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Minutes of the January 23, 2017 VSMAI meeting in Westbrook, CT.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:40 hours with a salute to the flag.

President Fazzino congratulated Westbrook, Deep River and Old Saybrook on their recent officer elections.

Attendees – January 23, 2017

Brian Manware – Clinton	James Budney – Deep River
Sam Baber – Haddam	Mark DeCillis – North Madison
Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator	Jed Perkins – Essex
Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Michael Nehr – Clinton
Jim Schaefer – Chester	Ben Bagnati – Old Saybrook
Pete Terene – Deep River	Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex	

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Jenkins/Bagnati) to accept the December 2016 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$4,830.58, with \$00.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is \$4,830.58. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Baber/Manware). Motion passed unanimously.



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Bills to be paid:

Secretary of State - \$50.00. Chief Baber of Haddam made a motion to pay the filing fee to the State of Connecticut. Assistant Chief Jenkins of Westbrook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced recent concerns Lifestar has encountered with using night vision so please review and ensure departments are following the current protocols in order to reduce hazards for Lifestar. Mr. Swan also announced during mass casualty incident two Lifestars may be deployed with a doctor on board at least one unit in order to evaluate patients.

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan also reminded everyone of the state law concerning videotaping of emergency scenes. Mr. Swan stated currently at least two departments are in legal proceedings as a result of videotaping.

Mr. Swan announced State Representative Carney has proposed legislation to reimburse fire departments for large-scale services. The legislation has been sent to the Public Safety Committee for hearings.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

Chief Manware of Clinton opened discussion concerning the history and status of the radio frequency list along with clarifications following the December 2016 meeting in Old Saybrook. Chief Manware stated since 2012 there haven't been any major changes to the frequency list and reviewed his notes and documents dating back to 2009. Chief Manware stated one remaining issue is the Valley Shore interior channel that is shared with Old Saybrook DPW. Deputy Chief Joe



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Johnson of Old Saybrook announced he would investigate whether the channel was currently being shared or whether DPW now have it's own channel. State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan reminded everyone of the need to be mindful of departments on Long Island and the mixing of radio frequencies.

President Fazzino announced there are many low frequency channels currently available.

Chief Manware stated he uses the Valley Shore Fire Police Channel all the time without incident.

Discussion commenced on the radio frequencies conflicting with Long Island departments but nobody has received any complaints from Long Island recently. Chief Manware reviewed the discussion from last month's Valley Shore meeting concerning Valley Shore not having Westbrook's most recent radio frequencies. Chief Manware explained in February 2016 he did receive a list of changes for Westbrook from Don Izzo. Chief Manware then acknowledged the changes to Mr. Izzo and in addition sent an email to Westbrook Fire Department confirming the requested changes by Mr. Izzo and to ensure Mr. Izzo had the authority or authorization to request such changes. Chief Manware did not receive a response from Westbrook Fire Department and therefore those changes were not implemented on the Valley Shore Frequency list.

Radio frequency changes should be approved by the chief of each department and sent to the Valley Shore President.

President Fazzino stated he would meet with Chief Spencer of Westbrook concerning the pending changes and will confirm such changes with Chief Spencer.

Website:

Assistant Chief Joe Johnson of Old Saybrook announced no update on the website with J.T. Dunn.

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report



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Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

Incident Command SOG

No report

Election of Officers:

Committee Chairman James Budney announced the following slate of officers for 2017:

President – Paul Fazzino
Vice President – Mike Jenkins
Secretary/Treasurer – Steve Biasi

Chief Manware of Clinton motion was made to close the election. Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Fazzino cast one vote for the Secretary/Treasurer. Steve Biasi cast one vote for the President and Vice President.

Old Business:

President Fazzino contacted Chief Mahony of Branford and Chief Ross of South District and both agreed to assist Valley Shore with RIT. President Fazzino announced he would update the RIT list and provide such information to the dispatch centers.



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New Business:

Chief Baber of Haddam inquired about the status of the simulcast system. President Fazzino announced the engineering phase was in progress and should be completed around February 15th with parts being ordered following the completion of the engineering phase. President Fazzino announced approximately \$360,000 has been received from the state. A note from the Guilford Saving Bank has been secured for the remaining balance. President Fazzino announced once the engineering phase is completed all departments will be notified when works starts. There will be between six and eight sites that will allow radio coverage over the entire valley shore area.

Interest to the Organization:

Deputy Chief Joe Johnson of Old Saybrook announced Middletown Fire Department has disbanded their hazardous materials team due to lack of funding. Guilford is the only active team performing training – All Valley Shore departments are part of Region 2 and Guilford is available for assistance during hazardous material incidents.

Chief Manware of Clinton announced Clinton and Killingworth Fire Departments are working collectively in order to complete a joint SCBA purchase. Both departments are moving from 4.5 to 5.5 SCBAs. The joint purchase is saving both departments monetarily. Chief Manware announced, according to the manufacturer, departments can use the 4.5 bottles in the 5.5 units and vice-versa; however, each firefighter will have to complete fit testing to the new 3000 face piece.

MMS to at hours 20:00 hours (Johnson/Budney).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017 in Chester at 7:30pm.

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