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Minutes of the August 26, 2013 VSMAI meeting in Westbrook, CT.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:45 hrs. with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – August 26, 2013

Bobby Kytte – Madison	Chris Yenco – Madison
Greg Carroll – Madison	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
Richard Tsou – Westbrook	Chris Wininger – Westbrook
Jed Perkins – Essex	Brian Manware – Clinton
Michael Shove – Guilford	Steven Olsen – Essex
Jim Budney – Deep River	Sam Baber – Haddam
Jeremy Adamez – Killingworth	Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex	

Special Presentations:

Westbrook firefighter and electrician Chris Wininger conducted a presentation on electrical safety with specific instruction and information on firefighter safety related to power lines and electrical equipment, electric vehicle safety and structure fires involving structures having solar panels.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Baber/Budney) to accept the July 22, 2013 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3,531.41, with \$1,450.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$4,981.41. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Baber/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

Big Water seminar and T-Shirt payments were received from Chester (\$170.00), Clinton (\$170.00), Deep River (\$254.00), Durham (\$150.00), Essex (\$150.00), Westbrook (\$256.00), Old Saybrook (\$150.00) and Old Lyme (\$150.00).

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Outstanding payments are needed from Guilford (\$150.00), Haddam (\$150.00), Killingworth (\$266.00), and Madison (\$234.00).

Bills to be paid:

NONE

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

President Fazzino reported the State Fire Coordinator has requested an inventory list for fire departments in Middlesex and New Haven counties. President Fazzino stated he would re-issue the current Valley Shore fire department inventory list and ask that each department review it and return it with any changes.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

Deputy Chief Brian Manware of Clinton announced Branford Fire Department was changing their UHF and were going over to digital. If anyone has any questions concerning the changes please contact Brian via email at ctff911@yahoo.com.

Website:

No Report



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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:

No Report

New Business:

No Report

Interest to the Organization:

Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River opened discussion and inquired with the attendees concerning fire apparatus tires and the need to replace tires at what period of time. Attendees stated that New York State used 10 years and NFPA used 7 years as a tire life span. The attendees quoted NFPA 1911, Chapter 7 as the reference for tire life span. Deputy Chief Budney explained his department



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has a fifteen-year-old pickup truck and the sidewalls of the tires rotted and needed four new tires.

President Fazzino announced the new 2013 NFPA standard for fire hose would require all hose older than 1987 be taken out of service.

Lt. Bill Cusson of Westbrook announced Westbrook FD would be hosing a Flare Drill for boat owners and any other interested parties including firefighters. The fire department will instruct attendees at the drill how to correctly and safely set off flares. The drill will be held on September 14th from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at the Westbrook Town Beach located on Seaside Avenue.

Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River thanked Essex Fire Department for hosting the recent boating and rescue drill for multiple departments.

Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook announced Westbrook's new ladder truck drawings are available for viewing. The truck should be going out for contract shortly.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford announced Guilford got a grant approval for \$337,000 for a new fireboat. The department must match the grant with 25% of the grant's value or approximately \$113,000. The total grant amount is \$450,000. Chief Herrschaft announced Guilford would be hosting a Heavy Extrication training course on September 26th and 27th.

Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook announced Westbrook would be hosting a Pump Operators course on September 7th and 8th.

President Fazzino opened discussion concerning Westbrook's existing ladder truck that is up for replacement with a new ladder truck. President Fazzino led the discussion about Valley Shore departments with ladders trucks jointly purchasing Westbrook's old ladder truck once the new ladder truck is delivered and placed in service. Westbrook's old truck could then be utilized as a reserve piece and available for Valley Shore departments when in need of a reserve ladder truck. President Fazzino stated Guilford has offered to house the reserve piece at the Hook's station where it would be stored inside and in a heated building. President Fazzino explained the truck's maintenance would require annual testing and servicing but would be available as a reserve ladder truck. Up to this point in time, Westbrook has done a well job maintaining the ladder truck.



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Chief Bauer of Killingworth inquired as to the time period for obtaining the Westbrook's ladder truck as a reserve piece. Chief Jenkins of Westbrook announced the contract should be completed shortly and would expect the new truck to be delivered and placed in service somewhere around Thanksgiving 2014.

MMS to at 20:40 hours (Bauer/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013 in Chester at 7:30pm.