

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

July 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Don Mellott at 19:00 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Roll Call of Officers was taken.

The Secretary's minutes were presented and approved.

Reports

Financial Secretary's Report: Alice Pinto presented the report, and Treasurer Melissa Templeton concurred.

Chief's Report: Chief Troy Slaymaker reported that for the month of June, we had 39 fire calls and 34 QRS calls for a total of 73 calls. The total fire loss was \$70,000. Average personnel was 4.7, with 5.9 for fire and 3.2 for QRS with a total of 225 hours in service. There were 4 failed to respond calls.

Township's Chief Report: No report

Captain's Report: Captain Herskowitz reported that a foam inductor from the trailer and a cordless saw from 207 are out of service. Also, the second wave of traditional style helmets has been issued.

Chief Engineer's Report: Engineer Mellott reported that the air compressor in the station is broken and being addressed. Anytime you try to charge the cord reel, the relief valve blows out. He also reported on two new drivers. Patrick Brennan is qualified on Squad 207, and Dave Harrower is qualified on the foam trailer.

QRS Report: No Report

Trustee's Report: Ed Berilla reported that the five fire suppression systems in the station were inspected by Kissler O'Brien and have passed. Chief Slaymaker asked the trustees what can be done about the softball parking that is often taking up the entire lot. Some options will be looked into by the trustees.

County/State Report: No report

Fire Council Report: No report

Junior's Report: Scott Weiser reported they had a planning meeting and mapped out the next six months of training for the Juniors.

Combined Relief Report: Melissa Templeton reported the meeting was moved from July 3 to July 10.

Banquet Report: No report

Bulk Purchase: No Report

By-Laws: No Report

Cadet Camp: Melissa Templeton thanked everyone for their help with camp, with clean up and the time leading up to camp. Cadet Camp was a success and she had many good reports back from families. It would not have been possible without everyone's help.

Food Service: Manny Pinto reported the state inspector came out and everything passed. Corn will be starting on Wednesdays soon, so please look for Alice's emails.

Live-ins: Brian Freysz reported the house is full!!

P-Truck: Scott Weiser reported that the committee met and tried to run the pump with Jeff Sensenig from Phoenix Fire, and it did not pump. It has been sent to Phoenix Fire and has since had the pump removed and gone over. Jeff feels it is the clutch mechanism inside the pump that is not engaging. They intend to have it ready for Pump Primers.

Township SOG: No Report

Standard Apparatus: No Report

Training: Captain Herskowitz reported that there were 12 classes, with a total of 71 attendees, and a total of 198 hours.

Uniform: No Report

Website: Dave Harrower reported our website continues to cause problems. He has investigated some other options, and would like to switch to firecompanies.com, which will allow us many more options, and unlimited space. It would also allow us to put on a calendar for hall rentals where you can select the date you are interested in, fill out a form, and have it emailed to Deb Freysz. It will mark the calendar as booked (if we want) until Deb evaluates the renter and contacts them with the yes or no. The cost for the new site will be \$50 a month.

Ways and Means: Boo Oberle reported there is nothing in the immediate future, however there will be a couple events at the end of summer to look forward to.

Correspondence: Boo Oberle read a letter from Landis Homes that thanked the company for all of its hard work and continual service to the community. Enclosed with the letter was a donation check for \$10,000.

Bills: Two copies were placed on all tables to be reviewed and voted on for payment. A motion was made by Don Templeton to pay the bills, seconded by Dave Harrower, and passed.

Old Business: Deputy Chief Elliott addressed the issue of people attending Hershey Park who should not have. There were many complaints about the number of people who did not qualify as immediate family or significant other. Chief Kane is preparing invoices for the members who brought people that were not allowed under the rules, and will be delivering the invoices to them. It will be made perfectly clear next year that it is member, spouse, sons, daughters, mom and dad (if still living at home). Not cousins or friends. If it does happen, you will receive an invoice, have three days to pay it, or be removed. If you cannot go, the tickets can be returned. Do not give them to someone else.

New Business: Dave Harrower made a motion to change the website to firecompanies.com at a cost of \$50 per month. Seconded by Patrick Brennan, and the motion passed.

President Mellott reported the incentive card forms have been passed out. Please fill it out and return it by July 28th. The status of that, and membership, is posted on the back board. Contact Don with any questions.

Good's Disposal is finding lots of bottles in the recycling with chew spit in them. Do not put them in the recycling. Good's will throw out the entire bin, not pick out the clean bottles.

For the Good of the Cause: Deputy Chief Elliott made the company aware that we are not doing the Olde Field or Bent Creek parades. Both groups waited till last minute to ask, and then went to Chief Kane because they want a fire engine when we declined. Chief Slaymaker and Deputy Chief Elliott will be dealing with any problems that arise.

A motion was made by Brian Freysz to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1918.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura "Boo" Oberle
Assistant Secretary