

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

June 5, 2013

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; Treasurer Melissa Templeton concurred.

Chief's Report: Captain Will Herskowitz reported there were 31 fire calls, 24 QRS calls, for a total of 55 calls for the month of May.

Township Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Borry reported that the new tanker is on schedule.

Captain's Report: Captain Will Herskowitz reported there is a missing duty crew pager. If anyone has information where it is or who has it, please let him know.

Chief Engineer's Report: Don Mellott reported the deck gun valve on Engine 207 is not opening and the light bar on Squad 207 is not working. Glick's has been notified and will be coming to repair both of these issues. There is also a problem with the AVL system in Command/Squad 209. Either Glick's or Jeremy Shaffner will correct be correcting this issue.

Scott Weiser gave an update on P-Truck; they took apart the primer pump chamber and found ball gauged and scarred inside. They had to machine this. They also rebuilt the veins inside the primer pump. P-Truck should ready within the next two weeks. They requested someone come to their facility once repairs have been completed to assist with testing the pumps operation.

QRS: Cheryl Templeton reported that Monday night EMS training will be on "high performance CPR", this is something new coming out. Matt Wentzel will be the Instructor for this training. At a later date, someone from the Federation will be down to do further training on this. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Trustee: Mike Templeton reported they are waiting on a 2nd bid for the new trophy case(s). If this bid does not come in by July, they will proceed without it.

Ed Berilla reported the Engineers Room needs cleaned up. There is no counter space available. When you use something, put it away!

There are still child seats/boxes sitting in the Engine Bay that need to be put away.

The two small refrigerators located in P-Trucks bay need to be moved to a different location.

County/State: No report.

Fire Council: No Report

Juniors: Scott Wieser stated Tuesday 6/4/13 they went to the fire school and trained on sprinklers and stand pipes. They had a great turnout! Next scheduled training will be in two weeks at Harrisburg International Airport where they will tour the crash truck.

Combined Relief: No report.

Bulk Purchase: No report.

Cadet Camp: Melissa Templeton stated they still are in need of help. If you or anyone you know is interested, they need to complete the clearance application ASAP, all staff MUST have a background clearance done prior to Cadet Camp in order to help. There is a meeting scheduled for all volunteers helping with Camp on Wednesday June 19th @ 7pm to finalize everything. All volunteers should be over the age of 18. If anyone wanting to help is younger than 18, they should contact Melissa or Jenn Hollinger for consideration.

Banquet: Gina Seace reported the banquet committee met for the 1st time Tuesday June 4th. At that time, the committee outlined what items were needed and prioritized them. Each member took an item to research. Next meeting will be Tuesday July 2nd.

Picnic: Deb Freysz and Gina Seace thanked those who helped make the picnic a success. President Don Mellott and company thanked the two co-chairs and disbanded the committee.

Food Services: No report.

Live-ins: No report.

Township SOG: No report.

Standard Apparatus: No report.

Training: Captain Will Herskowitz reported there were 22 training classes with 53 attendees for a total of 242.4 training hours.

Uniform: Dave Johnson reported there are "old" grey 27 t-shirts they have attempted to sell, however no one seemed interested in buying them. Therefore, if anyone is interested, we are going to give them away. Please see him, Melissa, Derek, Cheryl, etc. if you are interested. What shirts are left over will be donated too Goodwill.

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 Will Herskowitz to pay the bills and seconded by Ed Berilla. Motion passed.

Old Business: Luke Gerhart asked if Fire Police has been notified and scheduled for Cadet Camp. President Don Mellott stated that was being handled by Chief Rick Kane's office and East Petersburg Fire Police were notified and scheduled. Luke stated as of this morning, nothing has been communicated with them. Don asked Deputy Chief Borry to follow up on that with his office.

President Don Mellott stated that the Softball Tournament "Miracles Do Happen" scheduled for July 12th, proceeds to go to the Katelyn Elliott fund as discussed at the May meeting does not have enough people signed up to participate. We need at least 12 people committed to be on the team and play. All teams must be registered by June 15th accompanied with the \$350.00 registration fee. Since there appears we do not have enough people interested, we will decline the offer to participate. Brian Freysz stated before we decline, we should check with the other MTRF stations to see if there is any interest in completing a team. Mike Gallagher stated he would check with the other two stations this week. President Don Mellott stated we would table this for now and allow Mike to ascertain if there is any interest. Brian Freysz made the motion that if Mike is successful in filling the team, we will process a check in the amount of \$350.00 and register a team. Motion was seconded by Mike Gallagher. Motion passed.

