

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

July 11, 2016

PRESENT: A. Silvestri, J. Brown, D. Hoeflein, W. Miga, K. Battaglini, R. Serowik, F. Trzcinski, J. Drotar, G. Greenlee, B. Polhamus, H. Polhamus, R. Bealo, M. Roberts, J. Buonomo, G. Roberts, B. Dieffenbacher, D. Dieffenbacher, R. McConnell, S. Meschter, K. Hoyt, S. Hoyt, R. Greenlee, A. Greenlee, K. Greenlee, K. Miga, S. Bealo, C. Hoyt, R. Fiori

****NOTE: This was a rather chaotic meeting in terms of people coming late from a class, leaving early to go to work, and leaving to pick up (and returning from picking up) food, so there was a wide fluctuation in the number of members and voting members present. Additionally, as G. Roberts, M. Roberts, and J. Buonomo became full members, they suddenly became eligible to vote (even for one another to become full members). Normally I document the comings and goings throughout the minutes and how they affect voting but, along with a call coming in during the meeting, things got too confusing for me to keep track of it all.*

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:39

MINUTES FROM: 06/06/2016 **ACCEPTED:** R. Bealo, seconded by J. Drotar

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$17,224.77
General checking: \$5620.85

Activity: \$3779.90
2% Money: \$13,444.87

We got Amazon Smile up and running. Go to Amazon Smile and sign up; it will not cost you anything. We will get a percentage from your purchases. We get a check quarterly.

The PayPal account has \$360. We just have to figure out how to get it out of PayPal and into our account.

Those with company accounts have received the information for the month and should review them.

ACCEPTED: Joe Drotar, seconded by F. Trzcinski

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

We received a donation of \$300 and a thank-you note from Vince and Sandy Paniccia for helping to put out a brush fire at their home on Marjorie Lane. A thank-you note was sent to them for their generous donation.

We sent a thank-you note to our sponsored Little League team for the food that they brought to our June business meeting and the plaque that they presented to us.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The board was reorganized following the election for the open board position back in May. The changes include the following: K. Battaglini is Vice President, R. Bealo is Director-at-Large, and K. Miga is Secretary.

Brianna Bealo and Cindi VanKuren submitted letters requesting leaves of absence and the board voted to accept these.

Regarding quarterly hours, the following members are lacking sufficient hours and are currently considered Members Not in Good Standing:

- K. Battaglini
- J. Drotar (submitted a hardship letter)
- B. Gazdik
- M. Henry
- A. Holton
- S. Knapp
- J. Pedro
- K. Serowik
- R. Serowik
- M. Wiley

Regarding the Code of Ethics form sign-off, the following members have not done this and are considered Members Not in Good Standing until this is done:

- M. Henry
- S. Knapp

Some members are still in need of physicals and these are due by the end of July. If you have any problems scheduling these, contact the board.

Thank you to the Auxiliary and all those who helped out at the chicken barbecue. It was great to see everyone coming together and working together to make it a success.

After a discussion with our lawyer, we have decided that, from now on, rental of Station 1 will be restricted to members only. Our lawyer recommended having a member present the whole time if we rented the station; it therefore seemed most prudent to restrict rental to members only, who should be present during the whole time that the station is rented. You can sponsor someone as long as you plan on being present at the station for the entire time, but we will no longer be renting to strangers. There will be certain exceptions to this, such as the Board of Elections, cemetery committee, etc. (basically people who have rented in the past and have not caused a problem). Exceptions will be voted on by the board as they come up.

CentreLearn subscription will be expiring at the end of July and will not be renewed. If you want to take any courses, you should do so before the end of July.

We will be getting WEX fuel cards, which we believe is the solution to the ongoing problem we are having with tax on fuel purchases at Sunoco. We will not need to go to one particular station to use these cards and we will not be restricted to using them at Sunoco. There will be one card on each rig for this purpose.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- An e-mail was sent to the entire roster with the new truck update after the meeting on Friday. In about 15 to 20 days the updated specs and drawings will be sent for all members to review and comment on. Three different financing options for the truck were sent to the board for review.
- We still have openings to assist with the FAST team or med team for Boot Camp. See the Boot Camp e-mail that was sent for the dates and times needed.
- Dry hydrants in Maine are at very low levels. At the current time Old Town Park is the best option. The Hunters Crossing hydrant appears to be okay.
- Thank you to the Tuesday night crew that cleaned the Station 1 roof, gutters and downspouts.
- Thank you to Captain VanKuren for all of the time he took to complete the skills sheets for the members taking Boot Camp.
- Three members are coming off of probation and all are recommended for full membership.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Thank you to F. Trzcinski, W. Miga, and R. Fiori for helping out with hose testing. Hopefully next year we can do it at Station 2 after the parking lot is paved. We had no problems with the water department this time. One length of high-rise hose did not pass, but otherwise everything was okay.
- I will be sending out an e-mail regarding ladder testing.
- I will be doing two sessions of fire extinguisher training for everyone. This will take about 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Everyone should try to attend at least once.
- Today we had a disturbing CPR call and I would like to thank the members who showed up for it.

