



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 19, 2017

President Post called the 1016th meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Station 45, Clayton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brittingham conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Bob Faulkner, President of Clayton Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brittingham gave the response.

Deviation of Business: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business. Treasurer Robert Yerkes, shared that the Roland P. Trader Scholarship Fund had 7 entries and 4 were selected for an award. He also conveyed thanks to the KCVF Auxiliary Association from the KCVFA for a \$1000 donation made to the Scholarship Fund. Presentation of awards were as follows: 1st time Mykayla Guzman – \$500, 2nd time Hailey Boots - \$500, 1st time Alex Carrow - \$1000, and 2nd time Jenna Fox - \$1000. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the normal order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 17 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Ted Wallis, yielded to Vice President Bill Betts, Thanks to all of you that showed up to Legislative Hall and/or contacted your legislators, as you know on June 30th we ended up taking a 20% cut in Grant and Aid. Speaking to some legislators it has been said it is not going to get any better for next year. We need to find another permanent funding source, something we have been working on for the past 3 years. If something does come up we may need legislative support then. Hydraulic Rescue tool, working to remove the word "Hydraulic" so that when you receive your Rescue tool funding you can use it for any type of Rescue tool. National Firefighter Memorial is October 8th at Emmitsburg, Maryland and we still only have a few people from Kent County interested in going. If you are interested in going contact the DVFA Office. Conference forms are available on the website with a deadline of turning them in of August 8th. Delaware State Fair is July 20th through the 30th and starting tomorrow we will have a Recruitment Booth for all 10 days of the fair with a Main Event Sponsorship of the Monster Trucks. Warren Jones the Executive Manager is recovering from knee surgery and is working from home. You can still call the office number to reach him.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State EMS – Alan Post on behalf of Mike McMichael's, anyone that has letters of recommendations for the EMT awards make sure you get them in.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, what seminars we have are on the Internet, check make sure you have all your forms in, due no later than August 8th. If, you need to change anything in the rooms contact Lisa Skelley at Dover Downs and make sure you follow-up with an email. Conference souvenirs are on sale and some items are limited so buy early.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, we had our meeting yesterday at the Fire School. Dr. Matthews reported that the C-PAP report is coming out soon and did talk about the pricing of Epi-pens being high and that he will be looking into some type of funding source. Ambulance Funding Report was approved. After holding two audit hearings two Kent County companies were fined. Maryland's Scratch Rate Solution was accepted. Still need DFIRS from stations 40, 43, 46, 52, 53, and 57. Fire Marshall is going to work with those companies to get those reports in. Lastly, it was discussed at length the difference between ambulance runs and PCRs. Our next meeting is August 15th.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, 5 fire related deaths to date, and 3 (one in each county) most recent without **working** smoke alarms. Our canine Tanya and her handler John have been recertified for another year. We have been in contact with some Fire Companies with regards to possible software issues and we are working with them to resolve possible

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software or training issue's.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, there was about a 20% cut for Grant and Aid. We tried to limit it to 10% but when we got with the other party they saw fit to use the money elsewhere. SB35, REPLICA Bill to allow EMT or Paramedic's to work out of state without being in violation in the performance of their duties. Line of Duty benefit increase from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Paid Firefighter's can join the Delaware, County, and Municipal pension plans.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition, our next meeting is August 9th at Dover.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Leon Hyde, our next meeting is August 15th at Station 42, Carlisle.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Mark Langford, our next meeting is next month at Station 47 (no meal), after that our next meeting is in two months for installation of officers.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, thanks for the recognition, our next meeting will be in Frederica on September 26th at 7:00 p.m.

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 – Bob Yerkes, we will meet Monday night at Station 49, Frederica.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

International Chief's – Bill Betts, no report

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

Deceased Members: Station 49 & 55 – Rodney Mitchell

Report of Officers: All submitted in written or electronic form, Vice President Dennison, * we have already started meeting for Fire Prevention and PLEASE make sure that you pay attention to deadlines to getting your winners submissions back to us. Last year 5 companies had selections that were NOT considered because their paperwork was NOT in.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of July 1, 2017: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$14,538.73; Special Operations Fund – \$30,560.32; Money Market – \$18,570.76; Smoke Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$6,465.41; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.39; Total funds – \$42,629.56 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence: None to read, however one letter was turned over to the nominations committee.

Report of Committees:

None

*Fire Prevention – Jeff Dennison, see "Report of Officers"

Payment of Bills: \$1,000.00 – Wilmington University (Scholarship for Jenna Fox); \$1,000.00 – Columbia Southern University (Scholarship for Alex Carrow); \$500.00 – Delaware Technical Community College (Scholarship for Mykayla Guzman);

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\$500.00 – Delaware Technical Community College (Scholarship for Hailey Boots); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bill.

Nomination of Officers: President Post asked for nominations to the following offices and called each office 3 times: President – Jeff Dennison, 1st Vice President – Michael Brittingham, 2nd Vice President – no name entered, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Bob Yerkes, and two 3-year director positions, Director – Jeff Eisenbrey; Director – James Woznicki. Nominations will be held again next month, make sure that if you are running for an office that your letters are in by next month.

Unfinished Business:

Name or information for replacement Audit position? Ken Ryder, information has been turned over to Alan Robinson. Alan Robinson, we are good with the information provided.

Committee for the disposition of the EMS Association? Names are as follows, County Firefighter's – Mike Brittingham & Chris Cloud, County Chiefs – Mark Langford & Steve White, County EMS – Shirley Pennington & Earle Briel. Mike will take the lead and report back to the association.

New Business:

Jeff Eisenbrey, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to support George Pyott in his selection as DVFA Treasure. Chaplin Blake Bowers, last week at the State Chiefs Association, the Fire School reported on two youth camps the Fire School helped. They did very well with the camps. Can we work with the DVFA and the Recruitment & Retention to get some pictures and videos distributed to the companies for Recruitment & Retention or possibly something in time for the Delaware State Fair?

Good of the Association:

Bill Betts, Warren came up with something listing what went on at Legislative Hall from January to June and some contacts. It was very helpful and we may need to do this again next year.

Mike Brittingham, President Walius status on the DVFA Audit? President Walius, after a discussion with George Pyott, Acting Treasurer and Audit Committee it was decided to stay with Books Associate because of the short time lapse in getting financial books back in time for the Conference.

President Post, Special thanks to the Scholarship Committee Sandra Robinson, Rod O'Neal and Robert Yerkes on their hard work on this program.

50-50 – Frank Martire

Conference Souvenir – John Stevenson

The next meeting will be at Station 46, Dover (Nominations) – August 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary