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Minutes of the January 22, 2007 VSMAI meeting in Westbrook, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:30 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Special Presentations: None.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes:

Minutes of the December 18, 2006 meeting were read. MMS to accept the minutes as read (Long / Tabak).

Reading of communications: None.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,053.35. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Tabak / Herrschaft).

Bills to be paid: \$25.00 to the CT Secretary of the State – Annual corporation renewal fee. MMS to approve (Budney / Herrschaft)

Committee report(s):

1. None

Old Business:

1. Drug / Meth Labs: President Fazzino has contacted Old Saybrook Fire Marshal Don Dobson about conducting a presentation on drug labs in conjunction with the DEA.
2. Mutual Aid Agreements: Signed agreements have only been received from Old Lyme, Deep River, Killingworth, Haddam, Madison, Old Saybrook Clinton and Durham. Please complete and turn one copy into the Secretary as soon as possible, the deadline to complete was January 1, 2007.

New Business:

1. An audit committee will be appointed at the next meeting to audit the Treasurer's books. Three members will be needed for this committee.
2. Information regarding the State of CT Forestry program was distributed to all members present.



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Election of officers:

MMS (Budney / Tabak) that the Secretary cast one ballot for the following slate of officers for 2007:

- President: Paul Fazzino
- Vice President: Tim Ballantyne
- Secretary / Treasurer: Richard Bauer

Interest to the Organization:

1. Charlie Herrschaft asked if there had been any additional information regarding the DOL's memo on Junior / Explorer Firefighters. Chief Herrschaft indicated that he has contacted his local Representative regarding changes to make the activities less restrictive, more like Vo-Ag programs for example. No formal action is expected during this Legislative session but the issue may be discussed. Dave Jewett reported that the DOL / Fire Commission presentation to NL County Chiefs on this issue was not well received.
2. Bob Gerard reminded all departments that Madison Hose will be celebrating their 100th year on Saturday August 4th, 2007. There will be a parade followed by a party at the Surf Club with food, beverages, bands, activities and fireworks.
3. Bob Gerard reviewed several recent incidents where there has been a lack of cooperation with the CSP (incidents where Madison Hose not dispatched, CSP disputing apparatus placement, etc). John Tabak reported several incidents in Haddam (MVA dispatched as a fuel spill, incorrect report on the extent of injuries for an MVA on Rte 9). President Fazzino encouraged all VSECI departments to report incidents like this to himself, Dick Bauer or Rick Darin for further investigation. General consensus was that the number of issues with CSP seem to be increasing as of late.
4. Bob Gerard asked if any departments were considering digital as part of their UHF conversion. Madison PD & Ambulance have proposed a digital system for Madison, Bob was looking to confirm that VSMIAI fire departments intended to continue with analog systems. All departments in attendance confirmed their intention to stay with analog, additionally Chief Herrschaft noted that the FDNY scrapped their digital system after a Mayday was transmitted across town and not able to be heard by the on-scene IC.



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5. Dick Bauer reminded all departments of the upcoming MRT refresher (Feb 3 & 4) and MRT class (begins Feb 12th) in Killingworth. Any departments with members interested in attending should contact Dick as soon as possible, the classes are filling quickly.

MMS to adjourn at 20:23 hours (Long / Gerard).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday, February 26th in Chester at 19:30 hours.

Attendees – January 22, 2007

Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Jim Budney – Deep River
Paul Fazzino - Essex
Bob Gerard - Madison
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Dave Jewett – Old Lyme
Jim Long - Westbrook
Steve Olsen - Essex
John Tabak – Haddam