

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

October 2, 2013

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President Mellott asked for a moment of silence for life member Arlene Templeton.

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: Deputy Troy Slaymaker reported for the month of September there were 40 fire calls, 28 QRS calls for a total of 68 calls. The average crew for the month was 4.4 and the average response was 6.48 for a total of 135.70 staff hours.

Reminder, we have the bon-fire next Wednesday October 9th. The sign-up sheet has been utilized and we have a crew.

The pub-Ed calendar is out and is hanging on the board. President Mellott will also send it out to company via e-mail.

Township Chief's Report: No Report.

Captain's Report: No Report.

Chief Engineer's Report: Don Mellott reported Squad 207 was out for inspection. Adjustments were made to suspension system. Front end alignment was done. Replaced the two front tires. However, Squad is now having issues with acceleration. When stepping on the gas pedal, it does not always want to go. Also, when Hondru did the inspection they placed a 6 month sticker on it. Due to the fact it is an emergency vehicle it is exempt and should have a 1 year sticker, which they will correct.

QRS Report: Jeff stated that when you return from a call, please make sure the 1st in bag is left as you found it.

There have been several items missing after call (s), before leaving a scene, you must make sure all equipment, etc. has been picked up and brought back.

Reminder that we are standing by at Landis Valley for their Harvest Days on the 12th and 13th.

Trustees Report: Ed thanked Manny for repairing the grill at the live in house. He also thanked everyone who assisted in moving the items from the old shed to the new one.

County/State: No Report.

Fire Council: No Report.

Juniors: Scott reported next Tuesday the 8th, they will be tanker training in Mount Joy.

Combined Relief: Jeff Ober reported they received the allotment for next year which increased \$39,000 over what we got for this year.

Last month the committee started to review the insurance in the CAP funds to make sure we are paying the proper amount(s) for the correct number of people.

Banquet: No Report.

Bulk Purchase: No Report.

Food Services: Manny reminded everyone that the annual soup sale will be October 26th. If you would like to help, please contact Alice or Manny. Manny has placed this information on our sign outside the station. The sign that we place on 501 will be done next week.

Township SOG: No report.

Standard Apparatus: Scott announced that the tanker is here. Deputy Slaymaker reported that the tanker will be leaving for approximately a week to have miscellaneous repairs and changes done. Also, the radio(s) and laptop will be installed. Individuals have been taking the tanker out driving to become qualified on it. We hope to have 6 – 8 individuals qualified to drive it by the time it goes into service. We are planning to place the tanker in service the week of the 21st or the week of the 28th. If you are interested in driver training, please see Chief Elliott, Deputy Chief Slaymaker, or Chief Engineer Don Mellott.

Training: Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker reported for the month September there were 15 classes, with 55 members, for a total of 179 hours.

Monday October 7th, Jeff Ober will be doing an EMS training class. The following two Monday's, the 14th and 21st, will be further training on the tanker, if it is back in house from the additions and repairs. On the 21st, we have invited 4 other tankers along with the other two MTRF Stations to participate in tanker shuttle with hand lines and ladder truck set ups. If you are available and would like to help out, please see Troy.

Live-ins: Don Mellott reported there is an open room at the live-in house.

Uniform: No Report.

Website: No report.

Correspondence: Received two thank you cards from the Templeton family for their support and flowers.

Cadet Camp: Melissa Templeton reported there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 15th at 7 pm, at station 207. If you are interested in joining the committee or just want to help out, please contact Jenn Hollinger or Melissa.

Bills: Two copies were placed on all tables. Since no one had any questions, Jeff Ober made the motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded by Don Templeton. Motion Passed.

Old Business: Ray Seace requested the help from all members in bringing the trophy's that are sitting around, in boxes, etc. up to the training room. When bringing them up, please sit them outside of the new trophy cases.

President Mellott reported the check from the benefit breakfast held for the Az. Firefighters has not been sent yet and needs to be placed in the mail no later than Monday October 7th. Information was turned over to Gina Seace to gather the pictures, guest booklet, etc. and place all items, including the check in the mail.

New Business: Cheryl Templeton reported that the flu shots were taken out of the relief budget for this year. If she is unable to get them back into this year's relief budget, she is asking and making the motion that the funds are paid by Station 207. The cost will be \$22.00 per person. After a brief Q & A, the motion was seconded by Don Templeton. Motion passed.

Trustee Ed Berilla made a motion to increase/double our cleaning schedule by J.R. Cleaning Service starting in the year 2014. The increase would go from 1 – 2 times a month to a weekly/biweekly schedule. The cost would go from our current price of \$747.00 per month to \$1028.per month. After a brief Q & A, the motion was seconded by Mike Templeton. Motion passed.

Patrick Brennan made the motion to spend no more than \$500.00 on Halloween candy for our annual Trick or Treat neighborhood ride(s). Motion was seconded by Melissa Templeton. Motion Passed.

President Don Mellott reminded everyone that the business meeting in January 2014 will not be held on the 1st Wednesday because of the holiday, it will be held the 1st Monday in January which will be the 6th.

The quarterly incentive card form's have been handed out. Since this was the last quarter, the bonus incentive card form's have also been handed out. Please have the completed form(s) back to President Mellott no later than October 30th.

Membership status for 2014 has been posted on the board in the back of the training room. This will show who is eligible to run for office(s). If you have any questions, please see President Mellott for clarification.

Nominating committee for this year will be, Chief Mike Elliott as the Chair person, with Shawn Seace and Dave Harrower completing the committee. These individuals will be contacting those of you who are eligible to run for office(s), to see if you are interested in running for a position. Nominees will be announced during the November meeting. Voting will take place at the December meeting.

Financial Secretary Alice Pinto is officially collecting membership dues \$1.00 per member. All membership dues must be paid before the start of the December 2013 business meeting.

President Don Mellott reported that when we switched the servers out two months ago, they did not realize the server was controlling our anti-virus for all our computers. Therefore, we no longer have this protection. He researched different services and suggested we go with internet protection. For \$21.00 per month, they monitor all six of our computers and give us a monthly report. After a brief Q & A, Jeff Ober made the motion to purchase this protection via the internet. Seconded by Dave Harrower. Motion Passed.

For the Good of the Cause:

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Ober and seconded by everyone. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:27 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Freysz

Assistant Secretary