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Minutes of June 2, 2003 VSMAA Meeting, Guilford, CT.

President Perkins called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. 7 Departments were represented.

The minutes of the April 28, 2003 meeting were read. MMS to accept as read.

The treasurer's report was read. The treasurer reports a balance is \$4149.41.

Special Presentations:

1. None

Communications:

1. None

Bills to be paid:

1. None

Committee(s) report(s):

1. Hose Testing Committee: Frank Schrempp announced the results of his research into possible Hose testing vendors for Valley Shore Departments. Two companies presented Frank with written estimates for such testing. Frank stated that Clinton has chosen to hire Southeast Hose and hydrant as their vendor due to price and convenience. Frank states that the owner of Southeast reports that his company is booked through the first week of June. Buck Taylor had put together a list of possible vendors with Franks help, and distributed them via-email prior to the meeting.

Old Business:

1. Don Johnson reports that Mark Lewandowski will be taking over the "Petersboro" tabletop trainer. Don is awaiting a return call from Mark to discuss the unit's availability, and will report back to the Association at a later meeting.
2. Buck Taylor reminds Valley Shore members, that important news or updates can be sent via a list-server to Valley Shore representatives at: valleyshore@nmvfc.org
3. Jim Hite Contacted Jed Perkins asking if he could appear before the Valley Shore Association to rebut, and redress concerns previously voiced at the March 24, 2003, Deep River, Valley Shore meeting. Jed states that Middlesex Hospital wants to put together a steering committee to look at how the hospital will charge for Paramedic Services.
4. Jed states that the State Fire Schools bond monies are set to go as soon as the Governor signs an approved budget. Jed also reports that there are discussions about the state possibly converting the Long Lane School in Middletown for use as a new Fire School.
5. Buck Taylor reports that he has not received Annual Dues from all departments.

New Business:

1. Charlie Herrschaft reports that Yale New Haven Hospital is building an 80,000 square foot Emergency Clinic on Goose Lane (at the old Sachem House restaurant). Charlie reports that it is not planned for 24-hour use, and will not be able to house patient's overnight. Charlie reports that this may have a significant impact on his services.

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2. Jed Perkins reports that he attended the latest Disaster Plan meeting. Jed reports that the members of this organization are formalizing fire department Strike Teams and Task Forces. This organization will be establishing pre-planned staging areas for all parts of the state, and will be contacting all local fire departments for an inventory list for their planning sessions.

Interest to the organization:

1. Paul Fazzino reports that Essex recently held elections. Paul reports that Steven Olsen will be serving as Second Assistant Chief.
2. A discussion about Haz-Mat teams took place. Jed Perkins states that his department (Chester) would be looking at the Middletown Team for their responses. Mike Conklin stated that Clinton is still awaiting some equipment. A DECON trailer is available from DEP. This trailer is stationed in **Old Saybrook**. There are also 5 FOAM trailers available from DEP. Charlie Herrschaft also reminds us that New Haven has both a FOAM and DECON trailer available. He also states that Norwich has a FOAM trailer available.
3. A brief discussion about Tanker Fill SOG's was discussed. As pointed out in the Associations SOG's, tankers should be fitted with 3" Storz Fittings for use in Valley Shore tanker shuttle operations.
4. The annual RIT training schedule was briefly discussed. Charlie Herrschaft reports that no dates have been set yet, and asked if any departments had any buildings available. Mike Conklin reports that Westbrook may have some buildings available directly across from the New Deal Steakhouse on Route 1. Mike will follow up with Jim Long to determine if and/or when these buildings might be available.

There was no other business to discuss. MMS to adjourn - so moved at 8:33 pm. The next meeting will be held in Haddam, on June 23rd at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted
Buck Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer
June 2, 2003