position of KCVFA President. 5th letter is from the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company nominating Ralph Satterfield for another term as KCVFA Director. 6th letter is from Houston Fire Company endorsing Robert Yerkes for a continued office as the KCVFA Treasurer. 7th letter from is from the Felton Fire Company supporting the nomination of Ken Ryder for the position of KCVFA 1st Vice President.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention – VP Ken Ryder, committee has met and things are under way and I will present this year's budget under proper order of business.

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp, complaint that a helicopter was not utilized. What we were being told and what went on were apples and oranges. We went to task with it and are waiting to see where it goes. We did receive additional \$135,000 from Levy Court to be divided out. It should be the new formula that should be used. We keep working with them on a regular basis. President Pridemore we are still going to work with the initial fire proposal. Also in regards to Chiefs meeting if a helicopter is hovering above have it land even if the patient has not been accessed.

Fund Raiser – Shirley Pennington, investigation was made into the sculpture raffle tickets with the gaming commission and feasibility of selling 500 tickets for a fund raiser. The drawing is to be held on Appreciation Night. Committee members feel it is feasible and it will be a profitable fund raiser.

Payment of Bills – \$1000.00 – Delaware Tech (Roland Trader Scholarship > Brian Rasmussen); \$1000.00 – University of Delaware (Roland Trader Scholarship > Drew Fox); \$97.10 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Scholarship Plaques); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Nomination of Officers

President Pridemore stated as per communications he would call the names of individual's meeting the criteria

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and then he would call each position for a nomination 3 times and anyone nominated from the floor will be required to have a letter submitted according to the bylaws signed on company letterhead by the President or Secretary. Nominations will remain open for this month and the next. President Pridemore then stated for the Office of President I have Harold K. Brode, are there any other nominations for the office of President, are there any other nominations for the office of President, are there any other nominations for the office of President, are there any other nominations for the office of President. 1st Vice President – Ken Ryder, Jr. *called all offices 3 times for nomination. 2nd Vice President – No name at this time called for 3 times and no name from the floor. Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Jr., Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Director – Ralph Satterfield, Director – Richard Deputy.* At this time all nominations will remain open until closed at next association meeting with elections in September.

Unfinished Business

Vice President Ken Ryder – Presented Fire Prevention budget for this year as \$2400.00. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the \$2400.00 budget. Shirley Pennington – A motion was made, seconded, and carried to go ahead with the fund raiser and purchase artwork for \$300.00 from Past Chief Paul and have proceeds go to the Appreciation Banquet. Vice President Brode - A motion was made, seconded, and carried to send a letter supporting Joe Zerolles for 2nd Vice President of DVFA. President Pridemore - A motion was made, seconded, and carried to send a letter supporting Glenn Gillespie for Director of DVFA.

New Business

President Pridemore, reference to logo and banner pointed out the original logos presented and the issue with a center piece. Looking for options and presented some options on paper. Open floor to suggestions and lots of discussion ensued on original logos. President asked for volunteers and appointed logo committee members Steve White, Jeff Denison, Rev. Larry Jameson, and anyone else who volunteered.

Good of the Association

Marvin Sharp, thanks to the Trader family for the

scholarship the gentleman that received it was a 3rd generation fire service family. We had a group working with Milford museum promoting the Fire Company history. The museum is open please come visit the museum if you are in Milford.

Robert Yerkes, Harry Lindale is still in chair and is still having problems holding his own but not doing good. Rep. Dave Wilson will hold auction for the 3 children survivors of an accident where the parents were killed. Auction will be on the 28th with all proceeds going to the children; it will be a worthwhile event. John Pridemore, Clayton Fire Company all you can eat crab feast and dance afterward for July 27th.

50-50 – Steve White

Conference Souvenir – Robert Yerkes

The next meeting will be at Carlisle, Milford, Station 42 – August 21st

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary