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Subject: Minutes of the VSMA meeting on 8/26/02

MINUTES OF THE VSMA MEETING ON 8/26/02

The meeting was called to order by President Perkins at 8:00 PM, with a salute to the flag, with 10 departments represented.

Minutes of the July 22, 2002 meeting were read. MMS to accept as read with one correction noted, so voted.

Treasurers report was read showing \$4620.99 in checking. MMS to accept as read, so voted.

Communications: none.

Bills to be paid: none.

Reports of Committees: Jed spoke of the new group list of SOG's will be sent out.

Old Business: Alan Alonzo will be working on the web page, so please email him with any changes.

New Business: Discussion followed on the tax abatement program going to a tiered system, keeping the allotment at \$1000.00.

Also taxable income Vs nontaxable income was mentioned, and there is a bill in process to make it nontaxable income. Fred Dudek brought the group up to speed on the Fire Training school. Don Johnson spoke of Jim Hite, who is the Middlesex Hospital Paramedic Supervisor, will be speaking at the North Madison meeting on September 23, 2002.

Interest to the organization: Vern Skau spoke of the RITT weekend with positive feedback all around. Also Old Saybrook will be sponsoring a class in middle November with Amtrak. This is a three tiered class, 1st being classroom, 2nd being an railroad car practical situation, and 3rd being an actual mass casualty drill. Letters will go out to all the departments.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8: 33 PM.

The next regular meeting will be September 23, 2002 in North Madison at 8:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Greg Scott, secretary/treasurer

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