

MINUTES OF THE 863rd. CORPORATION MEETING September 10, 2018

Vice President Mike Galliher called the meeting to order at 19:30
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: 64 Absent: 39

The 863rd Corporation Meeting minutes were approved.

Correspondence

- Thank You notes, and donations were noted.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Kowalczyk (away)

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

Highlighted Items from August and September Board of Director's Meeting – Vice President Galliher

- August Highlights
 - Ray Crozier took the Oath of Office to be a Board member
 - John Ryan was elected to be Secretary
 - Andy Ozmun was elected Committee Executive
- September Highlights
 - Bruce Appell was elected as Chief of the Department. He will take this office in January.
 - Thank you to Chief Trick for leading the department for 8 years

Remarks from Chief Trick:

- "I'm am proud and honored to have been your chief for the past 8 years". "I take pride in knowing all of you and being your Chief." "Chief Appell has been an officer in this department for 21 years. "He can do the job".
- The Chief read a letter from Captain Gelber regarding a motor vehicle incident on July 29, 2018 asking the Chief to recognize probationary member firefighter Thomas Becker's actions at the accident. FF Becker noticed that one of the victims in the accident had no shoes on and gave his shoes to the victim. (See Attachment A). The Chief will give FF Becker a Chief Challenge Coin Award (See Attachment B)

Committee Reports:

- **75th Anniversary-Captain David Theriault**
 - Captain Theriault gave a lot of information about the upcoming Convention Weekend. He will put out an email with all the details.
- **Health & Wellness – Luis Lema**
 - On September 29th there will be a PPQ for all members who need to do theirs for this year. Will need help before, during and after. Need an Engineer to work the pumper.
- **Company 4 Building – Captain Aaron Gelber**
 - Getting to the home stretch. Will have an Open House/House Warming when done.
- **SCBA – Assistant Chief Joe Speich**
 - Chief Speich told the members that the department received a grant from FEMA in the amount of \$277,000.
- **Training Report – Assistant Chief Joe Speich**
 - Moving towards an online training platform. This will allow more in-house training.
 - We will be holding an in-house Pump Operator class. This will be for all current and any one that is interested in becoming a Pump Operator.
 - Stand Pipe Kits – Everything is in Chief Speich just needs the time to put them together.
- **Fundraising and Community Outreach – Dennis Bianchi**
 - Golf Tournament proceeds are roughly \$6,000. Thank you to the great crew that helped this year.
 - Fundraising letter campaign has brought in \$63,000 so far.
- **Fire Prevention Day – Dennis Bianchi**
 - The dates he is looking at are Oct. 5th or Oct. 12th. Will contact the schools to get a date. Will email out the information when he has it.

- Avon Celebrate is the same day at the PPQ and the department has to supply an EMT and an engine. Will also need volunteers to work at the Fire Prevention booth on September 29th.
- Due to all the events this year and especially this coming weekend and all the events in October along with the Clambake Chairperson not being able to do the Clambake the Board decided to cancel this year's Clambake. Dennis had a lot of prizes donated for the Clambake, so he thought of having a Bingo day on the same day as the Clambake would have been. Members did agree.
- **Neighborhood Assistance Grant – Mike Galliher**
 - The department did receive approval of this grant. Now the department needs to get companies to donate to us. We went for energy efficient heating systems for the stations. If any company does donate it will be 100% deductible. If you know of any company that would be interested or if you would like Mike to contact a company, please let him know.
- **9/11 Ceremony – Lt. Andrew Bloom**
 - Lineup will be at 7:30 a.m. with Class A uniforms. If no uniform wear a AVFD shirt and nice pair of pants.
- **Annual Dinner**
 - This will be held at Hop Meadow Country Club on November 17th
- **Recruitment and Retention – Captain Adam Corrado**
 - September 17th there will be a recruitment and informational reception at Company 1 along with an Empty Nester reception. Dinner will be served and will be over before drill starts.
- **Community Challenge – Captain Adam Corrado**
 - We have 5 trainers, but we need more. We also need help that day.
- **Scholarship Committee – Mike Little**
 - Meeting this Wednesday, Sept. 12th. If anyone is interested on being on the committee, please give Mike a call.
- **Member Survey Committee – Frank Lupis**
 - The committee has met twice. Will meet on Sunday, Oct. 7th at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served. This committee is tasked with breaking down the results of the survey Assistant Chief Speich sent to all members and coming up with suggestions to pass onto the Board.

