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Minutes of the April 28, 2008 VSMAI meeting in Clinton, CT.

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

Special Presentations: Paula Hesper gave a presentation regarding the New London Burn Foundation (NLBF). While her husband Jeff was in the Bridgeport Burn Unit the NLBF gave Paula a \$500 debit card to cover any expenses – food, hotel, gas, etc. The NLBF provides this service to any burn victim, not just firefighters. The NLBF also provides funding for the Burn Camp in Union. In September there will be a golf tournament to benefit the NLBF, Paula is looking to raise \$1,000 for the NLBF and raise awareness of the services they provide. Paula will be selling red cut-out fire trucks for \$1 each at local businesses, initially Chip's Pub in Clinton. Paula passed out flyers and asked for the support of VSMAI towns.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Hesper / Hajek) to accept the March 24, 2008 minutes as distributed.

Reading of communications: Received "Acceptance of Business Filing" for 2008 from the CT Secretary of the State.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$6,603.35. All Towns have paid their dues for 2008. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Hajek / Budney).

Bills to be paid: None.

Committee report(s):

1. Gregg Prevost reported that the forestry reminder had been sent out and a draft of the marine plan was distributed. They are considering inclusion of zodiac and dive strike teams as well.
2. Gregg Prevost reported that the proposed / revised State plan mirrors the Fed's 5-region plan for CT. Gregg anticipates that this will have a minimal impact on us at the local level.
3. JT Dunn reported that the VSMAI Seminar has been scheduled for Sunday 11/16 at the Old Saybrook High School. The seminar will include 4 hours each of Dave Dodson (The Art of Reading Smoke) and Billy Goldfeder (Not Everyone Goes Home – Firefighter Close Calls). JT discussed logistics, budget and plans to host a VSMAI dinner the evening before the seminar. JT will send a flyer out to VSMAI towns, after May 31st this will be open to non-

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VSMIAI towns. All tickets will be \$10 and sold on a first come, first served basis. JT also described plans to host a vendor / apparatus exposition to help defray the costs of the seminar. MMS (Bauer / Hall) to approve \$1,000 in seed money to allow JT to confirm the speakers and / or cover any up-front costs associated with the seminar.

Old Business:

1. President Fazzino reported that he spoke to John Brady regarding the minor firefighter issue and there are no further changes expected to the DOL regulations. Pamphlets are being printed by the DOL, the rules will apply to fire, EMS and police explorer groups.
2. JT Dunn confirmed that the State will pay for NIMS 300 training. JT is in contact with the State to schedule dates, the 24-hour course will be offered in Chester, Clinton and Old Saybrook. NIMS 100, 200 & 700 are available on-line but Deep River offered to sponsor a 100 / 200 / 700 class, dates TBD.

New Business

1. MMS (Woodcock / Hall) to approve a \$250 donation to the NLBF in support of Paula Hesper's \$1,000 goal.
2. Brian Manware suggested that a list of VSMIAI forestry resources be developed. In light of the recent brush fires it would have been helpful to know resources such as portable pumps, gators, etc. Brian will send Dick Bauer a preliminary questionnaire to be distributed to all VSMIAI towns.
3. Steve Biasi reported that North Madison recently held their elections, Eric Alletzhauer's 5-year term was up so he has stepped down as Chief. Brian Koczak was elected Chief along with Don MacMillan (Deputy Chief / 10-01), Steve Biasi (Deputy Chief / 10-02) and Chris Bernier (Deputy Chief / 10-03).
4. Due to the Memorial Day holiday the May VSMIAI meeting will be held on Monday May 19th in Deep River. There will be a meeting of the VSMIAI Engineers prior to the regular VSMIAI meeting, beginning at 19:00.

Interest to the Organization:

1. Clark Maxson reported that Old Saybrook lost the use of their fire boat as of March, in the interim they are using a local / private boat for fire dept operations. OSFD is going to bid for a new boat.



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2. Gregg Prevost reported that Westbrook's new boat is due to arrive on or about May 9th.
3. Brian Manware is working to finalize a date for a HazMat Ops Class.
4. Charlie Herrschaft thanked all towns for their assistance at a recent brush fire and echoed Brian Manware's request to put together a VSMAI Forestry Resource list.
5. Charlie Greeney has copies of the new Chester alarm assignments and asked that the Fire Chiefs in attendance please see him afterwards to sign the original document.
6. President Fazzino provided an update on workers compensation coverage. The State workers compensation commission will pay a volunteer firefighter anywhere from 70-75% of your normal salary if you are injured. Paul will shoot to have a guest speaker at the June meeting in Durham to discuss this issue in greater detail and take questions.
7. Dick Bauer will provide more information & proposed dates on the VSMAI water supply training drill within the next few weeks.
8. Reminder of the Old Saybrook Firefighters Challenge, June 1st in Essex.
9. The Essex Fire Co will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday May 9th to benefit one of their firefighters who is battling leukemia. Flyers have been distributed to all VSMAI towns.

MMS to adjourn at 20:15 hours (Hall / Klare).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

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Attendees – April 28, 2008

Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Steve Biasi – North Madison
Jim Budney – Deep River
JT Dunn – Old Saybrook
Paul Fazzino – Essex
Bob Gerard – Madison
Charlie Greeney – Chester
Todd Hajek – Killingworth
Harry Hall – Durham
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Jeff Hesel – Clinton
Gary Klare – Haddam
John Kollmer – Deep River
Brian Manware – Clinton
Clark Maxson – Old Saybrook
Gregg Prevost – Westbrook
Dave Thomas – Madison
Bob Voss – Clinton
Pete Woodcock – Deep River

Guest: Paula Hesel, Clinton

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