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 North Madison Vol. Fire Co.

Minutes of the August 22, 2016 VSMAI meeting in Killingworth, CT.

Vice President Mike Jenkins called the meeting to order at 19:35 hours with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – August 22, 2016

Gabe Balsamo – North Madison	Mark DeCillis – North Madison
Brian Koczak – North Madison	Don MacMillan – North Madison
Tom Risom – Old Lyme	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
David Greenbacker – Durham	Sam Baber – Haddam
Arnie Moore – Killingworth	James Schaefer – Chester
Ray Destarelinist Jr. – Killingworth	Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Jeremy Adametz – Killingworth	James Budney – Deep River
Robert Chadd – Durham	Terry Wall – Durham
Michael Neff – Clinton	Brian Manware – Clinton
Steve Biasi – North Madison	

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

The Secretary announced one change to the July 2016 meeting minutes as distributed:

“Kx was located at Troop K in Colchester and not in Middletown as stated in the original meeting minutes. The corrected meeting minutes will replace Middletown with “located at Troop K in Colchester”.

A MMS (Baber/Schaefer) to accept the corrected July 2016 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$4,530.58, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is

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\$4,530.58. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Budney/Baber).
Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

None

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report

Website:

Vice President Jenkins announced Joe Johnson of Old Saybrook is working on a new website developed and implemented.

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report



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No Report

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RIT/Mayday SOG Review

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Incident Command SOG

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No report

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Old Business:

Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River opened discussion on the variations with department's helmet colors for officers. Discussion amongst the attendees addressed any applicable standards and whether anyone wanted to start a committee to look further into this topic. It was agreed by a voice vote that a committee was not necessary and there was not applicable standard that applied to helmet colors. It was agreed to by a voice vote to leave the current situation.

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New Business:

Deputy Chief Jim Budney opened discussion on workers compensation insurance. Deputy Chief Budney recently had a conversation with Cirma and it was brought to his attention that firefighters responding returning to emergency calls are covered from the time they leave their personal driveway to the time they return back to their personal driveway. Additionally, the insurance covers lost wages if a firefighter can't perform his normal job duties after sustaining an injury or illness during firefighting activities. A questions/concern came up regarding self-employed workers. Cirma does not cover self-employed personnel's lost wages and it was suggested that secondary or additional insurance coverage was obtained for those individuals.

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Interest to the Organization:

Chief Brian Manware of Clinton thanked everyone for their participation with the funeral services for Past Chief Scott Andrews.

Vice President Jenkins acknowledged Madison's excellent color guard at the services. Vice President Jenkins suggested the Valley Shore organization look into purchasing a flag. It was suggested future discussions concerning the flag should occur at the upcoming meetings.

Assistant Chief Jeremy Adametz of Killingworth announced after nine years Dick Bauer stepped down as Chief. The new Chief is Arnie Moore.

MMS to at hours 20:20 (Moore/Schaefer).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2016 in Guilford at 7:30pm.

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