DAY CAPTAIN: No report.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT:

- The DEC grant was submitted the third week of May; I have not heard anything about it yet.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: No report.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: No report.

EMS:

- Thank you to the members who showed up for the two Echo priority calls that we had yesterday. On an interesting note, we successfully resuscitated the patient we had last night back in 2007 and he is still alive all these years later.
- We have added a valuable capability to EMS 53. It is a CPAP (**C**ontinuous **P**ositive **A**irway **P**ressure) machine. We will be putting one on the brush truck in the future as well. Most EMTs have been trained on this we are up and running with it. It administers oxygen under constant pressure and is good for respiratory distress and smoke and CO inhalation. This is only used on conscious patients.
- Thank you to the new members who have been putting in so much time.

FIRE MARSHAL: No report.

SAFETY OFFICER: No report.

MAINTENANCE:

- Pump testing was completed on all trucks and all passed.
- Annual inspections on the vehicles were completed and all passed.
- Air conditioning was repaired on the EMS.
- The transducer on the Squad was found to have a problem and it was repaired.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Everything is in service.

TRAINING:

(J. VanKuren)

- A. Drake and I. Espada are taking Firefighter Boot Camp. Good luck and enjoy!
- The tour of the Broome Developmental Center group home is going to be rescheduled from July 16, 2016 to probably sometime in August.
- Congratulations to T. Meschter for getting his green tags; he is starting a 6-month probation for this.
- The pumper-tanker will be going to help out at Boot Camp on July 15 and 18, 2016.
- Fast Team of J. Mann and D. Hoeflein will be helping out at Boot Camp on July 19 and 20, 2016.
- R. Serowik has given positive recommendations for the EMS members whose probation is ending (G. Roberts, M. Roberts, and J. Buonomo).

(G. Roberts)

- I would like to congratulate my son, M. Roberts, on becoming an EMT (*applause*).

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

AUDIT: No report.

PARADE:

(R. Bealo)

- Thank you to everyone who went to the Apalachin parade, which was the last one ever.

(C. Hoyt)

- There is a parade taking place at the Conklin Fair on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6 p.m. and we have been invited to participate. (K. Miga will forward the e-mail regarding this parade to the members).

(W. Miga)

- The I Run For....Half Marathon will be taking place on September 11, 2016 starting at 8 a.m. There apparently is going to be a place at Maine Memorial where fire companies can display their rigs. This is not an actual parade, but it is a parade-like event. The marathon will benefit Meyer Cancer Center at Weill Cornell Medicine. More info to follow.

AUXILIARY:

- Thank you to K. Greenlee and D. Dieffenbacher for helping at the last minute to purchase and plant flowers at both stations.
- Thank you to everyone who helped make the coleslaw and the beans and who helped out on the day of the barbecue. A special thanks goes to H. Polhamus, K. Greenlee, and G. Greenlee for helping with the shopping for supplies. The total profit for the barbecue was \$1307.70.
- Now it is time to think about the picnic. It is on August 20, 2016, probably at about 12:00, Greenwood Park, Pavilion 1. It will be catered by Smokin' Bones. I will be contacting Maine to see if they would like to join us and split the cost. I will put up a sign-up sheet at each station and send one to Maine.

BYLAW:

- A proposal addressing removing the reference to posting bylaw proposals in the station was tabled at the May meeting, as C. Hoyt brought up that the bylaw under consideration refers to the certificate of incorporation, prompting speculation that perhaps something in the certificate of incorporation would also need to be changed. After reviewing the certificate of incorporation, it was determined that there was no mention of bylaw proposals needing to be posted in the station. As such, we would like to go ahead and vote on this proposal, which eliminates the need to post bylaw proposals in the station, as they are sent in e-mail form to the members. As we can continue to make changes right up until the vote, we would also like to remove the reference to the certificate of incorporation from the bylaw.

YES: 18

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

- We had a new proposal in the works for standardizing the quorum requirements. This was brought up at the May meeting and we began to discuss it. However, after further discussion during this meeting the consensus was that the way the bylaws are worded at the present time is sufficient for our needs and no changes will be made.

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

- The new smoke house trailer is going to get its first use at Maine's Night Out in August. A few details are still being finished up. They are requesting a \$100 maintenance annual fee. We have not paid that yet and we use it twice a year.
- Don't go to Broome Communications or to the jail unless absolutely necessary because everything is being paved and resurfaced. This will not be finished for another 3 weeks.

NUMBER ATTENDING: 28 members attended at some point, just not all at once (**see note).

VOTING: Anywhere between 18 and 22 at any given time (**see note).

TIME ADJORNED: I forgot to look at the time.

Motion for adjournment was made by S. Bealo and was seconded by B. Polhamus. All were in favor.

NEXT MEETING: August 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted, *Karen S. Miga*