

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on May 16, 2008 at Engine 4 hosted by Company 6.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Fishack. Chaplain Leonard Horst gave the invocation and lead in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present. All officers were present except the 1st VP, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Dale Fishack, MSFA Executive Committee, reported: A. The Convention information is on the website and can be downloaded. B. Jackie Olson is the lone candidate for Secretary. C. If the Association wants to support Dale for Executive Committee, it should write a letter to MSFA incoming President Underwood.

Rick Lillard, DNR, reported: A. Thanks for Association support in keeping DNR as first due on brush fires. B. During April the Department responded to 30 brush fires in western 4 counties, with 2 in Washington County. C. The Volunteer Fire Assistance program is open and applications are due by June 25. Send applications to Annapolis. Applications are available from Rick or the website. D. The National Park Service is having a wild land fire training class at Catoctin on June 9-13. There is a CD available for volunteers to take courses on a computer and attend field day to be scheduled with Rick. E. 43 firefighters in the western area received their Wild Land Firefighter Red Cards.

Brigitte Heller, DFES, reported: A. There is a written report on the table. B. DOT and 50/50 grant information will be sent to each Company.

Jennifer Barciz, WCVFRA Fire Prevention Queen, reported: A. She attended and threw out the first pitch at the Suns game. B. She suggested that a fund raiser be started to support the Queen in future years. She is willing to assist. C. A car is available for the Convention parade.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. A written report is available. B. A schedule of classes for the fall is available. C. Classes can be scheduled with a three-week notice. There should be 15 solid students available. D. EVOC Refresher is this weekend at Company 26. E. No classes have been cancelled during this past period. F. Thanks for Jay Grimes work t make classes go.

MINUTES: On a motion by Dan Grove seconded by Clarence Weber the minute for April were approved. The Executive Committee minutes for April were not available and will be approved at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rick reported that the checking account balance was \$4776.82. The Profit and Loss statement is in the packet. Jay Grimes asked for a complete accounting of all funds. Rick reported that he did not have the information available at the meeting, but was around \$530000. Charles Shindle requested that a complete accounting of all accounts be made at each meeting. The President said this will happen. Rick reported that there are bills for approximately \$15000 to be paid.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Police: Report in packets.

Standards: Dale reported: A. Next meeting will be May 21 @ 1900 at the Association Office. Items to be discussed are: 1. Live Fire Burns. 2. Incident Command Vests - current colors not available. 3. Engine 3 requested that a change be made to the Officer Standards. 4. Safety Officer standards. B. According to the Chief's Committee minutes the Standards Committee had not met. There were meetings on January 17 and March 13.

Law Enforcement: Randy reported: A. That the State Police will join the new dispatch center. B. When the new State Police barracks are built, the Sheriff Department will house Eastern district deputies there. The County will be divided into an Eastern and Western districts. The Sheriff's Department and State Police will share jurisdictions.

Legislative: Glenn reported: A. The biggest disappointment of the session was that the Move Over Law was not passed. More work will be done next year.

Computer: Skip reported: A. The dispatch was not available. Verizon inadvertently unhooked the line. B. The fire reports are coming in on time.

Recruitment and Retention: Clarence reported: A. Several people attended the Suns game and passed out

information. B. Jennifer is no pitcher.

EMS: No report

Chief's: Minutes are in the packet.

Training: Jay Grimes reported: A. Things are going well. B. Jay would like to contact CHIEF about 4 acres of land in the I81/Rt 68 area. This land is designated for public use. Classroom trailers could be moved onto the land for training purposes. Glenn told Jay to get with his committee and see what is available and bring it to the Executive Committee for discussion. A report can be made to the membership. Jay described the history of a training site in

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Picnic: Dan Grove reported: A. All tickets or the money is due at the next meeting. B. There will be a meeting after this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Jay asked if the financial report of the Association had been given to the County. Glenn said the report is ready and will go tomorrow. There was some delay getting the information from the Accountant. Rick reported that the Association had not given the County a report in the past. The Association was not provided with a thumb drive. The 990 report is available online. B. Clarence Weber made a motion to send a letter of support for Dale to remain on the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Glen Reynolds and passed. C. Glenn reported that at the budget hearing each Company will receive an additional \$3000. Also, \$47000 was provided to purchase 14 additional radios for the new Fire Police. The Association is working to get additional help with fuel costs and looking into purchasing electricity cheaper. D. Jay Grimes said that the financial information was promised by end of day. Please advise the BOCC of why there was a delay. E. Greg Yost requested the Computer Committee look into providing each Company an email address so that there is not a lack of Communications between the Association and the Companies. Skip to handle this request. F. The President called an Executive Committee meeting after this meeting. He requested that Jay Grimes, Greg Yost and Terry Smith attend.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Blaine announced that Rick Blair is the new 2nd VP of the Maryland Fire Chief's Association. B. Blaine reported that on a trip to MEMA that they found that there is a problem with the dam at Greenbriar Park. The County EOC was not notified of this problem. Blaine also reported that on large incidents that the County EOC can be activated to help to analyze losses and report to the BOCC. They may be able to get some reimbursement of costs. C. Glenn reported that the Edgemont reservoir is not being used. D. James Tressler asked about the status of federal standby generators being available. Jay Grimes said this will probably not happen. E. Jay also suggested that the Commissioners that passed the LOSAP should be publically thanked.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT COMPANY 11 ON JUNE 12. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IS ONE WEEK EARLY DUE TO THE CONVENTION.

Meeting adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary