



605 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

**ROLL CALL**

**Date: 4/13/2022**

20	Steve Mroczek, Richard Smith	60	Tim Knotts
30	Shirley Quidas, Jimmy Newnam	70	Patty Anderson
40	Holley Guschke, Dan Mautz	80	Absent
50	Megan Thorton	DES	Brian LeCates, Matt Watkins
Association	Phil Starkey, Bill Keswick, Dan Tarrant, Dawn Starkey	Chief's Committee	Sonny Jones
Guests	Bob Phillips, MSFA	R&R	

President Starkey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge; Invocation; and Oxford President, Tim Kearns, welcoming everyone to Oxford Fire House.

President Starkey suspended the meeting for dinner.

After dinner President Starkey called the meeting back to order. He asked for the reading of the minutes. Dan Mautz, Station 40, motioned to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them in printed form; Steve Mroczek, Station 20, seconded, motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

R&R	\$16,643.75
Career Tech	\$ 5,000.00
Foam	\$ 2,159.20
Training	\$ 8,975.00
Admin	\$ 1,917.33
Checking:	\$11,588.29
CD	\$15,196.34

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report. Waiting on the bill from the radio station, once that has cleared, we can move forward with splitting the R&R Funds as approved.

Dan Tarrant motioned to pay \$102.00 to renew the TCVFRA trailer tags; Steve Mroczek, Station 20, seconded, motion passed.

**GUESTS**

Bob Phillips, MSFA – **see attached documents**

- Convention June 18-23, 2022. Be sure to go online and complete your credentials. This must be done in order to vote. Voting will be in Ocean City but will be digital.
- MSFA name change will also be on the ballot to vote, must select yes or no on ballot for each of the 4 names listed. See sample ballot on page 2 of MSFA 2/25/22 Weekly Report.
- Bob read the list of bills from Legislature. **see attached**

## DES

Brian LeCates, Director

- Introduced new EMS Division Chief, Matt Watkins.
- EM Division continues to support the Health Department with COVID.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted.
- Hiring 4 new Paramedics and 1 EMT.
- Went through an EMS multi step promotion process.
- Next Gen has been pushed back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

## COMMITTEES

*Chief Committee* –

- Sonny Jones read the minutes from the Chief's meeting of 3/16/22 as well as Chief Engineer's meeting of 3/20/22.
- Learning to Lead, Leading by Learning will be on 4/30/22. **See attached flyer**
- Chief Engineer's are working on acquiring prices for Hose and Ladder testing.
- Tanker Task Force training on 5/30/22.

*R&R* –

- April 23-24 is R&R weekend if company is planning something please let Danielle know.
- R&R Boot Camp sponsored by MSFA, March 26-27, Danielle, Phil and Dawn attended.
- President Starkey was contacted today by the MSFA R&R Representative for the Shore. She will be attending the May meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Foam – PFAS foam request will go before the County Council on 4/26/2022.
- Budget – President Starkey received a call stating the County Council wanted to make an adjustment in our operations budget. They wanted to fund our 15% increase using grant money, this year and next. President Starkey asked instead they fund 7 ½ % this year and 7 ½ % next year, using a combination of tax dollars and grant money. The reason for this was his concern over where that would put us three years from now when there was no more ARPA grant money. He has not heard anything back from that request, which is why he has not scheduled a President/Treasurer meeting. In addition to this Clay Stamp asked for an idea on Capital Expenses. Thank you to everyone for getting the information to him, he has submitted that as well.
- LOSAP – President Starkey has not met with Brian & Clay yet.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Tim Knotts, Station 60, brought up there not being a meeting in August and that it was put in the By Laws to that affect. Easton would like to see that eliminated from the By Laws. Tim Knotts, Station 60 motion to take back to your company to have this eliminated from the By Laws, Steve Mroczek, Station 20 seconded. 20 yes, 30 yes, 40 yes, 50 yes, 60 yes, 70 yes, 80 absent. **See attached**
- Richard Smith, Station 20, motion for the Association to purchase a table for the Memorial Gala (as has been done in the past), Tim Knotts, Station 60 seconded. 20 yes, 30 yes, 40 yes, 50 yes, 60 yes, 70 yes, 80 absent. The gala will be in Elkton this year on 9/24/22.
- Memorial Service will be 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June in Annapolis.
- Richard Smith, Station 20, motioned for Talbot County to support Skip Carey for MSFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Dan Mautz, Station 40, seconded. 20 yes, 30 yes, 40 yes, 50 yes, 60 yes, 70 yes, 80 absent.
- President Starkey has done radio spot for the Association. There was an issue with our billing account from previous administration. He has gotten that take care of and you should start to hear the ads run. Each company could run an R&R ad at half price through the deal we have with the radio station.

- Blue & Red Dinner – Ashley Sard told President Starkey that she sent tickets to the Chief’s Committee. Sonny Jones said chief’s have not received any tickets. **See attached flyer**
- Received request from Trappe for their portion of the R&R funds. President Starkey handed over the request to the R&R Committee.

### **NOMINATIONS:**

- President Starkey opened the nominations for Association Officers:
  - President – Station 60 nominated Bill Keswick of Station 60. President Starkey called for nominations two more times, being none Station 60 motioned to close nominations.
  - Vice President – Station 60 nominated Steve Mroczek of Station 20. President Starkey called for nominations two more times, being none Station 40 motioned to close nominations.
  - Secretary – Station 40 nominated Holley Gushcke of Station 40. Station 60 nominated Anne Cover of Station 60. President Starkey called for nominations two more times, being none Station 60 motioned to close nominations.
  - Treasurer – Station 60 nominated Dan Tarrant of Station 60. President Starkey called for nominations two more times, being none Station 60 motioned to close nominations.
- Elections will be in June in St. Michaels.

### **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 20- Mental Health First Aid Program on 5/21; Narcan Class 4/28 at 6 pm.; Oxford Day 4/23; Breakfast on 5/8.
- 30- Nothing.
- 40- Chicken BBQ on 4/30.
- 50- Good Friday Fish Fry & Bake Sale from 3-6; Kids Bingo on Good Friday 11-1; Cordova Day 4/23 Station 50 will have an Open House on that day in conjunction.
- 60- 5k on 4/16; 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament in September; Beerfest in October; progressing with two new engines.
- 70- Bingo 4/20; Crab feast is 7/9; Tilghman Day 10/15.
- 80- Annual Country Ham and Chicken Dinner 4/24 carry out or sit down – buffet style; Open House on 4/24.

President Starkey recognized that this week was National Communications week and thanked Holley and all the Communications Staff for all their hard work.

Sonny Jones stated that it is less than 5 years away till the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association, he asked Richard to participate with the committee that President Starkey established. If anyone has any ideas or is interested in helping, please let them know.

Bill Keswick has been working on updating the website and asks that anyone that has any events they’d like to see there please send them to him.

The next meeting is an executive meeting, May 11, 2022, at Emergency Services.

Dan Mautz motioned to adjourn; Tim Knotts seconded; meeting adjourned 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dawn Starkey*

Dawn Starkey  
Secretary, TCVFRA