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Minutes of the June 26, 2017 VSMAI meeting in Madison, CT at the Antique Fire Museum.

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

Attendees – June 26, 2017

Ethan Goller – Essex	Paul Fazzino – Essex
Arnie Moore – Killingworth	Dave Cone – North Madison
Joshua Painter – Essex	Paul Fazzino Jr. – Essex
Jim Schaefer – Chester	Sara Blaschile – Chester
Dick Bauer – Killingworth	Brian Manware – Clinton
Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	James Budney – Deep River
Ken Evarts – Madison	Bobby Kytte – Madison
Michael Neff – Clinton	Rick Swan – Fire Coordinator
Bill Buckelde – Essex	Chip Morgan – Killingworth
Don Venuti – Killingworth	Michael Shove - Guilford

Special Presentations:

NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Manware/Fazzino, Jr.) to accept the May 2017 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously. Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced two errors with the May 2017 distributed meeting minutes:

1. As far as the state budget, for all departments to check to ensure funding was available for fire courses and training, and
2. The propane class is 3 days, not 2 as described in the earlier minutes.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$6,130.58, with \$300.00 of income and \$2,309.56 bills or payments. The ending balance is

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\$4,121.02. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Schaefer/Jenkins).
Motion passed unanimously.

Dues have been received from the following departments:

1. North Madison
2. Westbrook
3. Essex
4. Old Saybrook
5. Deep River
6. Guilford
7. Chester
8. Haddam
9. Killingworth
10. Old Lyme
11. Madison
12. Clinton

Bills to be paid:

NONE

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced if any department gets dispatched as part of a task force strike team to be aware you may also be asked to send an engine as well. Coordinator Swan explained in the northern counties many departments are stripped of apparatus and engine task forces will be used to respond to fire calls.

Additionally, Coordinator Swan announced when sending engines that all manpower should be certified interior firefighters.

President Fazzino stated that holds true within valley shore as well and departments sending mutual aid should ensure interior firefighters are being sent. President Fazzino also stated with RIT teams especially during the daytime hours and minimal personnel available RIT teams may have to combine efforts.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

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No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

Chief Manware of Clinton announced he is still working on scheduling a meeting with Westbrook concerning the radio frequencies and once the meeting is conducted and all the updated information is received he will revise the VSMAI Radio Frequency List and will distribute the list.

President Fazzino requested any department with changes to send them to Chief Manware.

Website:

President Fazzino announced the new website is up and running and the website is currently being populated with previous meeting minutes.

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

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Incident Command SOG

No Report

Old Business:

Chief Schaefer of Chester opened discussion with a proposal for a new by-law change. Chief Schaefer handed out the proposed changes to SOG -200, By-Laws. Chief Schaefer stated the change was not a means for alienating people or departments and everyone is aware of everyone's outside commitments to other responsibilities including family, work and other tasks but participation is needed by all departments for this organization to adequately function and operate that would lead to the most effective firefighting service in the valley shore area. Additionally, the SOGs were constructed based upon group participation. Chief Fazzino Jr. of Essex stated when individuals within each fire department does not participate and attend the department throws them out. President Fazzino requested everyone review the proposed by-law change and prepare to vote on the change at next month's meeting.

New Business:

Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River opened discussion on Deep River's boat not being in service. Deputy Chief Budney announced that due to electrical issue that may have occurred within the electrical system of the boat or the dock power they will continue to be working on their boat. Fire Coordinator Swan announced fire department with propane companies can sponsor two (2) firefighters to attend the next propane training at the New Hampshire Fire Academy in New Hampshire. Deputy Chief Budney announced the owner of his company reached out to the gas industry for assistance with establishing the response trailer and is waiting for more information and a response. Chief Moore of Killingworth announced Killingworth will be conducting a EMR refresher course in July. The training announcement was distributed via email. President Fazzino announced Old Saybrook was hosting an upcoming Fire Officer I course.

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Chief Manware of Clinton opened discussion as to which departments were using the Salamander System. According to Chief Manware, the only town currently using the entire system is Cheshire.

Chief Fazzino, Jr. of Essex stated there is an App for the cellular/smartphones but there is a cost for using the app.

Assistant Chief Shove of Guilford announced Salamander was looking to move the system into a Cloud-based system. According to Assistant Chief Shove, Chief Casner of Cheshire was looking into a long term plan for the system and was looking into ways to make it the most cost effective system that may include buying a group license.

President Fazzino announced it may also be of interest to contact Cathy the representative from Higgins that is also the sales representative for Salamander. President Fazzino also suggested contacting Chief Casner and inviting him to attend the next valley shore meeting to present the system to the valley shore group.

Assistant Chief Shove announced he would contact Chief Casner.

Interest to the Organization:

Assistant Chief Jenkins of Westbrook announced Westbrook's annual carnival is July 12th – 15th.

Chief Manware of Clinton announced Clinton is hosting a bingo night on Saturday evenings starting at 7:00 pm. Chief Manware also announced Clinton in conjunction with Chips Pub III is working with the Make A Wish Foundation.

Chief Manware stated they are slightly short of their goal but plan to have another event on a future Sunday. The date is to be determined.

Chief Fazzino, Jr. of Essex announced Essex Fire Department recently held their officer elections. Chief Fazzino Jr. will remain chief. For a complete listing of their new elected officers please visit their department's website.

Chief Kyttle of Madison announced two of Madison's firefighters, Mike Salmani and Mike Vece, attended a pizza eating contest in Seymour to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer and beat the closest competition by a long shot. Each firefighter was required to eat a medium pizza consecutively and the fast team to finish won the contest. The Madison team won \$700 for taking first place and donated half the winnings back to Pancreatic Cancer.



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MMS to at 20:20 hours (Schaefer/Fazzino Jr.).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2017 in Guilford at 7:30 pm.

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