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Minutes of the November 25, 2019 VSMAI meeting in Old Saybrook, CT.

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

Attendees – November 25, 2019

Michael Neff – Clinton	Michael Shove – Guilford
Pete Terenzo – Old Saybrook	Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
Will Heiney – Old Saybrook	Rick Swan – CT Fire Coordinator
Mark DeCillis – North Madison	Gabe Balsamo – North Madison
Bill DeCapua – Old Saybrook	Steve Super – Old Lyme
Sam Baber – Haddam	Steven Budney – Deep River
Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	William Cusson – Westbrook
James Budney – Deep River	Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook
Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook	Jed Perkins – Essex
Darryl Ward – Madison	Bobby Kytte – Madison
Paul Fazzino – Essex	Steve Biasi – North Madison

Special Presentations:

NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Jenkins/Johnson) to accept the October 28, 2019 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3,614.38, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 of bills, service charges or payments. The ending balance is \$3,614.38. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Johnson/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

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Bills to be paid:

NONE

2019 Dues Payments Received:

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

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced he received each department's foam quantity information. The State of Connecticut will collect the foam and will disposed of it. At this time, allocated money for foam replacement has not been approved by the State of Connecticut. Fire Coordinator Swan stated in Massachusetts they received initial quantity reports of 487,000 pounds of foam but upon retrieving it the state ended up taking in an approximately 200,000 additional pounds of foam.

All Hands Call Committee:

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:

President Fazzino report on behalf of North Madison Chief Dave Cone. Chief Cone reported North Madison has changed their tanker task force assignment to include North Branford's tanker.

President Fazzino announced the Tanker Shuttle SOP was previously updated in December 2012 and the organization should consider doing another update since it has been seven years.

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

Incident Command SOG

No Report

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Field Day

Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney opened discussion on organizing another firefighter field day event. Both Westbrook and Deep River representatives at the meeting announced representatives from their departments are interested in assisting.

Old Saybrook Deputy Chief Steve Lesko announced it was presented at Old Saybrook's last monthly meeting and there was little to no interest with organizing another firefighter field day event.

Deputy Chief Budney, the chief lead organizer and committee leader for the firefighter field day event, will strongly continue to pursue rallying all Valley Shore departments in order to get full support from each department and ensure another very successful firefighter field day event occurs in the very near future. All the meeting attendees strongly encouraged Deputy Chief Budney to continue his very strong efforts with coordinating and gathering support for the firefighter field day event. Deputy Chief Budney thanked everyone for his or her wonderful support and announced he will continue to champion this event and will work tirelessly until the event successfully occurs. All the attendees gave Deputy Chief Budney a very enthusiastic round of applause!

NASH

Assistant Chief Mike Shove announced eighty-five (85) Haz-Mat Technicians attended the recent Hazardous Materials training in October. Assistance Chief Shove stated the NASH committee meets six times a year with two meeting held in the evening in order to volunteer representatives to attend. Assistant Chief Shove requested if anyone has any ideas for the good of the NASH team to please send email him. Assistance Chief Shove also announced some of next year's funding would be used to replace class "B" suits.

Old Business:

President Fazzino announced Haddam and Old Saybrook submitted their recently signed mutual aid agreements.

New Business:

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No Report

Interest to the Organization:

Westbrook Chief Mike Jenkins announced the next Valley Shore meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 23rd. Chief Jenkins inquired with the attendees on whether everyone would like to change the date since it was close to Christmas. The attendees did not state any objection or request a date change. Chief Jenkins requested anyone planning to attend to send an attendance count in order for the food order.

President Fazzino announced the upcoming FAST course with Jeff Chndler. The course is very good and is only \$200 per person.

Old Saybook Fire Officer Will Heiney announced Old Saybrook's firefighter I course is going well and is close to finishing the fire portion and will be starting the Haz-mat portion very shortly.

MMS to at 20:10 hours (Jenkins/Lasko).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

The next meeting is Valley Shore meeting is Monday, December 23, 2019 in Westbrook at 7:30 pm.