



605 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

ROLL CALL

Date: 5/11/2022

20	Absent	60	Tim Knotts
30	Shirley Quidas, Jimmy Newnam	70	Absent
40	Holley Guschke, Dan Mautz	80	Absent
50	Megan Thorton	DES	Brian LeCates
Association	Phil Starkey, Bill Keswick, Dan Tarrant, Dawn Starkey	Chief's Committee	Sonny Jones
Guests	Tracey Johnston, MSFA R&R Coordinator	R&R	Danielle Starkey

President Starkey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

President Starkey suspended the meeting to allow Tracey Johnston to have the floor. Tracey introduced herself, she is the R&R Coordinator for the Eastern Shore. She is liaison if we have any questions. She handed out a packet of information to each company and requested it be completed and returned to her. She will be sending out information monthly. MSFA is working on a mentoring program, should be out the end of the summer. R&R marketing will be out in the Fall. Make sure our R&R is on the four Facebook pages.

After the guest President Starkey called the meeting back to order. He asked for the reading of the minutes. Dawn Starkey read the minutes from the April meeting; Bill Keswick had one grammatical correction to be made in the 2nd bullet point under Old Business. Minutes were approved with this correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT

R&R	\$14,645.74
Career Tech	\$ 5,000.00
Foam	\$ 2,159.20
Training	\$ 8,571.06
Admin	\$ 1,852.33
Checking:	\$11,584.73
CD	\$15,202.80

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report.

Dan Tarrant read invoice to be paid to VFIS for liability insurance invoice of \$766.00; Dan Mautz, Station 40, motioned to pay the bill; Tim Knotts, Station 60, seconded, motion passed.

DES

Brian LeCates, Director

- Got 25-year retirement solution (LEOPS) for Paramedics passed. EMT's and Dispatch are prohibited currently per LEOPS from being included. Will be working to hopefully have them included in the future.
- Hazard mitigation has been submitted.
- Still working with landowner for the new building. Soil samples did not come back favorable. Another area was favorable but not necessarily where they would like to build. They are still moving forward with design of building.

COMMITTEES

Chief Committee –

Sonny Jones, Station 50

- Thank you to the group for authorizing expenses for training/seminar held at MEBA on 4/30/2022. Had outstanding level of participation from the county.
- Chief Engineer group will be called the Chief Engineer's Work Group of the Chief's Committee. They met at Station 50, they chose MISTRA to perform hose testing and Mid Shore Pump to perform pump testing and ground ladder. Aerial ladder testing will be up to each company. The Chief's Committee voted to go with the recommendations of the Chief Engineer's work group.
- Tanker Task Force Drill 5/22/2022 at 8:30 a.m. at Station 30. President Starkey asked if funds from the Training Budget could be used to reimburse Station 30 for lunches. Sonny Jones motioned to spend no more than \$500.00 for lunches; Dan Mautz seconded; motion passed.
- Sonny Jones read the minutes from the Chief's Committee meeting held on 4/20/2022.
- Sonny Jones, Bill Keswick and Barry VanVechten of Station 60 attended FDIC. Sonny attended a class taught by an attorney; his message was so important that he is looking to have him come here to do a class in the Fall. As an example of what he spoke on he said don't use Standard Operating Guideline or Standard Operating Procedures, he suggested taking the word Standard out. If it says standard and you don't completely follow it, and something happens you will not fare well in court.

R&R –

Danielle Starkey

- R&R Boot Camp sponsored by MSFA, March 26-27, was informative. One of the things in the handouts was a volunteer fire department assessment, if anyone interested in a copy of this, she can get a copy to you. There was also a membership survey that could be used by each fire department if interested in a copy let Danielle know. They talked a lot about using social media, and about branding. For example, branding your fire company patch.
- Trappe submitted a letter at the last meeting requesting their portion of the R&R funds from Talbot County. The letter went to Bill Keswick as Danielle was not present. He in turn asked Trappe for more information on their proposal. Trappe's request was approved.
- Queen Anne-Hillsboro submitted a letter tonight for their portion of the R&R funds from Talbot County. Danielle read the letter to the Association. Queen Anne-Hillsboro's request was approved.
- If your company has a proposal for their portion of the funds, please submit your request to Danielle as soon as possible. These funds must be spent before the end of June.
- There will be an R&R meeting on 6/15/2022 at 7:00 p.m. at DES. Any company's that have a representative please be sure they are aware of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Foam – Clay Stamp presented our PFAS foam request to the County Council on 4/26/2022. Laura Price had the Bill from the State regarding disposal of the old foam and so she subtracted our cost for disposal from our request. However, the State disposal will not take affect for 18 months and there

was only \$500,000.00 allocated for the whole state and will be distributed first come first serve. Knowing all this the County Council still chose to not give us the money for disposal. Sonny Jones stated that we came up with a very cost-effective way to dispose of the foam and on behalf of the Chief's Committee he refuses to accept the liability of store the foam anywhere for 18 months. President Starkey said he feels this will be taken care of before 18 months. Director LeCates stated he wrote a letter to the County Council in support of the Association's recommendation for disposal.

- Budget – President Starkey stated we received a 15% increase for FY22 and FY23.
- By Law – At the last meeting it was discussed to eliminate there not being a meeting held in August, as is now stated in the By Laws. Delegates were to take back to their company and bring their vote to this meeting. 20 absent, 30 no, 40 yes, 50 abstain, 60 yes, 70 absent, 80 absent. Table till June meeting, please come prepared to vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election – Received a letter from Anne Cover, she asked to be removed from the ballot for Secretary in this year's election.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20- No report
- 30- Nothing
- 40- Pit Beef and Turkey on 5/21/2022
- 50- Nothing
- 60- Nothing
- 70- 5/18 Bingo; Sub Sale 5/20
- 80- Craft Show 6/4

The next meeting is a regular meeting which will include Elections on June 8, 2022, at St. Michaels.

Tim Knotts motioned to adjourn; Dan Mautz seconded; meeting adjourned 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Starkey

Dawn Starkey
Secretary, TCVFRA