

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

July 8, 2020

Although the Governor's Executive order of not more than 10 people to gather during the COVID-19 pandemic, had just recently been lifted, this meeting was offered to members through Zoom for those that did not want to attend in person.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Phil Starkey at 1900 hours at Queen Anne Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Company. This location is due to the COVID 19 not allowing a meeting to be held at Emergency Services.

Roll call of Officers: President present, Vice President was present, Treasurer present, Secretary was present, Chief's Committee was present, R&R Committee was present.

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

President Starkey asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. Dan Mautz, Station 40, motioned to waive the reading of the minutes as everyone received them via email prior to meeting, Randy Satchell, Station 50 seconded members voted motion approved.

SPECIAL GUESTS

No Special guests.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| R&R | \$32,785.05 |
| Career Tech | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Foam | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Training | \$15,150.00 |
| Admin | \$ 1,367.51 |
| Checking: | \$10,420.55 |
| CD | \$14,923.47 |

Treasurer, Dan Tarrant read the bills for the R&R Committee: 4Imprint - \$1,433.25; Amazon - \$72.45; Peticol - \$545.73; Garrett Specialties - \$1,807.50. These are for giveaway items to have on hand at the 4-H Fair and any other events. Also, for the R&R Committee is a bill from Store Supply Warehouse for a male and female mannequin in the amount of \$289.37. These will be attired in turn out gear and EMT gear to be on display at events to show the public what members wear and how much it cost. Bills to be paid out of the Foam account were from Applied Industries for oil only folded sweeps and oil only booms in the amount of \$4,004.14. President Starkey said that total from Applied Industries will come down a little, they will submit a new bill, minus the tax.

Chief Sonny Jones asked if they were invoiced for the Stay Dri absorbent that is warehoused at old Black & Decker building. That was to be paid from the Foam account as well. Dan stated to his knowledge we have not received a bill for that. Sean Gilligan, Station 60 motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills; Randy Satchell, Station 50 seconded, motion passed.

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee – Sonny Jones, Chief of Station 60

- Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 1900 hours at Station 60.
- Chief Jones read his report from the meeting which included the Flagging Form from DES for CAD, new 700 Mghz radios, possible tower at Station 50, needs for PPE's contact DES, Got Big Water Drill rescheduled to November 1st, thanked the Association and County Council for paying for hose testing.

Emergency Services – Clay Stamp

- Clay reported what they have been doing, meetings being held since the State of Emergency started due to COVID 19.
- Clay said he knows the companies are suffering from lost revenues due to not being able to hold fundraisers and they have those amounts that were submitted to him and the County Council is aware of it. Right now, they do not have a grant for those losses. With regard to expenditures to prepare for or respond to COVID, he needs companies to submit receipts. He sent an email today to Dawn Lange (she will forward to each company). Everyone can get their receipts submitted to Angela Lane in Finance and copy Clay.
- Looking at the statistics on the additional Paramedic Unit they have running temporarily right now to take to the County Council to try and keep it permanently. President Starkey asked if he would like the Association to write a letter supporting this, Clay thanked him and said he would let us know.
- President Starkey asked about the tower being looked into at the Cordova Fire House. Clay said this is a coverage issue and has been a problem for a long time. The County zoning only allows for a 100 foot tower, the County Council can override that, if Cordova would like to go to the Council and ask them to override that, Clay would be happy to go with them and ask as well.

R&R – Danielle Hayes, Committee Chair

- This Saturday is the Talbot County 4-H drive thru. Would like any station that is able to provide a piece of apparatus all day or just a partial day it would be appreciated. The Fair will be handing out give away bags, if any company would like to have a flyer of something, they have going on in the bag get it to Danielle by Friday morning. Anyone able to come out and help please do so.
- The give aways that R&R has ordered is first aid kits, stress balls in the shape of a fire hydrant, boot and fire fighter, fire fighter badges, water bottles and pens, lastly they ordered a hot/cold pack in the shape of a fire truck. Ordered a spin wheel to use as a prize wheel.
- The mannequins are in, the male will be in full fire fighter turn out gear, they have ordered boots and a helmet for him. For the female mannequin, she will be in EMS gear which has also been ordered. This will allow people to come up and see it, touch it and they can see the prices of how much these items cost us. Sean asked if Jason Bloom was able to help out getting items for free as he originally thought. He is still trying to work on that.

