

MINUTES OF THE 862nd CORPORATION MEETING July 10, 2018

Vice President Mike Galliher called the meeting to order at 19:34
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: 44 Absent: 50

The 861st Corporation Meeting minutes were approved.

Correspondence

- Thank You notes, and donations were noted.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk (away) – Vice President Mike Galliher read the highlights

- Financial reports were out for the members to take and read.

Oath of Office of members

- The following members took the Oath of Membership
 - Dylan Bernetich
 - Drew DiCenso

Oath of Office for Lieutenant

- James Devanney

Board Member Comments:

- Andy Ozmun told the membership that the Survey Committee was not going to be formed because even though a lot of the members did the survey and there were comments about the running of the department no one has stepped forward to be on the committee. The survey will be shelved. Dave Costill said the Board should take this up and not let it die.
- Michael Galliher informed the membership that Bob Theriault is working on changing the lighting at all stations bays and meeting halls to LED. The cost will be paid out of a Neighborhood Assistance Grant which the department received for energy efficient programs.
- Mike Galliher announced to the membership the new Steward would be Rick Solari with Sharon Levine-Shein staying as Assistant Steward. She will also be helping Rick while he learns what the duties of the Steward entails.

Committee Reports:

- **75th Anniversary-Captain David Theriault**
 - August 11th is touch a truck at the Avon library. There are a lot of events still planned and we need help from the membership. If you can help please sign up on the sheets here. We will be putting the signup sheets online so that you can go online if you can't sign up tonight. We will need a lot of help the weekend of the State Convention.
 - Steve Gottlieb needs two people to help in the beer tent and another 2 to check ID's
- **Bank and Parade – Captain David Bourgoin**
 - Tunxis Parade is this Saturday. Lineup is at 17:00 and step off is at 18:00. This is Tunxis' 125th year so let's have a good showing for them. If your uniforms need to be cleaned, get them to Batison's they have been doing a good turn around with getting things cleaned.
- **SCBA- Frank Lupis**
 - The committee had both Scott and MSA in for an evaluation of their SCBA gear by members and it is the consensus of the committee to go with MSA. There are still some decisions that must be worked out and that will be when the committee meets on August 23rd. One of the questions is to go with 30-minute tanks or 45-minute tanks among others, In September we will meet again to discuss our options. Still have not heard if we will get the grant we applied for. Once we know if we did get the grant then we will be able to purchase 44 packs. If not, then we will have to investigate other options. One member asked if the members with prescription face masks will have to get new masks. Frank did state it was necessary to get new masks to fit the MSA SCBA gear. Jim Devanney asked Frank if he knew about a lawsuit that Scott is involved in. Scott has a lawsuit against the US government trying to block the use of Scott's

patented Universal Air Connection. They have been in this lawsuit for about 6 months and a verdict is expected sometime in the summer. Frank told the membership the committee is hoping they will have the verdict passed before we order the MSA packs. Regardless, the MSA packs and Scott packs use the same UAC currently and this lawsuit will not interfere with our need to purchase new equipment.

- **Fundraising and Community Outreach – Dennis Bianchi**
 - Golf Tournament is August 6th at Farmington Woods Country Club. Looking for golfers. We only have 12 golfers as of tonight. I still need helpers. See me after the meeting if you can help.
 - Food Drive was a big success. We were able to collect \$1,385.00 and turned that into Stop and Shop gift cards. Jim Martino who oversees the Food Pantry said this year was better than the past year.
 - August 11, 2018 will be the Touch A Truck at the Avon Library. The time is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Need trucks and members to help.
 - The total so far for the fundraising letter is \$46,700. Last year the department netted a total of \$72,000.
 - Prizes have been coming in for the Golf Tournament, Clambake and the Annual Dinner.
- **Planning Committee – John Ryan**
 - Board asked the committee to evaluate a bunk in program at all stations. Right now, the stations aren't fit to do this program.
- **Scholarship Committee – Mike Little**
 - Mike is now on the Board of the Dollar for Scholars. There are still things that need to be discussed and decided. If you are interested and would like to be on this committee contact Mike.
- **Health and Safety Committee – Captain Corrado**
 - This committee is very connected to the Recruitment and Retention Committee. We need to recruit more members so that a few do not have to do the job of many. When this happens, there is a bigger risk of injury to members.
 - This year we are going to do our PPQ Community Challenge the same day as Celebrate Avon (Avon Day). We are hoping to draw people who attend this event to come over and see what we are doing and might want to participate.
 - We will also be working on the Empty Nester Program this year. Both the Health and Safety and Recruitment and Retention will need help with these events. Please contact Captain Corrado or Captain Gelber if you can help.

