

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on October 15, 2009, at Engine 4 hosted by Engine 3.

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 Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: 1st VP Clint Stouffer introduced the guests.

Doyle Cox, 1st VP MSFA, reported: A. The Convention will be held at the same place next year. B. The Officer banquet will be held on Saturday night. The memorial session will be held on Sunday night. All business will be transacted at the Monday morning session, including the nominations. Something will be planned for Monday night. Awards will be presented on Tuesday morning. Wednesday will remain the same. C. The National Memorial program was held last weekend. 120 fallen firefighters were honored. The leading reason of line-of-duty deaths is heart attack. D. The Trumpet is on the table. Dave Lewis, 2nd VP MSFA, reported: A. The state may attempt to tap the 508 monies next year. B. The purchase of three new helicopters is moving forward. C. Trooper 6 is moving from Centerville to the Easton airport.

Gail Shaw, COSTCO, invited all to visit the store in Frederick.

Jennifer Barciz, Fire Prevention Queen, reported: A. She has traveled 4001 miles since the convention. B. Heather Myers, is the new Miss Washington County Fire Prevention Queen. The Western Maryland Jr. Miss Fire prevention Queen contest will be held in February. C. A Tanker's Trunk has been started to collect and lend dresses to Queens. If anyone has a dress to contribute contact Jennifer. D. Queens from across the state will be in the Mummers Parade. Money is needed to build a float.

Charles Summers, Asst. Director DFES, reported: A. Financial reports due in September are due. B. Fuel and Maintenance reports are due. C. The 911 Center will be moved to Eliot Parkway as soon as possible. D. 10 tower sites are being burned in. E. A new web site is available. F. The first ALS chase vehicle is working. G. The three West Virginia counties bordering Washington County and Franklin County, Pennsylvania will be interoperable with our new radio system. H. The Training Center study "Needs and Development Phase" needs responses back as soon as possible. I. The two remaining chase vehicles should be in service in early November.

Rev. Richard Bower, Chaplain, reported: A. He has served as a volunteer firefighter in New York state and therefore knows our need's first hand. B. He is now serving as Chaplain only.

Randy Wilkinson, Sheriff's Department, thanked all for their support.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. Several classes have been cancelled for low enrollment. Most classes are going strong. B. He thanked Company 26 for the use of their vehicle for the Training Center Study Group to visit the Howard County Training Facility and for the visit to MRFI headquarters. C. The MSFA training committee met last Sunday. D. Beginning Saturday, October 24 and for the next two Saturdays, an EVOC Refresher class will be held. E. Get requests for Spring training to Jay soon.

MINUTES: the September minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The current bank balance is \$4698.66. Beginning balance \$34475.02 and ending balance \$14711.40. A motion by Glen Reynolds, seconded by Dan Grove to accept the Treasurer's report was passed.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget: Greg reported that: A. The budget committee wants to start early this year so that the budget is presented to the Association for approval before it is presented to the County. Request from committees should be in by mid-November. The committee is asking for verbal presentations from committees. B. He asked that the Treasurer's report show year to date figures so that it can be compared to the budget. C. He also asked why it took two months to distribute the gaming funds. The Treasurer explained that it

takes some time to check items owed to the Association by various Companies.

Chief Officers: Greg reported: A. The minutes of the Chief's committee have been distributed to the Chief Officers. (The Secretary of the Association did not receive a copy). He requested that Companies could be suspended from voting at committee meetings if they miss three meetings. This will be researched by the Parliamentarian.

EMS Committee: John reported: A. A meeting was held with the DFES in June at which time the Committee voted to reaffirm support Phase 1 of the EMS plan. Due to the lack of action by the DFES an alternative plan has been developed. Five of the eight members of the committee have submitted letters recanting their support for phase 1 of the Plan. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for October 27. B. The Standards Committee has

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requested that the committee review all EMS Standards.

LOSAP: Skip reported: A. A meeting was held on September 30, and was well attended. B. The deadline for paperwork for those receiving benefits is due October 26.

Computer: Skip reported: A. All Chief Officer training records must be added to Fire House. All other training records will be added later. B. A training session for Fire House is planned soon.

Standards: Dale Martin reported: The minutes of the meeting are in the packet. B. There are three standards to be voted on tonight.

The Driver Training Standard. On a roll call vote of 8 yes, 15 no, and 3 abstentions: the motion was defeated.

Operation Position Classification. On a roll call vote of 14 yes, 4 no and 8 abstentions: the motion passed.

ATV Equipment and Operator Standard. On a roll call vote of 1yes, 24 no, and 1 abstention: the motion was defeated.

C. Jay Grimes asked the committee if a 10000# winch with a doubler is equivalent to a 20000# winch. The committee reported that this has not been discussed.

Nominations: The nominating committee presented the following slate: Assistant Treasurer: Rick Hemphill; Treasurer: Rick Blair; Assistant Secretary: Lynn Hunsberger; Secretary: Sam Murray; 2nd VP: Clarence Weber; 1st VP: Skip Menzies and Dale Hill; President: Glenn Fishack. The floor was then opened for additional nominations. There were none and all nominations were closed. The elections will be held at the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: A. A question was asked about the purchase of fuel from the County. No decisions have been made. B. A motion was made by Charles Shindle that the Association purchase copies of Quik Books 2010 for each Company. This motion died for lack of a second. The Treasurer will research this item and report back at the next meeting. C. Jay Grimes reported that some programs are available thru HCC at reduced prices.

NEW BUSINESS: A. John Snyder asked if the letters from the EMS Committee members will be brought to the floor of the Association. The President said that the Executive Committee will review the letters and make a decision later. B. The President reported that the Executive committee held a meeting on October 6, at the Association office to discuss two items. The first item was a request from Company 2 to ask the BOCC to implement Phase 2 of the EMS Plan and provide ALS staffing at Station 2. Jack Latimer made a motion to allow this. Steve Heefner seconded the motion and on a roll call vote of 14 yes, 2 no, and 10 abstentions, the motion passed. The second item discussed was that because of lack of action by the DFES, the director should receive a vote of "No Confidence." Dan Grove made a motion to affirm the Executive Committee action and the motion was seconded by Joe Ralls. After much discussion the motion was withdrawn. D. There was discussion about the request from the DFES for a more detailed financial report. The consensus seemed to be that we should report what is required by law. E. Mr. Pennington asked if it was proper to withdraw a motion once it had been seconded. The parliamentarian said that it was.

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NEXT MEETING : THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY SHARPSBURG FIRE AT COMPANY 11
(POTOMAC VALLEY) ON NOVEMBER 19, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary