

**UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY**  
**COMPANY MEETING**

July 6, 2015

**PRESENT:** K. Battaglini, D. Dieffenbacher, B. Dieffenbacher, S. Bealo, B. Bealo, R. Greenlee, W. Miga, D. Hoeflein, J. Brown, J. Mann, J. Drotar, F. Trzcinski, K. Miga, R. Fiori

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 20:06

**MINUTES FROM:** 06/01/2015 **ACCEPTED:** J. Brown, seconded by F. Trzcinski

***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Activity checking: \$16,201.48  
General checking: \$21,319.74

Activity: \$4519.82  
2% Money: \$11,201.48

The CPA is currently working on our audit for the coming year; we are in the process of gathering the rest of the information that he requested.

Motion to accept: W. Miga, seconded by J. Drotar

***BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS***

J. Mann is waiting for one of the chiefs to sign off on two equipment orders. We do not need a membership vote as they are both less than \$5000.

***BOARD COMMUNICATIONS***

There were not enough board members present for a quorum, so a board meeting was not held.

***OFFICER REPORTS***

**CHIEF:** No report.

**FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- There has been an ongoing problem with members not receiving notification of apparatus changes from IAMRESPONDING. This has been resolved; thanks to W. Miga for contacting them. It was due to a setting within each apparatus.

**SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:** No report.

**DAY CAPTAIN:** No report.

**NIGHT CAPTAIN:**

- Please be diligent with monthly checks because there was a problem with the new battery-powered tools on the Squad; one of the batteries was bad.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT:** No report.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT:** No report.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:** No report.

**EMS:**

- Thank you to J. Jimenez, R. Bealo, N. Merianos, and A. Silvestri for helping out at the airport drill, especially since they were short-handed.

**FIRE MARSHAL:** No report.

**SAFETY OFFICER:** No report.

**MAINTENANCE:**

- The Pumper-Tanker did not come back from Har-Rob today as there is an issue with the pump. The gear case was full of mixed water/oil. We have had numerous packing issues throughout the years and the pump shaft is allowing water into the gear case. I have pictures to show what is going on if there are any questions.
- All small vehicles have been serviced and inspected.

**AIR/CASCADE:**

- All packs are in service. There are six or seven bottles that are getting to end-of-life in the next month or two. If the Rescue looks a little empty of spare bottles it is because I am pulling them. I am salvaging the valves and retainer clips. I am thinking of saving one or two bottles for dragging drills so that we don't scratch up good bottles.
- Forty bottles will reach end-of-life in 2020, for which we are budgeting. However, all of them are up for hydro testing in September/October 2015.

**TRAINING:**

(J. VanKuren)

- Saturday training has been going well. Ladder skills have been our main concern for June. In July we will be going over ventilation.
- Thanks to everyone who has been helping me out with Saturday training lately.

**HEALTH/SAFETY:** No report.

**AUDIT:** No report.

**PARADE:** No report.

**SOCIAL:** No report.

**AUXILIARY:**

- I would like to thank everyone who helped with the barbecue. We will be discussing it at the next Auxiliary meeting. I am not sure about the final tally. (B. Dieffenbacher reported that the final tally was \$1086, but will be almost \$1200 after some things that were not used are returned. That is quite a bit more than last year.)
- K. Hoyt will be in charge of the Auxiliary meeting (I am on vacation until 07/12/2015); it may be moved to 07/15/2015; I will leave that up to her.
- There are still problems with CentreLearn which were brought up at our June meeting. I am not sure if anyone has been contacted about these issues.
- I hope that everyone had a terrific July 4<sup>th</sup> and have a safe week!

**BYLAW:**

- We are working on a proposal regarding voting by paper ballot and show of hands. We are requesting input regarding how the members would like to handle this. Should we keep it simple and vote for everything by paper ballot (as the bylaws already specify voting by paper ballots on some issues, such as elections) or should we specify that some issues can be decided by a show of hands? Discussion resulted in the opinion that all personnel matters should be voted on by paper ballot and the rest by show of hands. B. Dieffenbacher asked if the proposal might include having the president have discretion regarding how we vote? W. Miga replied that bylaws are supposed to reflect what the membership wants and should also provide consistency. We will come up with a proposal based on the input we received and present it within the 10-day window for consideration or possible vote next month.

**B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

- The next meeting is at East Maine this Friday night. They are actively working on getting the smoke house built. They have decided on a design and are ready to begin.

**WEBSITE:** No report.

**RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:**

- Tonight we will vote on Stephan Meschter coming off probation. The vote was delayed last month as his evaluation paperwork was not completed. (Discussion regarding whom should assume responsibility for reminding the officers when someone is due to come off probation. W. Miga volunteered to assume this role and will send an e-mail to the officers a week in advance regarding people coming off of probation.) S. Meschter was recommended for full membership by the officers.

- New members are A. Drake, S. Drake, J. Jimenez, I. Espada, and R. Fiori. All have been coming to training and are doing well so far.
- Mary Dennison is due to come off of 6-month probation in September. S. Bealo will check in with her as she has not been showing up for calls or training.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** None.

**MEMBERS COMING OFF PROBATION:**

- S. Meschter

YES: 12

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**SUNSHINE:** No report.

### ***OLD BUSINESS***

W. Miga thanked the board members for getting the parking lot at Station 2 completed.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

Somebody borrowed the station tables without contacting the board; if anyone borrows the tables they need to be returned clean and in the same condition as when they left the station. Also, the tables should not be taken without contacting the board members for permission as they might be needed at the station during the time you want to use them.

Thank you to W. Miga for getting the Chinese food for dinner tonight.

**REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:** K. Battaglini

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** 14

**VOTING:** 12 (K. Battaglini was acting president in M. Henry's absence and therefore could not vote this evening.)

**TIME ADJORNED:** 20:42

**NEXT MEETING:** 08/03/2015

Respectfully submitted by Assistant to the Secretary, *Karen S. Miga*