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Minutes of the April 28, 2014 VSMAI meeting in Killingworth, CT.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:35 hrs. with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – April 28, 2014

Jeremy Adametz – Killingworth	Tom Risom – Old Lyme
Tom Swaney – Old Lyme	Jed Perkins – Essex
Jim Budney – Deep River	Don MacMillan – North Madison
Sam Baber – Haddam	Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
Joe Johnson - Old Saybrook	Paul Fazzino, Jr. - Essex
Jim Schafer – Chester	Jeff Hesel – Clinton
Brian Manware – Clinton	Glenn Coffin – Clinton
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Paul Fazzino - Essex

Special Presentations:

NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Baber/Adametz) to accept the February 24, 2014 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$5,011.25, with \$1,500.00 of income and \$85.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$6,426.25. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Manware/Budney). Motion passed unanimously.

DUES PAYMENTS for 2014:

Secretary received dues payments from Westbrook, North Madison, Haddam, Essex, Guilford, Clinton, Deep River, Madison, Killingworth and Old Lyme.

Bills to be paid:

Copper Skillet - \$85.00 – Strategic Planning Meeting – March 22, 2014

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Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

NO REPORT

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

NO REPORT

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



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RIT/Mayday SOG Review

NO REPORT

Old Business:

- ☞ President Fazzino opened discussion on the recent strategic planning meeting held on March 22nd. The main topic of the meeting was reviewing the preamble for the Valley Shore SOPS and SOGs. An attorney reviewed the preamble. President Fazzino inquired with the attendees as to whether anyone had any further comment or question.
- ☞ The President made a motion to accept the preamble as drafted and distributed. Deputy Chief Jim Budney seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- ☞ President Fazzino explained the RIT/Accountability/Mayday SOP remained in the process of being reviewed. President Fazzino stated the SOP would be distributed again and organization will discuss the policy next month. President Fazzino noted Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook had made recent changes to the various SOPs and changed language from “shall” to “should”.
- ☞ Assistant Chief Paul Fazzino Jr. reported on the possible upcoming seminar with PJ Norwood and possible other speakers. Deputy Chief Fazzino stated he met with Chief Norwood. Chief Norwood, during the meeting, stated he believed a good speaker on the same day would be Sean Gray who works in the Cobb County, GA. Assistant Chief Fazzino stated the cost for PJ Norwood to speak at the seminar would be \$800 and the cost for Sean Gray would be \$1,000.00 plus airfare and hotel. Todd Hajek of Killingworth has secured the high school for November 8th. Assistant Chief Fazzino stated the seminar would be open to all valley shore departments and then to outside departments. The cost per student has not yet been determined. Assistant Chief Fazzino also stated Editor and Chief of Fire Engineering magazine Chief Bobby Halton may be the keynote speaker for the seminar but after additional discussion amongst the attendees it was recommended that Chief Halton could be scheduled for another seminar and instead of just being the keynote speaker he could present a fire related topic for a couple hours.
- ☞ President Fazzino inquired with the attendees if the seminar would be a good training event. The attendees all stated they agree and to move forward with the seminar.

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- ☞ President Fazzino requested each department complete their Valley Shore mutual aid agreements and forward them via email to the secretary to maintain on file.
- ☞ President Fazzino also requested any outstanding inventory sheets need to be completed and the lack of them being completed is holding up other agencies.

New Business:

- ☞ Deputy Chief Jim Budney thanked everyone that responded and provided assistance at their recent fire. Deputy Chief Budney opened conversation on firefighters being injured while performing firefighter job tasks at mutual aid incidents. Does the home department or the mutual aid department covers the injured firefighter? It was discuss that fire officers should check with their insurance company (most departments are covered under Kirma). Discussion was also had about the organization adding a policy to cover such incidents.
- ☞ President Fazzino stated firefighters should report to the Incident Commander prior to engaging in any firefighting activities at mutual aid incidents and add this is a well-established policy throughout valley shore. President Fazzino stated this topic should also be added to the mutual aid agreements.
- ☞ Deputy Chief Jim Budney announced this Thursday, May 8th at Whelan Engineering LifeStar would be giving a tour and demonstration. The event will start at 7:00 pm.

Interest to the Organization:

- ☞ Chief Tom Swaney of Old Lyme announced he is stepping down, as Chief of Old Lyme, and announced Tom Rison will be taking over as Chief in May.
- ☞ Deputy Chief Brian Manware of Clinton announced an email was distributed about their upcoming Rescue Core Technician course. Deputy Chief Manware announced the course still had openings and the course is starting on May 1st. If anyone is interested please contact Deputy Chief Manware.
- ☞ Assistant Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. opened discussion about the organization acquiring Westbrook's old aerial truck. According to Chief Herrschaft of Guilford, he had a verbal discussion with Mr. Pytlick and stated to Mr. Pytlick the organization remained very interested in acquiring the truck.



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President Fazzino stated he has not had conversation with Chief Tsou yet but did have verbal conversations with Past Chief Mike Jenkins.

☞ Chief Don MacMillan inquired as to where the truck would be housed since it was going to be a reserve piece. Chief Herrschaft stated the truck would be housed in Guilford. The cost and upkeep of the truck would have to be worked out amongst the valley shore departments especially since some of the departments do not have an aerial truck.

☞ President Fazzino stated he would meet with Chief Tsou of Westbrook to obtain additional information and report back to the organization.

☞ Chief Sam Baber of Haddam announced their new tanker is in service and stated the Tanker Shuttle SOP should be updated to reflect the new tanker having 2,1700 gallons of water instead of 2,500 gallons with their previous tanker.

☞ Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River inquired with the group if anyone was getting called from residents concerning the increasing costs of fire insurance. President Fazzino stated he field approximately three to four calls a month concerning the issue and stated the fire department ratings and specifics should be reported to the callers.

☞ Chief Don MacMillan of North Madison stated in the last five years he received an increase number of calls once portions of the town were not longer covered solely under Madison's downtown or hydrant areas.

MMS to at 20:15 hours (Budney/MacMillan).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2014 in Madison at 7:30pm.