

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

June 5, 2017

PRESENT: K. Battaglini, R. Bealo, J. Brown, T. Meschter, D. Kerila, F. Trzcinski, A. Drake, S. Drake, A. Greenlee, R. Greenlee, R. McConnell, D. Dieffenbacher, B. Polhamus, K. Greenlee, C. Hoyt, W. Miga, K. Miga, G. Greenlee

CALLED TO ORDER: 20:14

MINUTES FROM: 05/01/2017 **ACCEPTED:** F. Trzcinski, seconded by S. Drake

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$7062.45
General checking: \$16,895.94

Activity: \$2123.57
2% Money: \$4938.88

ACCEPTED: C. Hoyt, seconded by S. Drake

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

We received a thank-you note from D. Dieffenbacher for the flowers that we sent to her following her recent surgery.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Members Not in Good Standing due to quarterly hours: NONE.

Members currently inactive due to quarterly hours:

- E. Belensky

Members Not in Good Standing due to not receiving physical paperwork by May 31, 2017:

- S. Meschter
- S. Knapp

(Reminder: If you are a Member Not in Good Standing, you are not able to go to calls.)

The following members need to sign the code of ethics form located in the bottom right-hand slot (labeled Code of Ethics) in the radio room at Station 1. Put the form back in the same slot:

- J. Becker
- C. Buonomo

- D. Glover
- S. Knapp
- C. Nally

S. Bealo requested a medical leave of absence, which the board has approved (*get well soon, Shelia!*)

J. Mann requested a leave of absence, which the board has approved, as he has taken a job with Endicott Fire Department (*good luck, Jack!*) He is also resigning from the day captain position.

We are sorry to announce the very recent passing of S. Meschter's mother/T. Meschter's grandmother, as well as R. Fiori's uncle. Our condolences to all.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- The DEC grant was submitted and then returned for the wrong ISO rating. I updated the grant and sent it back, along with a thank-you note for catching the error and providing us with the correct information. The grant is for coveralls and hardhats. A nozzle replacement for the brush truck can probably come out of the nozzle and hose grant, but it will not be part of the DEC grant.
- Regarding the SCBA grant, our memorandum of understanding was requested again, which they were already supplied with once, so that appears to be good news.
- We will be working with a new bunker gear supplier and will no longer be dealing with MES after all of the problems we had this past year. I will be working with J. Mann and we will be selecting six people who need gear this year. If you think that you need new gear and do not make the list, let me know.
- The new bladder packs were shipped today and should be arriving shortly. Once they arrive the defective ones need to be drained and sent back (at the manufacturer's cost).
- I was promised a quote 2 weeks ago from ImageTrend, which I did not receive, and I am now promised a quote tomorrow. Hopefully I will have a CAD data integration quote soon and will ask for a free month after all of this delay.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: None.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF: None.

DAY CAPTAIN: None.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: None.

FIRST LIEUTENANT:

- Saturday training is going well. S. Knapp and C. Nally are getting set for boot camp and we are signing things off on their sheets.

SECOND LIEUTENANT:

- The guard for the rear of the brush truck is fixed so that people will not be burning their hands.
- Training is going well.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: None.

EMS:

- We have recently had a pretty good number of calls and have had a good response for them.
- We recently had a long-duration rehab at the brush fire in East Maine. We set up the full rehab tent and were there for 4 or 5 hours. People were impressed and said that they would request this in the future.
- We will have training later this month and get everyone together; date and topic to be determined.

INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER: None.

MAINTENANCE:

- Parts are ordered for the Rescue for the damage caused from being towed a few weeks ago.
- NYS inspections are to start this week on the large trucks and Har-Rob will be down for annual service and pump test starting next Monday. I will list trucks that are OOS on IAMRESPONDING so that people are aware.

AIR/CASCADE:

- After bottles are used they **MUST BE FILLED**. I checked after training on Saturday and two-thirds of them were empty. I do not know if they were emptied on Tuesday night and then sat empty until Saturday, or if they were emptied on Saturday during training. If you do not know how to fill bottles, send me a text and we will make arrangements to get this done. (T. Meschter agreed to check bottles after Saturday training or assign someone to do so.)

TRAINING:

(C. Hoyt)

- Training certificates were received and copies will be made and will be placed in your file. (Congratulations to everyone on your accomplishment.)

