

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Date: 9/14/2022**

20	Richard Smith	60	Tim McNeal
30	Shirley Quidas, Bobby Quidas	70	Absent
40	Dan Mautz	80	D. Starkey
50	Absent	DES	Holley Guschke
Association	Bill Keswick, Steve Mroczek, Dan Tarrant and Holley Guschke	Chief's Committee	Absent
Guests	N/A	R&R	Absent

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

President Keswick asked for the minutes from the September meeting to be read. Tim McNeal made a motion for minutes to be accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

R&R	\$21,000.00
Career Tech	\$ 5,000.00
Foam	\$ 5,000.00
Training	\$ 10,000.00
Admin	\$ 2,000.00
Checking:	\$11,291.48
CD	\$15,228.22

Dan Tarrant read the Treasurer's Report.

New bank signatures have been done and submitted back to the bank

Treasurer is still waiting on hose testing bills from Station 20, Station 40, and Station 80. Bills should be given directly to Dan Tarrant and not turned into the County Finance Department.

## **COMMITTEES**

### ***Chief Committee –***

Sonny Jones, Station 60

- Sonny Jones was not able to attend, however did contact President Keswick and asked him to pass along the Presentation by Lawyer Brad Pinskey, which will be held on Saturday November 5, 2022 at Easton Fire Department. Open to all members of each department, and surrounding counties.
- President Keswick missed the last Chief's Committee meeting, but he is working with the Committee to get a contract with EOS (former Firehouse Software) Some departments have already gone online with this company. Station 80 is currently using a separate company.
- Waiting on the County Attorney to sign the MOU for Calvert County.

### ***R&R –***

Danielle Starkey

- There will be an R&R meeting on 10/5/22 at 7:00 p.m. at DES. Any companies that have a representative please be sure they are aware of the meeting. The Committee right now only has a couple people and needs to be revived to figure out the future. Discussion was held to focus on retention. Richard Smith advised this is a State issue as well, and retention is now on the forefront of the agenda.
- Still waiting for 2 companies to receive money from the R&R money. Also, St. Michaels FD requested funds from last years R&R as well.

***Hall of Fame-*** Nominations for Hall of Fame need to go out soon. President Keswick asked for volunteers for the committee. Richard Smith, Dan Mautz, and Sean Gilligan were selected to be on the Hall of Fame Committee for 2022. There was discussions about possibly changing the committee, as some of the people can no longer commit to being on it. Letters will be sent to all Departments in reference to nominations.

***Career Tech-*** Currently have 3 students in the Career Tech Program. Justin Jones unable to attend meeting, but he is working with them and making sure they receive all the items they need. Students advised instead of jacket could they have a hoodie. Tim McNeal made motion to amend original recommendation and proceed with hoodie. Motion made to make purchase not to exceed \$480. 20-Y, 30-Y, 40-Y, 50-A, 60-Y, 70-A, 80-Y.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 9/11 Ceremony- This year the County and Town did not have a 9/11 Ceremony. Richard Smith advised at the Oxford Breakfast they had a bell ring for the 9/11 ceremony because nothing else was held. Discussion was held in the room on how to prevent this from happening again. Also, asked if Talbot Center should automatically make an announcement at the exact time of the first attack. It was noted there were not a lot of ceremonies throughout the whole State, and they would like to prevent this from happening. It seems like the County has forgotten the event and didn't place a wreath at the corner of Dover Street. It was asked for the President to have a discussion with the County Manager to prevent this from happening again.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Article V Section 4: Review of Books: Discussion held in reference to having someone from another department look at the Treasurers books and accounts. Holley Guschke will talk to Leah Lednum from Tilghman Fire Department who is an accountant and see if she would be interested in helping the association out. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to allow Leah Lednum to review books 20-Y, 30-Y, 40-Y, 50-A, 60-Y, 70-A, 80-Y

- Article VII: Annual review of Dues- Association would like for all delegates to take back to their station to increase dues for the year from \$100 up to \$200. Please have a discussion with them on what to do. Tried to get this passed last year, however it failed. The dues increased are not for operational expenses, but to help with expenses for the Memorial Gala, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for TCFRA funding, food and other expenses for the Chiefs Committee and Training events, etc. This issue was tabled until further notice and needs to be in place by January 2023. The TCFRA can not fundraise because it is not a 501C3.
- Dinner Meetings- Should the TCFRA continue to move forward with the dinner meetings. Would like to have feedback at the next meeting on rather the departments should continue with the expense of dinner meetings due to low turn out rate. Will continue with the October and December dinner meetings for this year. Motion made to bring back discussion at another meeting. 20-Y, 30,-Y, 40-Y, 50-A, 60-Y, 70-A, 80-Y
- Budget Committee meeting- Will be announcing a meeting for Presidents and Treasurers for a meeting in November.

### **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 20- Breakfast will be held 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month//Rummage Sale will be last Saturday in September
- 30- Fall Festival will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> 10am-4pm//Charles Adams life member, passed away
- 40- 3 meat Bonanza on 9/17/22
- 50- Absent
- 60- Golf Tournament was a large success, and sold-out event  
Beer Fest on 10/1/22 only 600 tickets being sold, and almost sold out  
Airport Day 10/8/22  
Stair Climb in Ocean City for Fallen Firefighters on 10/29
- 70- Tilghman Day on 10/15
- 80- Grocery Bingo on 9/26  
Ladies Bingo on 10/22  
Craft Show on 11/12  
Sportsman Bingo on 11/19

The next meeting is a regular meeting will be October 12, 2022, at Trappe Volunteer Fire Department

Tim McNeal motioned to adjourn; Dan Mautz seconded; meeting adjourned 8:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holley Guschke*

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Secretary, TCVFRA