Steward's Report – Rick Solari

- Rick will be at Company 2 on Wednesday at 7:00 pm if you need anything.

New Business

- **Board Open Seats Applicants – John Ryan**
 - There will be two open seats on the Board. Anyone interested please send in a letter of intent to HQ. John Ryan will put out an email with further information.

Announcements:

- 2 pairs of black gear pants are missing. If you took them by mistake, please contact Myra
- Jamie DiPace Farmington Fire Departments are holding their annual car show on Oct. 20th with a rain date of Oct. 21. Since this is for the Live Training Building they are asking for our help. If you can help at all during that day, please contact Jamie.
- Assistant Chief Kline urged the members to get out and vote for the referendum in regard to the new radio system that the police department is asking for which will help not only the police but us as well.
- Captain Ramona Mansfield told the members that the sign up for the Stair Climb is open and the department will pay for the registration fee. Please contact Captain Mansfield if you want to join the team.
- Captain Theriault announced that Michael Frost passed his Firefighter 1 course.
- Captain Sedlak announced that T6 is supposed to be back on September 11th.
- Fire Marshal, Jamie DiPace told the members that Avon Old Farms School is nearing competition on the kitchen and hockey rink renovations. They both have new fire alarm systems. Should be able to do a walk through. 50 Tower Lane will be opening soon. There is a Knox box there and a new alarm system.

Pot O' Gold – \$18.73 Matt Polesel
Attendance - \$10.00 Drew Bloom

Gift Certificate/Gift Cards

New England Pasta Dinner for 8 -Ramona Mansfield

The Valley Railroad and River Boat – Jay McCaffery

Nomads Adventure Quest -Bruce Appell

Sonny's Place -Phyllis Wilson

Sonny's Place – Joe Speich

ImagiNation - Jason Mickus

Avon Kempo and Aikido Academy Class/Birthday Party – Ken Sedlak

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Dunkin Donuts Gift Card – Carol Baldwin

Adjourned: 21:04

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Chief Trick,

July 30th, 2018

I'm writing this letter to recognize the actions taken by a probationary member of the Avon Volunteer Fire Department at a recent Motor Vehicle Collision. On Sunday July 29th at 6:33 PM, units from the Avon Volunteer Fire Department, Avon Police Department and American Medical Response were dispatched to a reported MVC on Hollister Rd between Tollgate Ln and Millstone Dr. While en route, responding units were advised by dispatch that there were multiple 911 calls reporting a two-car head on motor vehicle collision with a single reported pediatric injury. As the first arriving Company Officer, I confirmed the MVA was a two-car head on collision, established command and began evaluating the parties involved and would start the triage process. I had identified the need for Multiple ALS Ambulances and requested additional resources. One of the Victims of the incident called her husband and son who came to the scene of the emergency, FF Christian "TC" Becker noticed the son of the victim on scene without shoes. FF Becker gave the accident victim's son his pair of shoes, so he could be safe on scene. I, Captain Aaron Gelber, am recommending that FF Becker be recognized for going above the call of duty with a challenge coin at the next Corp. meeting and have the Avon Volunteer Fire Department purchase FF Becker a new pair of shoes.

Thank You for This Consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Gelber", written over a horizontal line.

Captain Aaron Gelber



***Chief Challenge Coin Award
Monday, September 10th, 2018
FF Christian "TC" Becker***

On Sunday July 29th at 6:33 PM, the Avon Volunteer Fire Department, along with other emergency services units responded a two-car MVA with reported pediatric injury. Your Captain described the circumstances of the scene in a letter to me requesting you be recognized.

As described in his letter one of the Victims of the incident called her husband and son who came to the scene of the emergency, FF Christian "TC" Becker noticed the son of the victim on scene without shoes. FF Becker gave the accident victim's son his pair of shoes, so he could be safe on scene.

I hereby acknowledge your Captains letter of recommendation and that you indeed went above the call of duty and am proud to issue you a Chief Challenge Coin.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael F. Trick".

Chief Michael F. Trick
Avon Volunteer Fire Department