LOSAP

President Starkey asked Clay about the list that Danielle Diefenderfer is supposed to send out to all the fire companies. Clay said he will ask her tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS

President Starkey asked about the EMS Advisory Board, he did not know we have two members that the Association nominates for the board. Clay spoke about what the Advisory Board does, he will look into who our representatives are so we can look into getting a report from them and will ask for President Starkey's email address to be added to the list.

Produce will be picked up tomorrow and delivered to the fire houses. Sean Gilligan will meet Dawn Lange to get Easton's, Oxford's and Trappe's. Chief Jones stated that the boxes delivered to them tends to sit until for days until it's gone, and they will forego a portion or all of theirs if there is someone else in need. The intent was good they just do not have that many in need. Phil said he will contact Jan and let her know that she can cut back the amount we are receiving.

NEW BUSINESS

Received a letter from a member of Oxford asking for the Association to support him in getting a swift water rescue team placed in Oxford. Delegate Tim Boyle of Oxford said that they have not had the opportunity to talk about this yet and asked that we table this until they are able to discuss in their company. Chief Jones said he was approached by the same person and was asked if Easton would be willing to go in on a dive team and Chief Jones told him no. Easton used to have a dive team, the team did not get enough calls and the training is extensive. Tim said either himself or Graham will let us know what happens in their meeting tomorrow night.

Chief Jones said that on behalf of the Chief's Committee he contacted Dispatch and asked that if the public calls in for a control burn that they be told that while there is not a burn ban in effect right now they strongly recommend that due to the dry conditions they not burn at this time.

President Starkey said there is no meeting in August, the next meeting will be in September which should be a dinner meeting. He asked the feelings of the Association on that. Randy Satchell, Station 50, stated that unless there was a pressing matter that needed to be discussed he did not feel the Association needed to meet. Sean Gilligan, Station 60, said that he feels that since we have a budget monies allotted to us from the County we should continue to meet and be dependable. We can continue to hold Zoom meetings for anyone that doesn't feel comfortable attending in person. Chief Jones said that he feels we have a lot going on specifically with apparatus standards and we need to have formal meetings with minutes. Sean Gilligan motioned that we continue with regular scheduled meetings, regardless of how they're done by Zoom or in person; Dan Mautz, Station 40, seconded. Station 20 yes, 30 yes, 40 yes, 50 no, 60 yes, 70 absent, 80 yes.

Chief's Committee has come up with a set of Engine Standards and submitted them to the Association to be voted on. Dawn emailed them to each Delegate prior to tonight's meeting. Chief Jones said it's a very basic agreed upon standard that won't cause anyone to spend any money. They researched standards and came up with something that was workable for them. It helps with the ISO rating; it also helps to know that if you're putting an engine company in service it should meet the basic agreed upon standard. It does not have any punishment if you don't comply with the standard. Sean Gilligan, Station 60 asked if there was any objections to the standard and Chief Jones said it was accepted amongst the Chief's Committee unanimously. Sean Gilligan, Station 60, motioned to accept the standards set forth by the Chief's Committee for apparatus for mutual aid response within Talbot County. Shirley Quidas, Station 30 seconded. Randy Satchell, Station 50, has an issue, their By-Laws state that a Delegate can vote on a minor issue but anything major has to go back to the company for discussion and the Delegate be told how to vote. Randy spoke to his President and he agreed that this is a major issue and will need to be taken to their Company for a vote. Randy said their Trustees are having a meeting, so if they do not have a regular meeting their Trustees can approve it at their meeting. Motion is tabled.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- Regret to say that all breakfasts have been cancelled for the year.
- 30- No report.
- 40- Chicken BBQ in August
- 50- Everything on hold at this time.
- 60- Friday Bingo is resuming this Friday.
- 70- No report.
- 80- 75th Anniversary September 12, 2020; Sportsman Bingo November 21, 2020.

There being no further business Randy Satchell, Station 50 motioned to adjourn, Sean Gilligan, Station 60 seconded.

The next meeting will be an executive meeting on 9/9/2020 at 7:00 p.m. Location will be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Lange

Dawn Lange
Secretary, TCVFRA