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Minutes of the June 23, 2008 VSMAI meeting in Durham, CT.

Special Presentations: Prior to the monthly VSMAI meeting David Demchak and Bruce Clinger from CIRMA presented an overview of CT's Workers Compensation law and specific coverages provided by CIRMA.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary / Treasurer Bauer at 20:30 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Hajek / Hall) to accept the April 28, 2008 minutes as distributed. Note there was no meeting held in May due to a lack of a quorum.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$7,208.35. To date we have received \$855 in ticket sales for the November seminar. \$250 was paid to Paula Hesper for the New London Burn Foundation donation (as approved at the April 28, 2008 meeting). MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Hall / Budney).

Bills to be paid: None

Committee report(s):

1. Training: Dick Bauer presented a report on behalf of JT Dunn. The November seminar is progressing with 10% of the seats already sold and JT has received commitments from several departments that will be sending their checks in shortly. Responses from as far away as MA and RI have been received. The vendor invitation letter and press release will go out within the next week. Also a reminder to all of the NIMS training that will be held on Thursday June 26 in Deep River.

Old Business: None

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New Business:

1. Dick Bauer reported that JT Dunn will be putting together a SAFER Grant application on behalf of the OSFD to request funding for a recruitment video and website for prospective members to obtain information. JT has offered to include VSMAI towns in the process, MMS (Hall / Hajek) to endorse JT's efforts and allow JT to reference the benefit to VSMAI towns as part of his grant application. There are no financial obligations to VSMAI or any towns as a result of this.
2. Charlie Greeney reported that there will be a joint Valley Shore Fire / EMS / Emergency Management meeting in Chester on July 17th (Thursday) at 7:00 PM. Wayne Sandford, Deputy Commissioner of Homeland Security, will be the guest speaker. All Service Chiefs are encouraged to attend.
3. Charlie Herrschaft reported that Guilford will be hiring 4 firefighters, at least one of which will be a Paramedic. FF1, EMT and CPAT required, the written test is scheduled for August 5th. Ads will be going out in the newspapers within a week.
4. Charlie Herrschaft asked that the UHF frequency list / names be re-sent.

Interest to the Organization:

1. Gregg Prevost provided some feedback on the recent Colchester fire that included responses from several Middlesex County departments.
2. Harry Hall reported that Durham's new Gator will be in service shortly and that Durham has started the process to replace their water supply truck (Durham 1).
3. Jim Budney reported that Deep River recently ordered their new rescue truck which will be manufactured by Crimson.
4. Gregg Prevost reported that Westbrook's new boat is now in service. The boat has a 500 GPM fire pump with a monitor. Training for pilots / crew is continuing. Westbrook's new brush / light rescue truck (4-8-5) will be in service shortly and will be located at Station 2.
5. Charlie Greeney reported that Chester's new rescue pumper (7-5-2) should be in service within a month. The new truck has a 1,000 gallon tank / 2,000 GPM pump and will be first due out of headquarters. Engine 7-6-1 (Pierce) will move to the Whelen station.



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6. Harry Hall asked if there were any upcoming FF1 / MRT classes.
7. Harry Hall raised the issue of group purchasing within VSMAI for turnout gear. After some discussion it was agreed that due to differing specs / requirements for turnout gear this may be difficult but items such as hose may be more appropriate for group purchasing in the future.

MMS to adjourn at 21:10 hours (Hajek / Budney).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday July 28th Essex at 19:30 hours.

Attendees – June 23, 2008

Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Steve Biasi – North Madison
Jim Budney – Deep River
Charlie Greeney – Chester
Todd Hajek – Killingworth
Harry Hall – Durham
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Gregg Prevost – Westbrook

Guests:
David Demchak, CIRMA
Bruce Clinger, CIRMA