New Business: Trustee Ed Berilla stated he received a quote from Fox Shed in the amount not to exceed \$7000.00 to replace the two red sheds we have. The new shed will match the current one we have. Ed made the motion to accept the bid. Motion was seconded by Chris Castagna. Motion passed.

Trustee Brian Freysz reported he talked with four door companies and placed out to bid the replacement of the engine bay/garage doors. Stadel Door, who has serviced Neffsville for many, many years declined to place a bid for unknown reasons. Allison Door failed to send in their quote. We now have two bids to work with. The 1st is Calder Door, with a bid of \$15,750+. The 2nd one is from Overhead Door with a quote of \$16,775+. Neither quote included replacing the original wood. Both Companies stated they would only replace the wood if needed and they would not know this until they take the current doors down. If needed, this would be replaced on a time and material basis. Brian recommended we go with Overhead Door because they offer a 6 foot electronic safety curtain, Calder Door does not offer this. The electronic safety curtain allows the door to automatically go back up if it sees something which would not allow the doors to close properly. Question was asked by a member where the money was coming from to replace the doors. President Don Mellott stated we have a \$12,800 Grant coupled with a \$10,000 trust fund for a total of \$22,800. Brian made the motion we award the bid to Overhead Door, which was seconded by Chris Castagna. Motion passed.

Deb Freysz and Gina Seace asked the membership in attendance if there would be any interest in having a quarterly "family game/dinner" night. One Friday every quarter we would get together, bringing a covered dish to share and enjoy fun and games. The majority of the membership stated they would be interested. Deb and Gina will choose a Friday and email everyone with the details.

Trustee Mike Templeton stated the following parades are coming up: one in Birdsboro in Berks County on August 10th, York Parade in Red Lion Borough on August 17th, and the State Convention in West Chester on September 28th. See Mike or Don if you would like further information on any of these parades/dates.

President Don Mellott stated we have a new Junior Member Nicholas Simmons who has been placed on his 90 day probationary period. Don will give Scott Weiser Nicholas' information.

President Don Mellott stated Captain Will Herskowitz has Certificates for certain individuals who were not at the awards picnic.

Next week Oregon Dairy has their Farm Days. The days and times are Tuesday June 11th, Wednesday June 12th, and Thursday June 13th from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Help is needed with the "smoke trailer". Chief Kane said the he would send part-timers Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. However, there is no part-timer for Wednesday the 12th, so we need help all day. If you are able to help, please let me know ASAP so I can inform Oregon Dairy.

President Don Mellott stated, if you are on a committee, you need to be working on your 2014 budget. All budgets must be turned into him no later than July 31, 2013. If you have any questions, please see Don ASAP.

President Don Mellott announced that Amber Miller with be moving into the "live-in house" after her Graduation and become the 4th live-in member.

President Don Mellott brought up for discussion a new program he would like to implement called "Employee Assistance Program". This program is operated by a company called Quest. Quest offers each fire company member and each member of their immediate family, including children up to the age of 22, the opportunity to have access to numerous counseling services. ie; financial, marriage, depression, domestic violence, etc. Each fire company member and their families would have up to three free visits per person, per year. If you and or your Counselor feel you or your family member would benefit from continuous counseling beyond the three free visits, you would be responsible to check with your own health coverage to see what, if anything, they would cover. If counseling is needed for a member due to a fire scene or ems incident, this would be covered under our Provident Insurance. The cost is \$21.00 per member and at this time we have approximately 125 members, therefore the total cost would be \$2625.00 for the year. The other two MTRF stations carry similar programs and feel it has been beneficial for their members. After a brief discussion Melissa Templeton made a motion to approve and bring Quest on board as a Counseling Service for our members and members families, which was seconded by Chris Castagna. Motion passed.

For the Good of the Cause:

Motion to adjourn by Will Herskowitz. Seconded by Mike Templeton. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:49 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Freysz

Assistant Secretary