

Oxford Volunteer Fire Company
Trappe Volunteer Fire Company
St Michaels Volunteer Fire Department

Talbot County Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Association

Cordova Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.
Easton Volunteer Fire Company
Tilghman Volunteer Fire Company
Queen Anne-Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company



605 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

February 12, 2020

The meeting was opened by President Phil Starkey at 1900 hours.

Roll call of Officers: All present

Roll call of Companies: Station 20 present, 30 present, 40 present, 50 present, 60 present, 70 present, 80 present.

Pledge to the flag followed by Invocation by Reverend Fred Bahr.

J.R. Stinchberry, Vice President for Cordova, welcomed everyone to Cordova Fire House.

Meeting broke for dinner.

President Phil Starkey asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. Station 80 motioned to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as distributed, Station 50 seconded; members voted motion approved.

SPECIAL GUESTS

John Mautz, MD House of Delegates – wanted to bring to the Association's attention that one of the things he's working on in Annapolis right now on behalf of Oxford is their request to put in a speed camera in right as you come into town, by the firehouse. He felt that the Association needed to be aware because the speed camera will be so close to the firehouse.

George McCracken, DelMarVa Association – He passed out packets to the Delegates in attendance tonight, with all the information asked to please get your information in by the deadlines stated in the handouts. He is running for 2nd Vice President for DelMarVa and he would appreciate the Associations support. He is also delegate for Eastern Shore, the meeting will be in Cordova on Sunday, 2/16/2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Chuck Walker, 1st Vice President for MSFA – Spoke about the R&R committee and the change they would like to make, taking it from a Standing Committee to a regular committee so they are able to do more. You'll find this on the ballot at the Convention. Second thing on the ballot will be regarding the Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary. The ballot will say they will be three year terms, with one of them coming up each year to keep the continuity within those offices. He will be placing his name on the ballot for MSFA President and would appreciate our support.

Joel McCrea, 2nd Vice President for MSFA – Training schedule has been completed go on the website, check it out and sign up for what you would like to attend. MSFA Executive meeting will be March 28 & 29 at Level. Cancer Support Walk will be April 26 in Annapolis. He will be running for 1st Vice President and would appreciate our support.

Mitch Vocke, Financial Secretary for MSFA – He is running for office again this year and would appreciate our support. Ways & Means Committee (otherwise known as the \$10,000 raffle). Over the last 15 years with the raffle

the statewide average of companies that have turned money back in is 50%. Money goes into general fund, there are four accounts, the general fund, the convention account which is a separate account and almost all its money is made off the vendors at the Convention, they make about \$200,000 for space for vendors, there's the widows and orphans fund, and the appropriation fund which the state gives them money for to run the association. There's the SAFR grant which is totally restricted on what it can be used for. The raffle brings in about \$55,000, after expenses they get about a \$33,000 profit. The committees within the association request about \$38,000 for the year. Ways & Means Committee would like to really see more of the raffle tickets purchased, as a side note a fire department has won the raffle drawing the past several years.

Doyle Cox – Get your credentials submitted and remember to submit names for awards and submit the names of any members you lost this past year for the Memorial Service, submit by March 1, 2020. Family night at Jolly Rogers on Monday night. Purse Bingo, they are looking for donations of purses.

Hoby Howell, Candidate Trustee MSFA – Handed out a pamphlet with his credentials and spoke of them to the association requesting support as he is a candidate for Trustee.

Dave McQuay, VCAF Board for MSFA – meeting February 23rd in Union Bridge Fire Company in Carroll County.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| R&R | \$32,785.05 |
| Career Tech | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Foam | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Training | \$15,500.00 |
| Admin | \$ 1,432.51 |
| Checking: | \$10,168.52 |
| CD | \$14,793.53 |

Dan Tarrant stated the funds from R&R checking account have been transferred into the Association's checking account as approved at January's meeting. Station 60 motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Station 80 seconded; members voted motion approved.

COMMUNICATION

None.

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee – Sonny Jones, Chief's met on January 15th. They had a guest from State Highway CHART present to talk about how State Highway could assist emergency crews. County chiefs will be voting to accept the countywide engine standard in February after they've all had a chance to review it. Winterfest firefighting class was held and attendance was not as high as they would have liked.

Talbot Center – Sonny Jones report that Director Stamp asked him to report that they have conducted a study to determine the points of saturation of when they have no EMS units available throughout the county. The study showed that this occurs Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. For that reason they are seeking funding to put an additional ALS unit in service during those times.

R&R – Sonny Jones, the committee met on February 5th. There was a lot of discussion on the artwork for the trailer, utilizing the high schools to have this done and how to incorporate what the committee would like to see on it. Danielle is working on a Facebook page for the R&R Committee. They discussed more ways of advertising including creating another commercial to air. Statewide Recruitment & Retention day is April 19th.

By Laws – Committee members appointed are: Dawn Lange, Sean Gilligan, George McCracken, Randy Satchell and Dennis Starkey.

OLD BUSINESS

Company credential sheets – make sure you turn in your completed company credential sheets to the Secretary.

Budget – The budget has gone to the Finance Office, per the County’s request we submitted a flat budget, with the exception of LOSAP. The association requested a 10% increase to LOSAP, the last increase was in 2017, the foam budget is now for foam and absorbent.

NEW BUSINESS

Web Site – Dawn has started making updates to the website. It was asked if the previous minutes would be uploaded and Dawn said she would be happy to however she doesn’t have copies to upload. Sean will forward the information to Dawn. Any company events or flyers you would like to have posted on the website please forward to drlange66@gmail.com an email for the association has been set up it is TCVFRA5@gmail.com

Training grounds – Sonny Jones, as discussed before the Town of Easton donated property to Easton Fire Company for training grounds, that has been finalized and they’ve been given a parcel of land. The County Association purchased a shed which was at the current training grounds, however, due to the development of these grounds the shed will need to be moved. Easton fire company had the shed moved to their fire house grounds for the time being until it’s decided on whether to move it to the new training grounds. Sonny motioned to use the funds from the training budget to reimburse Easton Fire Company the cost of this one time move of the shed, approximately \$350; station 50 seconded. 20-y, 30-y, 40-y, 50-y, 60-y, 70-y, 80-y.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- Rummage Sale 2/28/2020
- 30- Soup Night 2/17/2020; Leap Year Bingo 2/29/2020.
- 40- Banquet 2/22/2020; Spring Flea Market 4/18/2020
- 50- Spaghetti Dinner 3/20/2020.
- 60- Stews & Brews \$35 2/15/2020
- 70- Banquet 3/7/2020; Engine 74 brought back last night.
- 80- Grocery Bingo 2/24/2020; Texas Hold ‘Em 3/14/2020; 75th Anniversary 5/2/2020; in conjunction with that we got notification that a portion of Rt 404 will be dedicated to Danny Lister, Governor’s Office would like to do it the same day, we are waiting on final confirmation on that.

There being no further business Randy Satchell motioned to adjourn, Dennis Starkey seconded. The next meeting will be an executive meeting on 3/11/2020 at Talbot Center at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Lange

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Secretary, TCVFRA