

## **Neffsville Fire Company Minutes**

October 1, 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 Melissa Templeton concurred.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Troy Slaymaker reported that for the month of September there were 67 calls, of which 35 were fire, and 32 were QRS. Average personnel response was 5.2 for fire, and 3.9 for QRS. We failed to respond on 4 calls, with an average call response of 4.6. There was no fire loss at the time of the meeting, but that may change if the grill fire is claimed.

October 25 is the MT band competition. The signup sheet is posted down stairs. There is a need for 2 members with FF/First Responder or EMT for Fall Fest on Sunday, October 5. Let Chief Slaymaker know tonight if you are available.

**Township's Chief Report:** Chief Slaymaker reported in place of Chief Kane. There are pub-ed events for October listed on the board downstairs. There is not a sign up for each one. If available for an event, please arrive at the station 30 minutes prior to, and where Class C uniforms.

A reminder for the Saturday, October 4, pub-ed event at Oregon UCC Church on Creek Rd and the crew of 207.

Reminder also for the Food Drive on 10/18 and 10/19 at Oregon Dairy. Signup sheets will be posted Friday, October 3 with time slots. Dress will be MTRF Class C. More details are listed on the sign-up sheets

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The incentive trip is November 15. A tracking sheet will be mailed out early next week (10/6) showing everyone's current status of completed tasks to qualify for the trip. If you need a pub-ed, please make sure you attend one this month, and a shift at the food drive is required. Check the tracking sheet to make sure you have received credit for the required activities. The birthday event is no longer required, but the Open House on Sunday September 28 has been counted instead.

Chief Slaymaker passed around a training grid, and asked everyone to check it, as it appears to be missing a lot. If you see a class you have that is not on the list, please get a copy of the

certificate to Assistant Chief Hoffman to get credit. It is the list used for officer eligibility, and for voting.

**Captain's Report:** Captain Herskowitz reported the station air cascade is out of service with a leak at the fill adapter. Squad 209 should be the primary fill for the station anyway, so please continue to use that. Maintenance has been schedule on the station cascade.

**Chief Engineer's Report:** Engineer Mellott reported that Engine 207 was out for state inspection last month. They did find a problem with the seal on the wheel, and that was why it was out for the entire week. Squad 207 will be going out this month for inspection.

**QRS Report:** No report

**Trustee's Report:** Ed Berilla thanked everyone for their help clearing the lot for the seal coat and painting. Everything will be going back on this Friday.

**County/State Report:** No report

**Fire Council Report:** Chief Slaymaker reported the council met and discussed station budgets. Some had to be amended, and will be coming out in the next couple weeks to council members. Still waiting on some numbers from the Township side that hadn't been finalized yet. There is no meeting in October, but November's meeting will be at Southern.

**Junior's Report:** No report

**Combined Relief Report:** No Report

**Banquet Report:** Gina Seace reported that everyone should save the date of April 11th for the banquet at Bube's Brewery. More information will be forth coming.

**Bulk Purchase:** No report

**By-Laws:** Will report under new business

**Cadet Camp:** No report

**Food Service:** Alice Pinto reported the Food and Soup Sale is October 25. There is a signup sheet being passed around and it will be hung up downstairs. There is need for help the week leading up to the event as well.

**Live-ins:** No Report

**P-Truck:** Ray Seace reported the committee met September 17 and discussed tentative plans to send P-Truck to Phoenix Fire over the winter for repairs. The next meeting is October 15 at 7pm.

**Township SOG:** Chief Slaymaker reported the updated Township SOG committee has been set, and an email should be going out to those members soon. They will begin meeting and reevaluate the current SOG's. Some of the wording no longer works with the new combined stations.

**Standard Apparatus:** Chief Slaymaker reported 8 of the 10 committee members took a trip to Appleton, WI last week to get some ideas and tour some plants. They have another meeting October 14 to begin making decisions.

**Training:** Assistant Chief Tom Hoffman reported on the last couple months of training. For August, there was 10 classes, with 66 attendees, and 145 hours. For September, there was 15 classes, 59 attendees, and 275 hours. Training for the month of October will be Monday (10/6) ground ladder training at the live in house, Monday (10/13) will be the township wide training and once he knows, Hoffman will let us know, Monday (10/20) will be hand line pulling and repacking to get proficient in that, and the last Monday (10/27) will be search and rescue at the training center.