New Business

- **Board Open Seats Applicants – Michael Galliher**
 - There are two open seats on the Board. The two applicants are Steve Gottlieb and Ray Crozier. Tonight, they will be voted in by the Committee Executive John Ryan.
 - John Ryan presented the names of the candidates to the Board and asked for a vote. The membership vote by a show hands. Both candidates were voted in. **(Usually if there are open seats and only enough applicants to fill the vacancies the Secretary would cast the vote. Since there is no Secretary at this meeting and the Vice President was running the meeting it was the duty of the Committee Executive to cast the vote. John Ryan decided to have the membership cast their votes).**
 - Since one of the terms was from July to December 31, 2018 and the other term was from July 10, 2018 until December 31, 2020 ballots were handed out to the membership to vote who would get which term. Popular vote would get the longer term. The results are as follows: Steve Gottlieb received 23 votes and Ray Crozier received 11 votes. Steve was sworn in at this Corporation meeting and Ray will be sworn in before the August Board meeting.

Pot O' Gold – \$4.26 No winner

Attendance - \$10.00 Captain Bourgoin

Officers – General Communications/Dialogue

- **Chief Michael Trick**
 - Apple Rehab is having a breakfast for all firefighters as a thank you. It will be held Friday, July 13th from 7:30 to 9:00. Please try to attend.
 - Oak Bluff pond is ready to be used.
 - Tunxis Hose coverage for fireworks will be Lt. Sanderson, Matt Polesel, Mark Wilson and Dylan Bernetich.
 - Engine 11 is back at GK due to problems with the engine. This is still under warranty. The warranty is for 5 years.
 - Hose Testing has been done. There is some hose that will have to be replaced, but we expect this every year.
 - New Radio Designations-This is for the Fire Marshals and Fire Inspectors.
 - ✓ Fire Marshal Jamie DiPace FM1
 - ✓ Deputy Fire Marshal Tom Post FM2
 - ✓ Fire Inspector Joe Speich FM3
 - ✓ Fire Inspector Aaron Gelber FM4
 - ✓ Fire Inspector Matt Polesel FM5
 - Chief Trick thanked Dave Costill, Dave Theriault and Christian Gregoire for helping during the recent hose and ladder testing.
 - Suggested to the Board they look into points paid on calls and other special duties.
 - Lost Time pay outs was approved by the Board to change the amount to a maximum of \$200.
- **Medical Officer – Captain Corrado**
 - There are 32 firefighters that need to do their PPQ. July 28 is when the next PPQ will be offered.
 - New Health Fitness Coordinator is Luis Lema.
 - Department Physicals will now be done at the UCONN Health Center. Captain Corrado is having the paperwork put on the department's website in the Members Only section. If you need the paperwork before it is online, please contact him and he will get the paperwork to you.
- **Lt. Bobby Sanderson**
 - Thank you to the members of Company 1 for working with him while he was at Company 1 and he is looking forward to working with the members at Company 4.

Q&A with Membership

- Tom Becker suggested the department use Instagram. More and more younger people are using this instead of Facebook. Should use more social media. Other members agreed with Tom. Diane Theriault said the 75th was looking into this and other ways to get the word out about the department and what we are doing. Maria Brighenti told Tom to come to a meeting of the Communications group to help with getting information out to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 20:55 (GB)