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 North Madison Vol. Fire Co.

Minutes of the May 21, 2018 VSMAI meeting in Guilford, CT.

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

Attendees – May 21, 2018

William Cusson – Westbrook	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook	Tom Listorti – Old Saybrook
Ben Bagnati – Old Saybrook	Pete Terenze – Old Saybrook
Will Heiney – Old Saybrook	Brian Manware – Clinton
Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex	Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator
Ethan Gollar – Essex	Chris Going – Essex
Aron Schumacher – Essex	Dave Cone – North Madison
Michael Neff – Clinton	Michael Shove – Guilford
Jim Schaefer – Chester	John Brainard – Chester
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Paul Fazzino - Essex

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Fazzino, Jr./Jenkins) to accept the April 23, 2018 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$4,671.02, with \$900.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is \$5,571.02. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Jenkins/Fazzino, Jr.). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

None

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2018 Valley Shore dues payments received:

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

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan thanked everyone for the storm response and participation in Brookfield. The response was excellent and Middlesex County/Valley Shore departments provided 82 firefighters and 26 pieces of equipment. The event had some issues including other regions that responded with TAC radios that had not been updated in many years that caused some communication issues. Rick reminded departments with ITAC radios to ensure their radios and equipment are updated and STOC boxes are cross band devices and not repeaters so they do not provide power. The Decon trailers have repeaters for power. Overall, it was a good effort.

President Fazzino announced the Kevin McManus memo also reminded departments to ensure their TAC radios were updated.

All Hands Call Committee:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced following last month's meeting and discussion that the draft SOG has been revised and was distributed at this meeting.

North Madison Chief Dave Cone inquired whether a manpower request at the brush fire should require the same firefighter requirements as a structure fire. State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan stated the committee could evaluate that situation and possibly revise the SOG.



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Jim Schaefer of Chester believes the document is good and reminded everyone this is an optional document that departments don't have to use.

Essex Fire Chief Paul Fazzino Jr. stated the committee worked hard to assemble this document and believes the SOG requires a baseline for firefighters regardless of the emergency and firefighters must be adequately trained and ready to work.

Clinton Fire Chief Brian Manware stated the committee placed minimum firefighter requirements in the SOG to protect officers and departments.

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan suggested everyone take the draft SOG back to their departments, discuss and bring back any other ideas, thoughts and ways to improve the draft SOG.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report

Website:

The Valley Shore meeting minutes are now being uploaded monthly to the website.

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report



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Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

Essex Fire Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. announced an upcoming Basic RIT training course on October 13th and 14th. A location has not yet been determined. The training course will be a good opportunity to get new people involved with RIT. Jim Crawford, a well-known RIT instructor, will be the lead trainer/instructor for the course.

Incident Command SOG

No Report

Old Business:

No Report

New Business:

No Report

Interest to the Organization:

Essex Fire Chief Paul Fazzino Jr. thanked everyone for their recent help and assistance at their recent structure fires.

Old Saybrook Assistant Chief Will Heiney announced Old Saybrook has the availability/use of the vacant AMF bowling alley and their department plans to conduct commercial RIT training at the vacant structure. The training is currently in the planning stages and more information is to come.



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MMS to at 20:35 hours (Manware/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2018 in Haddam at 7:30 pm.

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