

Talbot County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association



605 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

**Minutes of February 2018 Meeting**

Date: 2/14/18

Location: Oxford Volunteer Fire Company

Meeting called to order at 18:58

Reverend Fred Bahr led the blessing and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers and Companies: All officers and companies present

John Hanes, President of OVFC, welcomed attendees station and dinner.

Meeting was adjourned for dinner.

Meeting was re-convened.

Auxiliary conducted their raffles for two cakes and 50/50.

Tom Diem thanked the Oxford Fire Auxiliary for a delicious dinner

All companies turned in their credential forms.

Reading of minutes: Motion was made to have January meeting minutes to stand as written. The motion was seconded.

New Business:

Officer vacancy filled: A special election was held to fill the vacant office of treasurer. Mary Binseel of St. Michaels Fire Department was put forth as candidate. John Hanes 2nd the motion. Nominations were closed. A motion was made to elect Mary as treasurer. The motion was 2nd. Vote was unanimous. Doyle Cox, MSFA Secretary swore in Mary Binsell as Treasurer and Tom Ray of OVFC as Secretary .

Introduction of Guests

1. Ed Mulliken, President ESVFA: Meeting shore meeting Sunday 3/18 @ 1:00 in Chestertown.

2. George McCracken, Director DVFA: Everyone should have their packets and have them in by 3/16. Memorial service on Friday @ 2:00. Queen contest on Saturday at 9:30
3. Dave McQuay, VCAF MSFA: VCAF committee met on November 28th at Arbutus Fire Company. All loans and grants were approved which totaled \$6.1M. VCAF was given about \$22M when fund was first started. It is now down to about \$1M for loans and no money available for grants. Money going out faster than coming in. There were several large loans were issued. Now looking to find other sources of funding to keep it going. Contacting local legislators to see where money can be found. Provide low cost loans. Working meeting 3/18 @ 10:00-2:00 at Odenton Fire Co. Next meeting tentatively in July.
4. John Hanes, President Station 20: Rummage sale on 2/24. Second Sunday of every month have a breakfast.
5. Fred Cross, Past President of MSFA:
6. Doyle Cox, MSFA Sec.: Everyone should have received packet for convention. Everything is on schedule. Blue Angels will be flying over during convention weekend. Traffic will be bad. Credentials - please go on-line and fill out credentials. Takes only a minute and good for the year. Easton has theirs in but no one else. Pay attention to question that pertains to the number of members, riding and admin/social/non riding helpers. Auxiliary members are counted only if they are members of fire side as well. Memorial forms need to be submitted by 3/1/18 for deaths. Certificate of recognitions: asked to go on-line at the convention website. Submit the company recognitions for top responder, active military, multi generation member and those 90 yrs and older. Asked to bring the 90+ active members to the convention. Other awards can nominate under the website. They will print certificates to be sent to individual. Any members celebrating anniversaries like 25th, 50th, etc. should have those submitted as well.
7. Tom: The Memorial Gala. Discussion on purchasing table for \$500 for 10 individuals. The following majority of companies agreed to purchase the table. The Chair entered motion to purchase one table at \$500. All agreed except for 30 which abstained. Motion was carried. Cox clarified association can buy a table but companies can buy a table as well. Money goes back to memorial to take care of it. Gala will be located at Milestone in Easton. Rooms set aside at Quality in at a reduced rate.

#### Committees:

1. Chief's Committee. Report by John Harris of Station 60: Smoke reading seminar on Saturday 2/17 from 8:30 - 12:30. Station 40 will be hosting a burn on Sunday 2/18. MFRI Safety officer class is a go and 2/22 is the start date. Rescue Tech class still needs 4 people for it to take place. Start date is 3/6 registration closes 3/28. Tentative date for tanker task force date is 4/18 tanker task force. Easton pt. Old town lot locations. Next Chiefs Committee meeting is next Wednesday. Focus of the meeting will be radio usage during an incident. During Easton fire on Sunday 2/11 had 12 failed transmissions. First 5 minutes 25 failed transmissions due to overlapping transmissions. No clarification for Career Tech. Knox box clarification. Each jurisdiction (i.e., 20, 60, even the county) has its own unique key for their area. So

there are probably four or five different type of keys just within the county. There has not been any issues due to multiple keys.

Budget Committee: Report by John Hanes. Budget is in and given to the county on Monday 2/11. Next step is to be contacted by the county. Tom Diem to meet with Andy Hollis to get a date for the budget meeting .

By-laws committee. Met and did get a draft but will hold until executive meeting on 3/14.

Emergency Services Board: No report. Will get a report on 3/14 at executive meeting.

Golf Tournament: Committee: Handouts passed out to delegates Requesting that every company finds five hole sponsors @ \$100 per hole. Gets us \$3500 total. No letter to go out. No door prizes. Contest for putting and chipping - cash prize. Gift for each participant. Cook meal in-house. Email the hole sponsorship to the TCVRFA delegate

Facebook Committee: Have someone from Cordova to help Steve M. with the facebook page.

Hall of Fame Committee: Did not set up at last meeting. Richard Smith, Randy Satchel, John Hanes to be on the committee. Dave McQuay said the nameplate has been installed on the display

Recruitment & Retention: Shawn from station 40 and Doug McNair from 20 will be on the committee

Treasurer's Report: \$9,987.53 in checking account. Have a CD of \$14,407.75. Two bills: \$65 for website, \$32 for Bay Imprint. Motion made to pay bills by 80, 2nd by 60. Motion approved by roll call.

Secretary's report: Nothing

New Business: Badges: Satchel 10 badges ordered. One for secretary and treasurer. Be here in a few weeks. 20 years ago cost was \$32 and today is \$80. Being shipped to Satchel.

#### Good of the association

- 20:
- 30: Soup day 5:00 to be 2/19 and on 3/19. Engine 39 was involved in an single vehicle accident, no injuries, engine in bodyshop.
- 40: banquet on 2/24 at Yacht Club. 4/14 annual flea market. Control burn this Sunday.
- 50: committee went to SD to see new engine. Delivered 3rd week of March. Friday 3/16 having another concert at station. John Hanes has stepped down as treasurer.
- 60: Easton having 5k race 4/7 looking for sponsors
- 70: Valentine dance on Saturday 2/18 music by Bank Off the Hook. 3/3 annual banquet
- 80: 3/17 11:00 Texas Hold'em. Doors open at 11:00 start playing at 1:00. , free non-alcoholic beverage. Admission fee \$75.

- Rev Barnes: boxes. Bible sticks. Audio bible. Brought 8 and will have more at the next dinner meeting.
- Association President Tom Diem: When county council meets for budget need to show support. Asking all companies to send people.
- Jimmy Eason Jr. (50): Ask to put on record support for Donald Knauer
- Doyle State Association. Leonard King passed away. Was involved in the association for many years.

Motion to adjourn: Motion by 50 and seconded by 20. Meeting adjourned.