

MINUTES OF THE 870th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, September 1, 2015

President Rob Shillington called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours.

Board Members present were: J. Barton, J. Boullie, M. Caron, J. DiPace, M. Galliher, B. Mansfield, R. Shillington, R. Solari and M. Trick. Excused: J. Kowalczyk

Other Members Present: Chris Balich, A. Gelber, C. Kunzelmann, D. Theriault

Member Comments: Assistant Chief Kunzelmann expressed to the Board his feeling about using the kitchen to cook for the Corporation Meetings. He made some suggestions such as: Each Company do dinner. There are 6 companies so no company would be cooking twice in a year. The other suggestion was pulling names out of a hat for the next Corporation meeting and those people will cook. He feels that we have the kitchen we should use it.

Board Member Comments:

- Explorers – Matt Caron told the Board that the Explorer advisors are just finalizing the rolls of the leaders so that they can be their own company. Explorers will start drilling on Sept. 2, 2015. Company 1 no report
- Ramona Mansfield told the Board that there is a leaking window in the dayroom. There is also a problem when the contractors cut the grass they move the downspouts and do not replace them so that when it rains water is coming in. Capt. Bourgoin is taking care of this.
- Jean Barton reported that Company 3 is having problems when responding or returning from a call when the high school is getting out. Jean did email Lt. Kelly Walsh about this problem. She will see what if anything is done and if not she may go to Chief Rinaldo.
- Mike Galliher – Company 4 Buckingham is having their annual block party Sept. 12 and Mike is looking for people to bring a truck. He is having a hard time because of the Ellington parade is that same day.

Minutes of the 869th Board Meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Ramona Mansfield and seconded by Matt Caron

Secretary Report: Jean Barton

- The Chief received an email asking if we could find the Community Center wooden sign that was on the property by the daughter of the person who did the sign. Jean is checking on this because the sign is no longer on the property.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Kowalczyk

- There is total cash in the Corporation of \$903k. This includes a variety of items with respect to encumbered funds of \$117k, Town of Avon Grant Money \$613k, live burn funds of \$59k, other restricted funds of \$561 and Corporation funds of \$113k this is free of restrictions.
- IMPORTANT! During the current month we had written a check for approximately \$105k for the Live Burn Training Facility. There are currently no donated funds still restricted as there were exhausted with the check. The only remaining Live Burn Training Facility Funds are Board Restricted which means we can un-restrict at any point in time.
- The Corporation continues to show net income on the year. As of Aug. 31 almost \$37k which is a \$1k increase over July. Total letter funds to date are about \$66k. For golf to date, we have \$23k of income and \$13k of expenses.
- For Budget, we spent \$37k as compared to \$20k year over the same period. Overall we have spent \$50k of our \$663k. Prior year at this point we had spent \$27k.

Committees Report: Ramona Mansfield

- Recruitment and Retention will try to get together soon.
- Membership Committee met last Wednesday, but there were not enough people. Will reschedule.
- Planning Committee – Assistant Chief Appell and Captain Joe Speich will be looking into getting a meeting going.
- 75th Anniversary – Who will be running this. Still looking for ideas. Next meeting will be Sept. 8, 2015 at 7 in the meeting hall at Company 1.
- Ops Manual – Still have to meet with Gina to see where we are.

Chief's Report: Chief Trick

- The Chief got a report on Company 4 and it just said that Company 4 has mold, cannot give a clean bill of health. There is a hole and water came in through the hole so it is back to the beginning.
- There are a couple of people who do not qualify for entry level. Also when the department goes out on a mutual aid call those people who are not entry level will not be able to drive unless there a 4 entry firefighters on the rig. The Chief will be talking to these individuals. NFPA states that members who are entry level and wear SCBA cannot have hearing aids.
- Truck 17 was delivered, but it had the wrong cap and no steps. It is now as MHQ getting lights and radio then it will go to Sign Pro. Once it is back at the station Assistant Chief Kunzelmann will be the only one to approve use of the truck. Members will have to call him directly for permission to use for training.
- Company 2 played Jinga with extrication tools. They really enjoyed playing.
- Ground breaking for the Live Burn Training Facility will be Thursday, Oct. 29th in the afternoon. Don't know the time as of now.
- EMS – Have not heard back from Avon Police Chief Rinaldo.
- Tom Reller will no longer be helping with the Facebook page of the department. Laura Ward was informed.
- The driver of Ladder 12 hit the bay door backing up. This is being looked into.

Old Business:

- Kitchen is all clean. Everything in the kitchen is also clean
- Clambake Update – Everything has been ordered and bought. Numbers are down a little from last year.

New Business:

- 9/11 Memorial Service- Jean has everything done. The keynote speaker will be Colonel Roy W. Walton, Commander 103rd Mission Support Group, CT Air Nation Guard. Invitations have been sent out to Town Officials. Will send out an email to the members reminding them about the service.
- Historical Society of Avon is interested in doing a history of Company 2
- Bud Desmond and the Financial Advisor for LOSAP would like to meet with the Board

Adjourned at 20:14 (GB)