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Minutes of the April 27, 2015 VSMAI meeting in Essex, CT.

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

Attendees – April 27, 2015

Jed Perkins – Essex	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
Todd Hajek – Killingworth	Sam Baber – Haddam
Bobby Kytte – Madison	Tom Risom – Old Lyme
Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Tom Listorti – Old Saybrook
James Budney – Deep River	Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
John Brainard – Chester	Jim Schaefer – Chester
Chris Going – Essex	Rick Swan – Fire Coordinator
Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex	Don Izzo – Westbrook
Paul Fazzino – Essex	Steve Biasi – North Madison

Special Presentations:

Rick Peruta and Keith Victor did a presentation on the STOC boxes and 8TAC radios. Mr. Victor is a member of the State Interoperability Committee. Mr. Victor provided background for the STOC boxes and 8TAC (previously known as ITAC). Both Mr. Peruta and Mr. Victor's presentation provided an overview of the radio systems and demonstrations on the use of the boxes and radios. Mr. Victor handed out a paper document containing the minimum radio channels that should be programmed in the radios for UHF and VHF channels. Mr. Victor explained I-TAC and I-CALL are no longer in use and the new terminology is not 8-TAC and 8-CALL.

Discussion was had about having Mr. Victor conduct a one-day training course on the use of the STOC boxes and 8-TAC radios.

Don Izzo of Westbrook announced he would like to take the lead for the Valley Shore organization with obtaining CT DEMHS Region 2 radios for each valley shore department to include at least one portable radio and mobile radios for command vehicles.

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Keith Victor announced the new statewide UHF channel is 453/458.625 and at the State Fire Convention in Beacon Falls a check of the system and new channel will be conducted.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Baber/Perkins) to accept the March 23, 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3,540.11, with \$1,200.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is \$4,740.11. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Jenkins/Hajek). Motion passed unanimously.

Dues payments was received from the following departments:

1. Durham (2014)
2. Madison
3. Westbrook
4. Haddam
5. Deep River
6. Chester
7. Killingworth
8. North Madison

Bills to be paid:

None

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report



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Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report

Website:

No Report

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

Old Business:

President Fazzino inquired with Deputy Chief Joe Johnson from Old Saybrook about distribution of the Firefighter Competition rules for this year. Deputy Chief Johnson of Old Saybrook stated the rules were being finalized by the Firefighter Competition committee and should be distributed in the very near future.

Deputy Chief Jim Schaefer of Chester announced Chester Hose Company is hosting the Rescue Core Technician course. Deputy Chief Schaefer announced if



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sixteen (16) participants did not sign up the course would be cancelled and re-scheduled for later in the year.

Don Izzo of Westbrook inquired whether the Q course trainer class would be offered. Deputy Chief Joe Johnson of Old Saybrook announced the department is currently in the process of getting the course set up and scheduled with the State of Connecticut.

New Business:

Deputy Chief Joe Johnson announced Old Saybrook's new engine has been put in service and will be dedicated to Past Chief David Heiney Sr.

Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River congratulated Madison Hose Company for winning the Chili Cook-Off Competition. Everyone stated they had a great time!

President Fazzino announced Valley Shore Emergency Communications would be having upcoming meetings for member town chiefs, concerning the use of one (1) Haddam UHF radio channel to use throughout valley shore area. President Fazzino stated notices of when the upcoming meeting will be scheduled would be sent out to member town chiefs.

Interest to the Organization:

Chief Bobby Kytte of Madison announced the Board of Selectmen in Madison approved their department's request to bid for a new rescue truck. Chief Kytte explained their department's second pumper is also no longer in service and the department plans to combine the rescue truck and second pumper into one new piece of apparatus. Madison also got approval to bid for a new duty vehicle.

MMS to at 21:05 hours (Budney/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015 in Guilford at 7:30pm.