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Minutes of the April 23, 2007 VSMAI meeting in Deep River, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:40 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Special Presentations:

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

MMS (Herrschaft / Ballantyne) to suspend the reading of the previous meeting's minutes and accept the March 26, 2007 minutes as distributed.

Reading of communications: None.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,328.35. The Treasurer also noted that all towns have paid their 2007 dues. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Ballantyne / Herrschaft).

Bills to be paid: None

Committee report(s): None

Old Business:

1. Drug / Meth Labs: President Fazzino reported that the class has been confirmed for Saturday June 16th at the Old Saybrook Middle School. The class is 8 hours, MMS (Ballantyne / Voss) to charge \$20 per student. President Fazzino will work on a flyer to advertise the program.
2. President Fazzino reminded all departments of Old Saybrook's upcoming Field Day and Madison Hose Co's upcoming anniversary parade.
3. Mutual Aid Agreements: Still waiting for signed agreements from Chester, Guilford, North Madison and Westbrook. Please have these signed and turned into the Secretary asap.

New Business: None



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Interest to the Organization:

1. President Fazzino distributed an e-mail from April 19th that outlined an issue from 2002 where a 14 year old junior firefighter was killed while responding to a fire call on his bicycle. The Federal Appeals Court recently ruled that the Junior Firefighter should not be included on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and that the family is not entitled to the \$250,000 in Federal Benefits. The basis for this decision was that State Law limits junior firefighters' activities to training, first aid and clean-up. Since he was not directly involved in the suppression of fires he did not die in the line of duty and is not eligible for benefits. President Fazzino noted that this is another example of why we need to be aware of and follow the guidelines established by the State of CT.
2. Tim Ballantyne outlined plans for an expansion of the Deep River Fire Headquarters. Tentative schedule is to obtain necessary approvals & funding during the next year, break ground a year from now with completion one year from that date.
3. Steve Olsen reported that Essex will be hosting a Firefighter 1 beginning in mid-September. Details to follow.
4. The May VSMAI meeting in Durham will be moved up to Monday May 21st at 19:30 hrs due to the Memorial Day holiday.

MMS to adjourn at 20:00 hours (Greeney / Voss).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday May 21st (**NOTE CHANGE IN DATE**) in Durham at 19:30 hours.



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Attendees – April 23, 2007

Tim Ballantyne – Deep River
John Battista - Clinton
Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Jim Budney – Deep River
Paul Fazzino – Essex
Charlie Greeney – Chester
James Grzybowski - Chester
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Dave Jewett – Old Lyme
Steve Olsen – Essex
Bob Voss – Clinton

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