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Minutes of the January 27, 2014 VSMAI meeting in Essex, CT.

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

Attendees – January 27, 2014

Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	JT Dunn – Old Saybrook
Tom Swaney – Old Lyme	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Bobby Kytte – Madison	Jim Budney – Deep River
Tim Lee – Deep River	Todd Hajak – Killingworth
Doug Harreys – Essex	Steven Olsen – Essex
Paul Fazzino Jr. – Essex	Jed Perkins – Essex
Jim Schaefer – Chester	Paul Phoenix – Essex
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Paul Fazzino – Essex
Andy Kressley - Essex	

Special Presentations:

NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Fazzino, Jr.) to accept the December 23, 2013 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

Connecticut Secretary of State – Filing Fee notification

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$5,531.41, with \$0.00 of income and \$520.16 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$5,011.25. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Jenkins/Hajek). Motion passed unanimously.

DUES PAYMENTS for 2014:

Secretary opened discussion concerning the 2014 dues payment. Attendees discussed the current dues payment of \$100 and the length of time the dues amount has been set at \$100. After some discussion, Chief Mike Jenkins of

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Westbrook made a motion to increase the annual dues amount to \$150. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Bills to be paid:

Madison Flower Shop - \$170.16 – Arrangement for Past Chief Loren Baker (Westbrook)

Killingworth Fire Company - \$300.00 – donation on behalf of Past Chief Raynor Clark

State of Connecticut Secretary of State - \$50.00 filing fee

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

NO REPORT

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

NO REPORT

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

NO REPORT

Website:

Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook announced the websites are up and running without incident or problems.

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

President Fazzino announced there will be a report at the next meeting to continue discussion and review of the RIT/Mayday SOG documents.

Old Business:

- The Audit Committee is comprised of Chief Bauer of Killingworth, Chief Baber of Haddam and Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook. Chief Dunn conducted a review of the 2013 financial recordkeeping of the Secretary/Treasurer and found the records in satisfactory condition.

New Business:

- Captain Andy Kressley of Essex opened discussion about the possibility of future valley shore training. Captain Kressley recommended the organization consider hosting a training session on Transitional Fire Attack and Controlling the Ventilation. Captain Kressley stated the training has been making local and national news and local trainers/fire officers PJ Norwood of East Haven FD and Frank Ricci of New Haven FD have written good articles on the subject. Captain Kressley also reported on UL's recent studies into the training. Captain Kressley recommended either one or both of these local trainers/fire officers would be a great training opportunity for the organization and local fire departments in the valley shore area. The attendees had discussion about having either one or both conduct the training and discussed a possible time period during this calendar year. Both individuals are currently committed to FDIC so having either one or both individuals conduct training in late spring or



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during the fall time period would be a good time of the year. Captain Kressley and the attendees explained Fire Engineering, FDNY and the west coast fire departments are leading this training area and topic.

- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook announced he and Jay Rankin attended a training event at FDNY on the UL training and research into the topic.
- President Fazzino explained for many years the school of thought in the fire service was to fight the fire from the unburned side. However, science and testing has shown fighting the fire from the burning does not push the fire into the building or unburned area of the structure or establishment.
- Assistant Chief Paul Fazzino Jr. stated PJ Norwood and Frank Ricci have been going through the training and are an active part of the UL training and studies in NY. Assistant Chief Fazzino, Jr. believes it would be well worth it to bring these individuals to the valley shore area to conduct the training.
- Chief Herrschaft of Guilford stated one study out of Gwinnett County in Georgia showed six firefighters died due to not fighting the fire from the burn side. The fire department performed a traditional fire attack from the unburned side and the fire got into the soffit area of the building and then the main structure of the building and eventually got behind the firefighters and cut them off from safely exiting the building.
- President Fazzino announced and requested Captain Kressley and Assistant Chief Fazzino Jr. of Essex contact PJ Norwood and Frank Ricci about conducting a one day or weekend training session for the valley shore organization.
- Assistant Chief Fazzino, Jr. of Essex announced they would get proposals and see about splitting the day up between PJ Norwood and Frank Ricci and possibly another speaker. Assistant Chief Fazzino stated firefighters might get bored with one or two speakers for eight hours.
- Chief Herrschaft of Guilford he is currently in the planning stage for hosting a TIC (Thermal Imaging Camera) class. The class will not have a maximum number of students for the classroom session but will have a twelve person maximum for the hands-on training. The hands-on training will be broken up into the necessary number of groups to get all the classroom attendees trained. Chief Herrschaft stated good TCI training has not been conducted and most firefighters have only been shown how the camera works in order to operate it but they have not been provided with more in-depth training to effectively use the camera.



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2014 Valley Shore Elections:

- Chairman of the Valley Shore Nominating Committee Jim Budney recommended Mike Jenkins be nominated for Vice President and Paul Fazzino be nominated for President. Nominations were opened to the floor/attendees. No further nominations were announced. The nominations were closed. A motion was made for the Secretary to cast one vote for Mike Jenkins for Vice President and Paul Fazzino for President. Chief Herrschaft of Guilford seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the Secretary casted one for each individual.
- Chairman of the Valley Shore Nominating Committee Jim Budney recommended Steve Biasi be nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations were opened to the floor/attendees. No further nominations were announced. The nominations were closed. A motion was made for the President to cast one vote for Steve Biasi as Secretary/Treasurer. Chief Olsen of Essex seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the President casted one vote.

Interest to the Organization:

- Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River thanked Essex Fire Department for hosting the Ice/Water Rescue training and meeting. Over 100 firefighters/individuals attended.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook recommended conducting another similar type training/meeting over the summer possibly at Fireman's Field in Old Saybrook on the task force. Chief Dunn recommended the training/meeting being held on a meeting night and everyone can bring their equipment for everyone else to review and get more familiar with.
- Chief Jenkins of Westbrook thanked everyone for their support during the services and funeral for Past Chief Loren Baker.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook announced his department has received approval from the town to purchase a new Pierce engine.
- Assistant Chief Todd Hajak of Killingworth thanked everyone for their support and assistance during the services and funeral for Past Chief Raynor Clark.
- President Fazzino stated it was a sad time recently with two local prominent fire department leaders passing away. Both past chiefs were

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very active in regional fire department organizations and training. Both were great leaders in the fire service and will be greatly missed.

MMS to at 20:30 hours (Jenkins/Budney).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2014 in Guilford at 7:30pm.

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