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**Minutes of the April 25, 2011 VSMAI meeting in Old Saybrook, CT.**

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Fazzino at 19:45 hrs with a salute to the flag.

**Attendees – April 25, 2011**

Jim Budney – Deep River	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
JT Dunn – Old Saybrook	Charley Greeney – Chester
David Jewett – Old Lyme	Tim Lucas – Old Saybrook
Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	David Heiney – Old Saybrook
Christopher Cestano – Old Saybrook	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino – Essex	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford

**Special Presentations:**

NONE

**Approval of the previous meeting minutes:** MMS (Jenkins/Herrschaft) to accept the February 28, 2011 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reading of communications:** None

**Treasurer’s report:** The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$7,984.89, with \$700.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments for February and March. Ending balance is \$8,684.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Jenkins/Herrschaft). Motion passed unanimously.

**Bills to be paid:**

NONE		
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**Committee report(s):**

Statewide Disaster:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

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## Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

No Report

## **Old Business:**

Deputy Chief Jim Budney inquired about the status of the training in East Haddam. President Fazzino explained the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had agreed to allow the training; however, buildings are being selected at this time.

## **New Business:**

Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook reported the Old Saybrook Firefighter Competition will be held on June 5, 2011 with a rain date of June 12, 2011. The invitations have gone out to area fire departments.

Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook reported on the status of the websites under construction. Al Alonso recommended a student to work on the project from Wesleyan University. Currently, there are two websites under construction; joinyourfd.com and the valley shore website (valleyshorefire.com). The construction cost for both would be \$1,100 for both websites. A motion was made (T. Lucas) to expend the funds for the websites. A second was made by Mike Jenkins and the attendees voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.

Chief/President Paul Fazzino explained the latest version of the Valley Shore tanker strike team SOP was sent to Rick Darin at Valley Shore communications. Chief Fazzino explained that each department needs to keep the Valley Shore organization aware of when radio frequencies change in their department in order to maintain the radio frequency list and to ensure Valley Shore communications has the correct frequencies.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook recommended the Valley Shore Mutual Aid notify the various communication centers of the Valley Shore organization's mayday policy/procedures, use of secondary RIT teams, who will call for ambulances and additional alarms. Is it the communication center or the Incident Commander?

Assistant Chief Tim Lucas of Old Saybrook recommended the organization should inquire with each valley shore department as to the type of SCBA air packs they are utilizing. Also, the type of RIT air packs they currently use, their RIT pack capabilities and RIT pack connections. A spreadsheet of such

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information would be helpful for each department in order to determine each department's capabilities.

### **Interest to the Organization:**

Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook reported his department was going before the Westbrook Town Board to get approval of their new rescue truck and tools on April 27, 2011.

MMS to adjourn at 20:10 hours (Jenkins/Dunn).

Respectfully submitted,

**Steve Biasi**  
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2011 in Westbrook at 7:30 PM.

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