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Minutes of the June 22, 2020 VSMAI meeting in Killingworth, CT.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:45 hours with a salute to the flag. President Fazzino welcomed everyone back and thanked everyone for the support. Thanks to Killingworth Chief Dick Bauer for hosting this evening's meeting.

Attendees – June 22, 2020

James Grzybowski – Chester	Sam Baber – Haddam
Charles Herrschaft – Guilford	Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook
Will Heiney – Old Saybrook	David Cone – North Madison
Jim Budney – Deep River	Michael Vece – Madison
Rick Swan – CT State Fire Coordinator	Michael Neff – Clinton
Brian Manware – Clinton	Paul Jacobs – Killingworth
Paul Fazzino – Essex	Steve Biasi – Unaffiliated

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Bauer/Budney) to accept the February 24, 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$1,587.86, with \$1,800.00 of income and \$0.00 of bills, service charges or payments. The ending balance is \$3,337.86. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Manware/Bauer). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

None



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2020 Dues Payments Received:

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

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

No report

All Hands Call Committee:

No report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

President Fazzino inquired with North Madison Chief David Cone regarding an COVID-19 updates. Chief Cone stated there were not updates to report.

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

President Fazzino announced the updated radio frequency list has to be posted to the Valley Shore website. President Fazzino announced Scott Wright will be updating the state radios and Chief Manware emailed the current radio frequency list out to everyone.



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Website:

No Report

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

Incident Command SOG

No Report

Field Day

No Report

NASH

No Report



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Old Business:

President Fazzino inquired with the attendees about the updated Valley Shore Mutual Aid Agreements. President Fazzino announced completed agreements were received from Westbrook, Old Lyme, Essex and Killingworth. Please work on getting your department's mutual aid agreements updated.

President Fazzino opened discussion on the pending Multi-Town Mutual Aid Response SOG and the organization's willingness to move forward with adopting the SOG. President Fazzino explained the SOG was developed and reviewed months ago but was not formally adopted by the organization.

Killingworth Chief Dick Bauer presented a motion to adopt the SOG. Clinton Chief Brian Manware seconded the motion. The motion was adopted a unanimous vote. The SOG establishes guidelines for towns responding to mutual aid incidents. Valley Shore Dispatch or any other dispatch center should focus on the fire department incident and not have the distractions created by each mutual aid officers and apparatus signing onto the air and providing updates as to their status while responding to the mutual aid incident. The SOG will establish one office or apparatus from each mutual aid town to report to the dispatch center handling the host town's incident. The Secretary will designate a Valley Shore Mutual Aid SOG number to the document. Responding towns should also use their respective designated truck apparatus number (example – use 7-6-1 and not use truck 1).

Deep River Deputy Chief Jim Budney provided an update on the fire hydrant and water main issue in Deep River that affects other nearby towns. Deputy Chief Budney explained Deep River split another water main even though the department was following water company policy for using the hydrants but it still resulted with a broken main. According to Deputy Chief Budney, the water company is investigating the incident and the water company acknowledged increasing the water pressure on the system. According to Deputy Chief Budney, the water mains in Deep River operate at approximately 160 psi.

Deep River Deputy Chief Jim Budney announced Deep River is purchasing new SCBAs, however, the new masks are not compatible with the RIT packs and the department may have to purchase new RIT packs.

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New Business:

Connecticut State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan inquired with the attendees whether any departments have encountered rolling meth labs. None of the attendees answered in the affirmative. Coordinator Swan recommended having a speaker attend an upcoming Valley Shore Meeting to provide information and training to the Valley Shore organization.

President Fazzino stated it would be a good idea and requested Coordinator Swan to contact and coordinate the training for an upcoming Valley Shore meeting.

Chester Chief James Grzybowski announced junior firefighters could re-start training and responding to fire department incidents on July 6th. Chief Grzybowski announced the Connecticut Department of Labor is updating their guidelines and regulations for juniors and should be sending out the updates in the near future.

Interest to the Organization:

President Fazzino announced Old Lyme held their 2020 officer elections. Below are the results:

Old Lyme 2020 Officers:

Chiefs

38 Stephen Super

38-1 Mike McCarthy

38-2 James OldField

38-3 James Caramante

Captains

38-4 Larry Merrill

38-5 Ken Swaney

38-6 John Duddy

Lieutenants

38-7 Matt Kakos

38-8 Matt Merrill

38-9 Jared Flagg



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Chester Chief James Grzybowski inquired whether there was any updates on the ongoing foam issues.

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced Shipman's maintains stock of approved foam for use and advised everyone not to use any old foam that is not approved.

MMS to at 20:20 hours (Bauer/Budney).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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The next meeting is Valley Shore meeting is Monday, July 27, 2020 in Madison at 7:30 pm.