

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

May 20, 2020

The executive 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 absent, 50 present, 60 present, 70 present, 80 present.

Pledge to the flag.

President Starkey asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. Jimmy Eason, Station 50 motioned to waive the reading of the minutes as everyone received a paper copy, Dan Mautz, Station 40 seconded members voted motion approved.

SPECIAL GUESTS

No Special guests

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>Balance</u>
R&R	\$32,785.05
Career Tech	\$ 5,000.00
Foam	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$15,150.00
Admin	\$ 1,367.51
Checking:	\$10,469.35
CD	\$14,819.94

There is one bill from VFIS Insurance, which is insurance for the group, in the amount of \$766. Dan Mautz, Station 40 motioned to pay the bill, Debby Sweet, Station 70 seconded.
20-y, 30-y, 40-y, 50-y, 60-y, 70-y, 80-y

COMMUNICATION

None

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee – Sonny Jones, Chief of Easton – have not met for the previous two months. They did take a vote via phone to erect a banner at the Easton Hospital. The banner has all the Fire Companies and Talbot Emergency Services on it. It says Talbot County First Responders support the staff of UMD Shore Medical Center in their fight against the COVID 19 pandemic. It can be seen on the corner of Beiry St.

Talbot County Emergency Services – Brian LeCates, he extended his thanks to all the fire departments for their support during this emergency. They created and distributed to PPE bags to each fire department, if anyone needs re-stocking, let them know. Clay has received loss of revenue report submitted by the association and has passed it on to the County Council and they will be looking for ways to assist with that. President Starkey reiterated if anyone needs any supplies reach out to himself or Clay.

R&R – Danielle Hayes, Committee Chair, sent out an email last week regarding the committee possibly purchasing gaiters to be worn as face masks, 50 for each company. Discussion was held and everyone felt the intent was good, but the material is not proper PPE because they are thin, and they do not provide any filtration for the person wearing them. Additionally, feel that with the financial crisis the County is possibly facing due to the pandemic, spending should be at a minimal right now. The trailer is on hold right now, but it is still the intent of the committee to utilize the school students for the graphic designs. They will still be stocking the trailer and purchasing give away's to have if they get to attend any events.

By Laws – Dawn Lange, stated the minutes where it was approved to change the By Laws to not have a meeting in August have been found. Therefore, this does not need to be brought before the committee, it just needs to be added to the By Laws.

OLD BUSINESS

President Starkey said the MSFA will be holding a virtual Queen's contest in place of the usual contest that takes place at the Convention in Ocean City.

President Starkey appointed the 2020 Hall of Fame Committee – Sean Gilligan, Station 50; Dan Mautz, Station 40; Tim Boyle, Station 20.

At the last meeting Corey Pack talked about having a Fire Fighter of the year plaque where the county could recognize the each of department's Fire Fighter of the year. President Starkey will contact each department to get the names.

NEW BUSINESS

President Starkey stated that the County Council approved to pay for hose testing for all the companies and the information has been sent to all the chiefs.

President Starkey reported that Mike Faust, President of MSFA, is trying to find a way to help the fire companies with their loss of revenue from not being able to hold fund raisers. The other matter of business brought up to President Faust by President Starkey was the 50 points for taxes and lack thereof due to no meetings or events going on. President Faust said he verified with the State they only require you earn 50 points in two categories; it does not stipulate how you get the points that is up to the organization to decide. The attorney has said that as a President of your individual company if you want to give a point to members for meetings that could not be held you can put in writing that due to COVID 19 these members get a point for said meeting; same with a fundraising event, if in the past you've had an event and you've had 30 hours as fundraising hours for that event you can write that up and give credit to

your members. All this must be in writing and voted on and approved by your company. Attached is the letter received from President Faust with the tax points section highlighted.

R&R brochure that goes in a mailing from the County Finance Office, after much discussion it was decided to update the brochure and go from there. President Starkey will contact the Finance Office and tell them we do not wish to have it mailed out this year.

There was discussion regarding how to proceed with the next association meeting. After much discussion it was decided to hold a Zoom (virtual) meeting.

President Starkey said he had invited Dr. Wadley to our meeting tonight to see if she had any guidance or words on how the fire companies could proceed this summer with fundraisers. Her response was: **“At this point, I hate to say there is no point in sight of when fundraisers can be used due to the Governor's Executive Order. A local political jurisdiction can make more restrictive directives, as can the Health Officer, but not less restrictive directives relative to the Executive Order. Any creative plans to raise money and limit groups to small numbers might be possible in the near future but the usual fundraisers drawing a crowd will not be allowed until the Governor allows larger meetings. “**

Tax Referendum – The County Council has agreed to put this on the November ballot.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- No report.
- 30- No report.
- 40- No report.
- 50- Their Executive Board will meet on the second Tuesday of June to decide regarding their Fair.
- 60- Administrative Assistant Carol Prettyman has had surgery and will be out for an extended period. President Knotts' father passed away.
- 70- No report.
- 80- No report.

There being no further business Jimmy Eason, Station 50 motioned to adjourn, Dennis Starkey, Station 80 seconded.

The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting in place of being held in Tilghman on 6/10/2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Lange

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Secretary, TCVFRA