**Uniform:** No Report

**Website:** No Report

**Ways and Means:** Boo Oberle thanked everyone who helped at the Open House and Recruitment Day on September 28th, as well as prepping/cleaning to get the station and apparatus ready. Although it was not as busy as hoped, Kane received two requests for applications from our event.

Please everyone, save the date for the Station Christmas/Holiday Party on Sunday, December 14. We are changing it up this year to include everyone, and not just those with kids. Just an FYI for that weekend- 12/12 is the Landis Valley Bonfire, 12/13 is the Santa Run, and then 12/14 for the Party.

Also, the Santa Breakfast is November 29 and we are still in need of a Santa.

A reminder for Fill the Truck Food Drive, as stated above via Chief Kane. Council of churches will be picking the food up 10/20 in the afternoon at the station. If you available to help load their truck, let Gina or Boo know.

**Correspondence:** Boo Oberle reported on a couple cards we received. One was from Jean Elliott in thanks for the planter from the Station, the many visits, and everyone's thoughts and

prayers while she was healing from surgery. We also received a card from the Rohrbach family from Green Dragon in thanks to the members who helped at the fire in one of their buildings. They are giving a free sausage sandwich to the any first responder who was there, which was Dave Harrower running the tanker for 6 shuttles that night.

**Bills:** Two copies were placed on all tables to be reviewed and voted on for payment. Marty Herskowitz asked if the cost of the cleaning crew was always that much. Don said they do twice a month now, and it has been that much for a while. A motion was made by Jeff Ober to pay the bills, was seconded by Chris Castagna, and passed.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Cheryl Templeton is doing the flu shots again this year on Monday morning (10/6), and next Thursday (10/9) and Friday (10/10) evenings. There is a signup sheet on the board.

Vice President Gina Seace brought up an idea from Nate Bowser about having a station fire pit. It would be a place to get together, converse, and hang out in the cooler weather. Gina asked Nate to get some prices together, and to maybe include fire bricks, and make it a nice looking area to be used. Gina made a motion to get/create a fire pit with the needed safety measures, at the station to not exceed a cost of \$500. Troy seconded the motion and it passed.

Chief Slaymaker reported on the current status of the command vehicle, which has been purchased for \$36,000. An additional \$9,000 has been approved through fire council to get the lighting, radios and what not. He is working with 10-8 to get different pricing and packages. The vehicle should be here around Christmas or the first of the year per New Holland Ford.

Vice President Gina Seace presented to proposed changes to the constitution for the third time. The original section was shown, and then the proposed change were shown on a power point. **Please see the attached print out for the exact wording of each change.** This was the final reading of the constitution, a motion was made to accept the changes by Jeff Ober, seconded by Chris Castagna, and passed.

Starting this evening, Alice is collecting this year's dues of one dollar. Your dues must be paid by the December 3rd meeting.

Don reported there were a few things on our budget that got changed by fire council. Two items were removed. One was the sign replacement out front that was removed because there was no way to place a sign out there and still conform to the MT sign rules. Our present sign is grandfathered in. Also removed was the station matching the CAP fund with station funds as well as tax funds.

Lastly, the membership status for the 2015 year is completed and posted on the board to the left hand side. The charts below and to the side report how many points you have for the last

twelve months. This is what will be used to determine officer eligibility and who can vote at the next election.

The 2015 nominating committee will be chaired by Michael Gallagher, with Amber Miller and Tara Slaymaker as the other two members. One of those three people will be contacting you during the month. It is also the year to elect relief board members, and everyone except juniors, is eligible to sit on the board.

The incentive cards quarter and year ended yesterday. The report is not done yet, but it will be done and you will receive an email to check your mailboxes. Don will need those forms back by the end of the month.

**For the Good of the Cause:** Dave Harrower is taking t shirt orders for Breast Cancer Awareness/Neffsville shirts. Please contact him or Tara Slaymaker if interested.

At the last moment, a question was asked about going out on Trick or Treat night. Chief Slaymaker said we will be doing it this year again. Cheryl Templeton made a motion to buy the candy, seconded by Dave Harrower, and passed.

A motion was made by Chris Castagna to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Don Templeton and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1929.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura "Boo" Oberle

Secretary