

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on September 15, 2011 at Eng 3 hosted by Company 26.

The meeting was called to order by President Fishack at 1930. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies, but Company 19 and 79 were present. All officers were present.

GUESTS:

Charles Summers, DFES had no report.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. Six classes have started or are due to start in the next week. B. Rescue Tech, Instructor I, and Fire Officer I failed to start. C. The high school program has 16 students and one from a member company in class. D. A meeting of the training committee and MFRI will be scheduled for October to set up the Spring 2012 classes. E. Check the website for updated information. F. the 165-hour EMT class will begin in July 1, 2012.

Dale Fishack, MSFA Exec. Comm., reported: A. the report presented in the packet contains two items which the Association should consider, namely the relocation of helicopters and the Regionalization Taskforce comments concerning the membership of the Executive Committee.

Kevin Lewis, Director DFES, reported: A. thank you for the representation at the Day of Remembrance. B. he discussed the Committee for Preparedness. C. he discussed the new Emergency Notification System implemented in the County. D. he presented a letter concerning a meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 20, at 0930 with the BOCC and members of the State Delegation requesting the officers of the Association and member companies to attend.

MINUTES: Dave Irwin made a motion to accept the June minutes are distributed. Leonard Horst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rick reported a balance of \$64654.16 on 9/15/2011, in Susquehanna checking and a balance of \$6240.22 on 9/15/2011, in Columbia Bank checking. There was discussion about how the gaming funds are distributed. The Association get 10% of the total funds collected or 20% of the funds distributed to the Association to operate. Ronnie Gray said he thought that the companies were supposed to get equal shares of all the funds given to the Association. This will be researched. Glenn Reynolds made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the motion was seconded by Dan Grove, Jr. and passed.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Glenn distributed the gaming checks to each of the Chief Delegates. He explained how he found out about possible changes to the gaming law. He was a function in Williamsport and was approached by Commissioner Cline and told changes were being considered. He has hired Bruce Poole to represent the Association and will ask him and Mr. Grumbacker, our accountant, to attend the meeting on Tuesday.

1st VP: LOSAP: Skip reported that a meeting was held in early September and everything is in line for October.

Emergency Communication Committee: Skip reported: A. Fire and EMS units responding to unsecure incidents should stage out of sight of the scene. B. Police agencies do not have to be notified before forcible entry is made. Just notify the dispatcher that you are going to make forcible entry. C. Allen Crawford would like each company using alpha-pagers to give him information of how many pagers are being used and the company supplying the pagers. D. Pagers will probably be available sometime the end-of-the-year.

Chaplain: Leonard reported that he sent cards and made visits to Doug Moyer of Company 12, and Dan Grove of Company 9.

Chiefs: Greg reported there is a report in the packet and the next meeting will be at Company 7 on 9/28. The committee will discuss Automatic Apparatus Placement. Greg reported that all radios would be reprogrammed. When the Safety Officer Program is launched forms will be available on the Association website.

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Nominating Committee: President Fishack appointed Blaine Snyder, Dave Irwin, and Harry Gossard to the nominating committee. Nominations should be given to the committee by October 12. If the person being nominated is not present the nominating committee must have a letter from the person agreeing to be nominated.

Communications: A. A letter from Company 27 concerning the Fire Plan was read. Company 27 wants the Association to approve the Associations proposal before it is presented to the BOCC. B. A letter from the Hagerstown First Hose Company concerning sprinklers the Habitat House was read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS There was no unfinished business. .

NEW BUSINESS: A. A motion was made by Sam Murray that the timing of the Physicals is kept as the Association has designated them. Every year for people 40 or older, every two years for people between 30 and 39, and every three years for people under 30. The motion was seconded by Ronnie Gray. A motion was made to table this motion so that delegates could take it to their companies was made and seconded. The motion will be voted on at the next meeting. B. A motion was made by Blaine Snyder that the Association will not participate in the building of the Habitat House unless it was fitted with sprinklers. The motion was seconded by Ron Horn. A roll call vote showed 21 for, 2 against and 1 abstaining. C. A motion by Sam Murray was made that the fire Plan not move forward until the Association has approved the Plan. The motion was seconded by Skip Menzies and passed by voice vote. D. Ronnie Gray made a motion that a complete Treasurer's report be given at each meeting to include a funds of the Association. Dick Grim seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: A. Company 5 will have a Sportsmen's Bash on October 1. B. Company 13 will have a Gun Bonanza on September 24. C. Company 9 will have a beef sale on September 17 and a Money Bonanza on October 8. D. Company 27 has 10 Guns, in 10 days, for \$10 which will start on October 22.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ENGINE 4, HOSTED BY TRUCK 1, ON OCTOBER 20, 2011 AT 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary