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Minutes of the November 24, 2008 VSMAI meeting in Madison, CT.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Maxson at 19:35 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Special Presentations: Apollo Safety put on a short presentation regarding their services hired by the State for distributed meters and their other services available to all.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Manware / Prevost) to accept the October 27, 2008 minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$10,999.35, with income from the seminar of \$2,244 and expenses of \$7,068.86. Ending balance is \$6,174.49. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Prevost / Baber). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid: The following bills are all from the Training Seminar:

William Goldfeder - Instructor	\$2,500.00	Instructor for the AM session - includes travel but not hotel
Change for ticket sales	\$200.00	\$5 bills to make change at seminar
Skip Johnson	\$123.47	Stop & Shop invoice
Skip Johnson	\$43.88	Paper Factory invoice
Mike Franklin	\$488.64	Custodial Services - OS High School
Walt's Market	\$61.40	Pasta salad for seminar dinner
Response Solutions, LLC	\$2,362.00	Dave Dodson - includes airfare
Richard Bauer	\$19.07	Paper for certificates
Saybrook Point Inn	\$488.32	Dodson / Goldfeder rooms
Old Saybrook Schools Food Service	\$93.80	Cakes for Seminar Dinner
Common Cents EMS Supply	\$688.28	Postage & Copying
TOTAL	\$7,068.86	

MMS to pay the bill as presented (Hall / Prevost). Motion passed unanimously.

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Committee report(s):

1. November Training seminar: Vice President Maxson commended JT Dunn for all of his work putting together a successful training seminar. Dick Bauer thanked the OSFD for hosting the seminar and all of the logistical support they provided. VP Maxson asked that we begin planning for the next event and solicited feedback / suggestions. Harry Hall suggested a HazMat day in the Spring with Mike Callan. Gregg Prevost suggested we look to have one dynamic speaker for the entire day versus two.
2. Statewide Disaster: Gregg Prevost reported that the marine strike team configuration is still in progress. The forestry strike team has been established.
3. Essex Emergency Management is hosting a NIMS 300 class at the Essex FD. Classes are on Mondays, 12/1, 8, 15 and 22 from 6-10 PM. Contact Chief Fazzino with your RSVP, he will need to know next week.

Old Business:

1. Vice President Maxson tabled the discussion of re-starting the Engineers' meetings. This will be brought up again next month.

New Business:

1. MMS (Hall / Prevost) that VSMAI provide JT Dunn with a \$200 dinner gift certificate as a small token of our appreciation for his outstanding work coordinating the training seminar. Motion passed unanimously.
2. The 2009 Nominating Committee was formed and consists of Harry Hall, Gregg Prevost and Brian Manware.

Interest to the Organization:

1. Durham will be hosting an EMT / MRT Refresher on 2/6, 7 & 8 2009. Contact Chief Hall.
2. There was a brief discussion regarding the Salamandar accountability system that several VSMAI departments received through the New Haven Area Special Hazards (NHASH) 2007 Fire grant.
3. Chief Voss announced that Clinton recently held their elections with Bob Voss moving up to Chief, Brian Manware to Deputy Chief and Pete Lefrancois to Assistant Chief. Chief Voss introduced Asst Chief Lefrancois to the group.



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4. Chief Gerard reported that Madison will be purchasing a Crimson tanker, 3,000 gallon tank, 2,000 GPM pump for \$534K. The other bid was from Pierce (\$570K).
5. Chief Gerard reported that Madison recently held their elections and there were no changes.
6. There was a brief discussion regarding gas meters being used by VSMAI departments.
7. Deputy Chief Manware raised the issue regarding vests being required at MVAs. The requirement has been changed to give exceptions to any FF actively involved in firefighting / HazMat duties as determined by the Incident Commander. Sam Baber will provide a copy of the announcement sent out on 11/21/08 via the State Fire Commission.
8. Chief Hall asked if there was any information regarding the combining of FF1 and FF2 classes. Some instructors are looking to combine their FF1, FF2 and HazMat Ops classes into one segment for new FF's, making this a 5.5 – 6 month commitment. It is expected that any current FF1's would only have to participate in the portions of the class they have not already completed (subject to the Instructor's approval).

MMS to adjourn at 20:30 hours (Hall / Manware).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday, December 22nd in North Madison at 7:30 PM.



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Attendees – November 24, 2008

Sam Baber – Haddam
Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Steve Biasi – North Madison
Bob Gerard – Madison
Harry Hall – Durham
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Paul Jacobs – Killingworth
Pete Lefrancois – Clinton
Brian Manware – Clinton
Clark Maxson – Old Saybrook
Gregg Prevost – Westbrook
Bob Voss – Clinton
Bill Wright – Killingworth

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