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Minutes of January 27, 2003 VSMAA Meeting, Essex, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Perkins at 8:02 p.m. 10 Departments were represented.

The minutes of the December 23, 2002 meeting were read. MMS to accept as read. So voted.

The treasurer's report was read, showing \$3847.49 in checking. MMS to accept as read. So voted.

Communications: None

Bills to be paid:

1. MMS to authorize expense of up to \$75.00 to the State of Connecticut, Secretary of the State to file proper application for Valley Shore Incorporation; So voted.
2. Bill from Jed Perkins for the amount of \$98.08 was submitted for the plaque presented to Greg Scott. Action needed next meeting

Committee(s) report:

1. Jed Perkins distributed copies of SOG's to all departments represented and wishing a copy. If you or your department needs additional copies, see Buck Taylor, or visit the Valley Shore Web Site. Dick Bauer also has electronic copies of the SOG's.

Old Business:

1. Web site has been updated by Allen Alonzo.
 - o Contact Allen if you have any pertinent information changes regarding your department
 - o Web site address is: <http://hvfc.wesleyan.edu/>
 - o Contains link for streaming audio of most Valley Shore operating channels
 - o Has SOG's and by-laws posted
2. Disposition of Valley Shore computer used by Greg Scott discussed. Computer no longer needed by Buck Taylor. MMS by Jim Long to give the computer to Greg Scott. So voted.
3. A plaque was presented to Greg Scott by President Perkins for 10 years as Secretary to VSMAA.
4. President Perkins was unable to make contact with Jim Hite regarding Paramedic concerns in Valley Shore response district. President Perkins to make additional attempts to contact and discuss issues presented at December 2002 meeting with Jim Hite.

New Business:

1. East Shore will be hosting a Firefighter 1 class in Killingworth on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, 7:00 pm, starting February 25th. Chiefs have been contacted by e-mail regarding member participation. Contact Chief Fred Dudek, Killingworth VFC with list of members.
2. A Public Safety Bill recently introduced regarding funding of regional fire schools was discussed by Chief Fred Dudek. Fred discussed solicitation of support from local Representatives and Senators concerning this Bill.
3. The Annual, State Fire Chiefs Association meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28th at the Aqua Turf in Southington. This meeting is open to all Chiefs, not just member Departments. Participation and attendance is encouraged for this meeting concerning monies for F.D. Haz-



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- Mat resources being reallocated to the Department of Justice, and a State Police Proposal to purchase and operate a large rescue/firefighting boat.
4. Chief Buck Taylor suggested the creation of a library of grants be assembled using copies of successful grants written by VSMAA member companies. Any company wishing to contribute is asked to forward an electronic copy to Buck Taylor for assembly.
 5. FEMA Grant funding for 2003 is uncertain. Funding has been proposed, but not acted upon by Congress.
 6. The CT Fire Academy has lost one instructor, and one secretary in the recent round of State layoffs. More layoffs are possible.
 7. Jim Long announced Westbrook being awarded \$134,000 for VHF radio system upgrades to install cross-band repeaters and equip apparatus with portable radios. A discussion of radio channel coordination followed. Chief Herrschaft announced a system called SmartLink™ was being investigated by the New Haven Regional Haz-Mat committee utilizing the C-MED network. Interoperability concerns appear to be driving the system investigations.
 8. The following banquet dates were announced:
 - o Clinton, February 8th
 - o Essex, February 22nd
 - o Killingworth, March 1st
 - o Deep River, March 15th
 9. Carlos Uphold announced that Deep River recently held election of officers. The Officer slate remains largely unchanged with the following positions:
 - o 50 – Timmy Vallentine
 - o 501 – Jimmy Bundy
 - o 502 – Timmy Cammier
 - o 503 – Carlos Uphold
 10. Clark Maxon from Old Saybrook offered to have one of his departments members involved in the planning of smallpox vaccinations give a brief presentation to VSMAA at the next meeting in February. A MMS to do so was made and so voted.

Interest to the organization: None

There was no other business to discuss. The next meeting will be held in Clinton on February 24th at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted
Buck Taylor, secretary/treasurer
January 27, 2003