

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2012

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There was moment of silence for past deceased members.

There were 21 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Sandy Evans, Steven Hutchins to accept minutes of Dec. 2011.

Treasurer's Report

M/S/P Steven Hutchings, Adam Tarrant to accept the Treasurer's report.

Chief's Report:

Thanks to members for events of Dec. 17/18, great response, effective firefighting skills. Critique was well attended, thank you letters were sent out by the Chief. Investigation is still ongoing. Future officers meeting will address any concerns. One length on hose was lost, and a portable was run over.

Thank you for Santa delivery and breakfast with Santa.

Able to obtain recording from LCD, but missed much of Fire ground transcript, there is software for recording the fire ground frequency and will also record multiple channels, cost of around \$170.00 and may help with future communication. Matt Ludwig has talked to Brian Mirizzi who does our tech work, there are no legal ramifications about this. There is money in the radio line item to purchase a recording system to monitor our communication.

Telephone replacement system was on back-order from Staples, and was cancelled, new system will cost about \$600.00 and has been ordered.

CL&P has released new response information. Information will be shared at a future meeting.

Incentive forms are out and must be at town hall by Feb. 1, if you want to receive incentive.

Will replace hoses for Lucas extrication tool.

Start thinking about the budget process for next year, usually starts in February. Chief will attend the Board of Finance meeting tomorrow evening.

Incorporation filing for fire department is due, tax-exempt status is due, bonding has been increased.

Kerma injury report is out, about 5 or 6, none were out of work injuries.

Daryl will be attending the Conn. Fire Chief's meeting.

Portable replacement under loss retention, and proposal for purchasing 2 new portables under new purchases.

Fire officers weekend is in Maryland. If interested in attending see the Chief.

Some people received multiple copies of the fund raising letter, let Daryl know of anyone who got more than one.

LCD

No meeting

Warden's Report:

Cory Spring's new nametag is at the printer.

January 24, Shipman's will come out to measure members for turnout gear.

Hydrant wrenches and spanner wrenches and 4 light boxes are in.

SCBA masks for members who need glasses are in.

Fire Police:

No instructors available for Fire Police course.

Explorers:

Meeting tonight, looked at bylaws and Conn. Academy for Explorers.

Training:

Jan 16 and 23 for training, no topics, see Matt L.

Officers meeting on Jan 30

FFI and FFII courses are available at Burville, see Matt L. if interested

Will be being reprogramming radios, Botelle School and Whalen Bus will be put in.

Mechanic's Report:

Repairs for equipment used during fire have been made.

Battery on brush truck might need to be replaced, warning lights have been replaced.

E40 and E90 have had annual inspection in December.

Tanker needs to be taken to Sharon to be looked at.

Correspondence:

None

Committee Reports:

- Building Committee:

Updated drawing from TLB concerning Option D, mostly concerning parking – it appears that the town committee is building a parking lot rather than a firehouse.

Ken is looking at contractor that built the Kent firehouse for about \$1 million less than the current town proposal

- Insurance Committee:

none

- House Committee:

none

- ATV Committee:

None

Old Business:

Application for membership from Robert Wheeler for Active A, background check was done and approved. Vote was approved.

New Business:

Discussion centered on whether to spend money on an extrication tool that is no longer available. Will look into possibility of purchasing a different cutter. Recommendation of company that services the tool was to replace the hoses only.

M/S/P Jeff Rydel, Adam Tarrant, to purchase software to record fire ground communications. \$170.00 buys the software and can be installed by our members. The base radio would have to be left on scan not put onto a specific channel or that channel would be recorded. We can select exactly what we want recorded.

Incentive forms are due to the Town Hall by Feb. 1, make sure to fill one out and get it to the Town Hall on time if you want to get your incentive check. No exceptions.

Parade Marshall's dues is due.

Tyler still has tee shirts available, has sold about ½ of them, will store them at the Town Hall until warm weather when they will be put back up for sale.

Second Santa suit was found, whoever takes the suit to be used, PLEASE, make sure you sign it out and return it immediately. Parts need to be ordered to make the suits complete. Ken will get a price on a new suit and parts. Both suits will be cleaned.

Dance – do we want to do another one this year? Tickets would need to be sold (lots of them) if we want to make it a fundraiser. Paul is looking for a Dance Committee.

Possibility of having a “Coffee House” acoustic band type event, on a Sunday afternoon/evening at the Pub. No up front cost. Cory Bush is willing to donate his band for the event.

“Tip a firefighter” event to raise money was discussed. Paul will look into this.

M/S/P to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary