

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on June 11, 2009, at the Leitersburg Fire Company Activities Building hosted by the Leitersburg Fire Company.

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 except Company 5 and 59. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Sheriff Mullendore reported that the installation of radio equipment in the Sheriff Department vehicles will begin on Monday. The target date of September for turn on should be met.

Jennifer Barciz, Fire Prevention Queen, reported: A. Jennifer introduced Rebecca Coffin, as the Junior Miss Fire Prevention. Becca needs a ride in the parade in Ocean City. B. The MSFA Queen contest is on June 15 and will be the 30th Anniversary of the Queen Contest. Many of the former Queens will be introduced.

Gloria Schaffer, President of the Washington County Ladies Auxiliary, reported: A. Please show up at the Queen contest and support Jennifer. B. She presented a check for \$300.00 to the Association for the Hospitality Room.

Dale Fishack, MSFA Executive Committee, reported: A. That this would be his last meeting in this capacity. A representative from Frederick County will be appointed. B. He is the chairman of the MSFA Scholarship Committee and four scholarships for a total of \$12000 were presented to students from Washington County.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. The spring semester has ended, and it was a very successful semester. B. The Fall schedule will be printed and distributed the end of June. Check the website and report any changes to him.

MINUTES: On a motion by Dan Grove, seconded by Harry Gossard, the May minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The P&L statement is in the packet. The checking account balance is \$16870.71. The 5/1 balance was \$40131.60 and the 5/31 balance was \$31260.81. On a motion by Glenn Reynolds, seconded by Dan Grove the Treasurer's Report was approved.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training Center: Jay reported that: A. A meeting was held on June 8 at HCC with 16 persons present. There were representative from HCC, WCVFRA, Hagerstown Police, Sheriff's Department, and DFES. A plan will be developed to establish study groups and MFRI and the Maryland Department of Safety will be consulted. B. Only two classes were cancelled this past semester due to lack of students.

Fire Police: Harry Gossard reported that a Flagger Class will be held on June 27 at 0830. The class will be held at the Sheriff's Department and is required for all Fire Police who did not take the course in Hancock. If the Fire Police do not have this course, they will not be able to act as Fire Police.

Computer: Skip reported: A. At a meeting of the Maryland Fire Chief's Association in May it was reported that MEMA will be auditing the 508 funds sent to Washington County and also the Fire Reports submitted by Washington County Companies. Get your paperwork in order. B. Fire Reports have been coming thru well. There are some problems with the Training Records which will have to be worked out.

2nd VP: Skip reported that Roger Bennett is no longer with MEMA, he is now working for the Alleghany County Homeland Security Department.

Picnic: Dan reported that the picnic will be held on July 18 at 1230 at the Redmen Club. If the tickets are not turned in tonight it will be assumed that the Company is purchasing all 10 tickets

and the money will be deducted from the next gaming check.

President: Glenn reported: A. He, the EMS Committee Chairman, and the Office Manager met with the County Administrator to discuss Phase 1 of the EMS Plan. Four positions are to be filled soon. B. The Hospitality Room will be at the Day's Inn on Monday at 1900. C. The BOCC should discuss the distribution of the 508 funds on June 23. In Kevin's report he is going to recommend an equal split for each Company. D. During the audit of the 508 funds in the County you may have to show what was purchased. E. The building on Pennsylvania Avenue was purchased 10 years ago. The Cemetery agreed to mow and remove snow for that period. Glenn contacted the Cemetery and they will continue to provide these services. F. Harry Gossard installed the railing on the building.

OLD BUSINESS: A. Charlie asked about the fuel purchases from the County. Glenn will discuss this with the County in July. B. The bylaw change is ready to submit to MSFA for a representative from Washington County to the Executive Committee. C. Dave Irvin made a motion that the 508 funds are split equally among the member Companies. Jay Grimes seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

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NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Company 7 will have their carnival June 22-27. B. Hancock is having their carnival this week.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 16 AT ENGINE 4 HOSTED BY COMPANY 26.

Meeting adjourned at 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary