

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

May 1, 2013

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A moment of silence was given for the Passing of Life Member Doris Reardon.

The Roll Call of Officers was taken.

The Secretary's minutes were presented and approved.

Reports

Financial Secretary's Report: Larry Marshall presented the report; Treasurer Melissa Templeton concurred.

Chief's Report: Chief Elliott strongly reiterated the importance of driving and acting appropriately when in an MTRF vehicle. Public perception can either be good or bad.

Chief Elliott stated, if you are planning an event or training on a Monday or Tuesday night, please coordinate this with the live-ins or part-timer(s). By doing so will allow them to place the no parking cones out to prevent the sporting event(s) from parking in our lot. If you fail to coordinate your event, you have two options; you can walk over and ask them to move their vehicles or go ahead with training or your event and work around the vehicles.

Chief Elliott received Bent Creeks fireworks schedule. They will be held on Saturday July 6th @ dusk, around 9:15 pm weather permitting. Rain date is Sunday July 7th. Sign-up sheet will be posted downstairs on the board.

Township Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Borry stated the new tanker has not hit the assembly line as of yet. We should get confirmation, drawings, etc. in the very near future. Current tanker is scheduled to be picked up next Wednesday May 8th by the company who purchased it.

Captain's Report: Captain Will Herskowitz asked all Engine drivers to take note of the MTRF monthly update. There is a change of procedure for disengaging the pump. Some issues were identified on the blue Engine and assume it is similar for Engine 207. The updated procedure is as follows:

To disengage, leave tank pump valve open, place transmission in neutral, disengage pump. Allow pressure to back down, then get back out and close tank to pump. If you have any questions, please refer to MTRF update.

The East Petersburg hydrant adapter is missing its gasket. He is in the process of ordering one.

Thermal imaging camera for Engine 207 is OOS. Tankers thermal imaging camera has been placed on Engine 207 as a temporary replacement.

The Foam trailer has no 5 gallon buckets of foam. They have been ordered. The tote and barrels are currently full.

Chief Engineer's Report: Don Mellott reported Dave Johnson is a qualified driver for Squad 209. Dave Harrower is a qualified driver for Squad 207.

QRS: No report.

Trustee: Mike Templeton reported they are currently looking for a trophy case to be placed upstairs in the training room. Possibly something in the order of what we currently have downstairs.

Ed Berilla reported Haller would be at the station Thursday May 2nd to perform routine/preventative maintenance on HVAC.

Ed also thanked Ray Seace and Brian Freysz for replacing ballast and lights in the Engine bay.

County/State: No report.

Fire Council: Chief Elliott stated there was a brief discussion on where we stand with the Strategic Plan and where we are going with it.

The report statistics Chief Kane generates monthly are only going to consist of fire responses. QRS responses will not appear in the report. Therefore, the numbers that are given to the Commissioners will show only fire.

The Chiefs had a brief discussion after the meeting regarding prioritizing projects identified in the strategic plan so that costs of those projects can be incorporated into the revised strategic plan. This was done so that the strategic plan can be updated and presented for approval since these projects will affect the fire tax number moving forward. He also reported that the line items in the strategic plan that reference MTAA will most likely be removed since, at this time, it does not appear that MTAA will become part of or participate in the strategic plan. This is the next line item needed for the Strategic Plan. Then we can get everyone back together.

Juniors: Scott Wieser stated during the month of April they had Haz-mat awareness part 1 training and Foam part 2.

Next Tuesday, May 7th they are having a repelling class at the Fire Training Center along with haz-mat part 2.

Harrisburg Fire Museum has offered to open after hours for juniors only, to have a private tour of their facilities. This will happen later in the month.

Combined Relief: No report.

Bulk Purchase: No report.

Cadet Camp: Melissa Templeton reported the camp weekend is almost full for both day only kids as well as the overnight kids. Melissa stated they really need more individuals to help if at all possible. They can use help with anytime you have available to volunteer. They are finishing up with props for different stations. Much thanks to Rich Denlinger for helping.

Banquet: Gina Seace reported herself and co-chair Deb Freysz toured and booked the Yellow Barn at Landis Valley Farm Museum for the 2014 banquet. The banquet will be held March 15, 2014. The committee's first meeting will be held at the station June 4, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Picnic: Deb Freysz reminded everyone if they have not already signed up to attend, please do so by this Saturday, May 4th. Picnic will be Saturday, May 18th starting at 12:30 pm with subs and munchies for lunch, play/game time, catered dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by the awards and closing with door prizes.

Food Services: Alice reminded everyone the annual potpie dinner is Saturday May 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Help is still needed. The sign-up sheet is on the board downstairs. Also, if anyone can donate a dessert it would be appreciated.

Live-ins: No report.

Township SOG: No report.

Standard Apparatus: No report.

Training: Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker reported for the month of April, there were 20 classes, 56 members, for a total of 266 hours.

Deputy Slaymaker received an email forwarded by Deputy Chief Borry that Upper Leacock is hosting a Life Lion LZ safety course on July 30th. Starting time is 1800 hours. This course is free and is good for 2.5 hours of con-ed credits. I will hang the email and information downstairs. The deadline to register is July 22nd.

Uniform: No report.

Website: No report.

Correspondence: No report.

Bills: Two copies were placed on all tables. Since no one had any questions, the motion was made by Brian Freysz to pay the bills. Motioned was seconded by Don Templeton.

Old Business: Don Mellott stated that the incentive cards that could not be purchased and distributed last month, due to reports not being done on time, have all been received and entered. Gifts cards were purchased and distributed.

Station and coffin flags have been ordered and received.

New Business: Chief Elliott stated for the Hershey Park day June 8th, the sign-up sheets will be placed on the board this week. Everything is the same as previous years.

Chief Elliott reported we have a new Administrative Member Erin Mowery, entering her 90 day probationary period.

Don Mellott stated he received a letter regarding a softball tournament to be held July 12th and 13th. This is going to be an annual event from a new group that has formed by the name of "Miracles Do Happen". This year the group has chosen Katelyn Elliott as the recipient. There is a registration fee of \$350.00 for a team of 12. All proceeds will go to the Katelyn fund. A sign-up sheet will be posted downstairs. We will table this item until June's business meeting. If at that time we have a full team, we will pay the registration fee and participate. If we do not have enough people to complete a team, I will let them know we will not be participating.

We need to authorize a member of the Executive Board to sign/transfer the Tanker title to the buyer. Don Mellott requested someone make a motion to appoint Dereck Duffy as that person. Brian Freysz made the motion to allow Dereck Duffy to sign the title over. Motion was seconded by Dave Johnson.

Don Mellott advised that he received and accepted a resignation letter from Financial Secretary, Larry Marshall. At this time, he appointed Alice Pinto as the new Financial Secretary for the remainder of the year.

For the Good of the Cause:

Motion to adjourn by Brian Freysz. Seconded by Melissa Templeton.

Meeting adjourned at 19:24 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Freysz

Assistant Secretary