HEALTH/SAFETY: None.

AUDIT: None.

PARADE:

(R. Bealo)

- Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Memorial Day parade. No parades on the schedule currently.

(W. Miga)

- Last year someone sent an e-mail in May commenting negatively on our nonparticipation in the Veterans Day parade in 2015, which we did not know about, but we participated in the Veterans Day parade in 2016. We just participated in the Memorial Day parade and the same person was watching it in Endicott. He sent a nice e-mail saying that he appreciated our participation.

AUXILIARY:

- Four people attended the first social night and they had fun.
- I have a question regarding if the check was signed for renting the pavilion at Greenwood Park for the company picnic (W. Miga believes S. Meschter may have signed it.)
- We are not going to be able to do the chicken barbecue this year because I am not able to chair it due to work obligations and no one else is able to fill in at this time. We will pick this up again next year.
- I have camping brochures for camping at Greenwood Park the weekend of the company picnic on August 19, 2017. I will put the camping brochures in the radio room at Station 1 and you can pick one up if you are interested in making reservations.

BYLAW: None.

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

- They were supposed to pick a new fire coordinator yesterday, but I have not heard who it is.

WEBSITE:

(W. Miga)

- We had a discussion with Grey Goose Graphics several weeks ago. They are going to do an analysis on the usage of certain areas of the website. They will upgrade the ones that are used and get rid of those that are not. This analysis should be finished sometime in June. They will not be changing where things are located on the website, just enhancing the usage for mobile devices. Let me or M. Belensky know if you have questions.

(C. Hoyt)

- Are we going to have the addition of a company Facebook page?

(W. Miga)

- They talked about having us identify a person to do this. We have to have someone keep the content up to date so that interest is maintained.

(A. Greenlee)

- I can start it up and add multiple users so that multiple people can update the content. We just have to keep it fresh and appropriate.

(W. Miga)

- If anyone has an interest in helping out with this, please contact A. Greenlee.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP: None.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: None.

MEMBERS COMING OFF PROBATION: None.

SUNSHINE:

- We are sending a fruit basket to the Meschter family, which should arrive tomorrow.
- We sent flowers to S. Bealo following her injury.
- We will be sending a sympathy arrangement to R. Fiori.

TRUCK COMMITTEE:

(C. Hoyt)

- M. Belensky, D. Hoeflein, and myself went to Hamburg for the pre-build, which went well. There were a couple of minor changes, but everything matches the spec now. After we left we had a couple of questions regarding the lettering package and a spotlight, but we got those issues straightened out as well. This is now undergoing final review in Florida and will be sent back to us one more time to double-check what we already checked. All large components will be ordered this month and the truck will be hitting the production floor within the next couple of months. I will send the build number and the link so that everyone can follow along. A meeting was set up with the Jerome Fire E-1 warranty service center to look at the Squad to give us a ballpark cost for rust repair. We will also meet the service guys for the warranty work for the new truck when it gets here. If you have any questions, ask someone on the truck committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the light for the monument at Station 1, water apparently got in and shorted it out. This same electrician was also supposed to give us an estimate for Station 2 LED lighting. K. Battaglini is not happy with this electrician because of the inordinate amount of time he is taking to do everything. He thinks that we need to hire a different person once whatever work we are paying for is completed.

We are in the process of obtaining an estimate to pressure-wash, seal cracks, and roll paint on the exterior walls of Station 2 to prevent water wicking through the walls.

The generator at Station 2 needed a part that was on backorder. This has been received by the repairman and he expects to install it this week. This could be the final step to getting the generator up and running, or another problem may reveal itself once this part is installed. Stay tuned.

(C. Hoyt) A bay door cable at Station 2 was kinked and came off the drum. J. Brown fixed it once, but it happened again. D. Hoeflein met the door company and they got it fixed. A bill may be mailed. Be careful of the doors if the cables are released.

As R. Fiori's uncle passed away, Rick was unable to provide the food this evening. Many thanks to K. Greenlee and B. Polhamus for making a salad at the last minute and to G. Greenlee for picking up the pizza and wings. 😊

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: Nobody

NUMBER ATTENDING: 18

VOTING: 17

TIME ADJORNED: Motion to adjourn made by K. Battaglini at 21:05 and seconded by R. Bealo. Everyone was in agreement.

NEXT MEETING: July 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted, *Karen S. Miga*