

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting

JUNE 2, 2003

1. **Secretary's Report:** Accepted as posted.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Read & accepted.
3. **LCD Report:**
 - LCD met briefly and discussed pay scale issues.
4. **Chief's Report:**
 - Engine 60 failed its pump test and the Board of Trustees has appropriated \$7200 to refurbish the pump and repair the exhaust. The engine should be back in service by this Friday evening. Discussion regarding Engine 90's status was entertained. Engine 90's pump will be serviced ASAP after the start of the new fiscal year.
 - The house generator needs service. Members were advised that the generator would need to be started and stopped manually. A new service contractor is being considered.
 - Officer's meeting to be determined and announced.
 - Keith Byrne was reinstated as the result of a majority vote. A letter will be sent by the secretary to advise Keith of his status.
 - Canaan's parade info to be posted.
5. **Warden's Report:**
 - New gear is in, one pair of turn-out pants are out being altered.
 - Explorer gear is in. One pair of pants being returned for larger size. The explorer gear is a gray color.
 - Engine 60's smoke ejector will receive a new electrical plug.

- 2 90' lengths of agricultural grade garden hose was approved for purchase @37.90 for the firehouse.
- A case of road flares was received.
- A bank charger for Engine 30 has been ordered.

6. Training Officer's Report:

- June's schedule was distributed and reviewed.
- Thanks from Brian to NVFD members who attended the water supply class.
- Lucas dealer will be scheduled to review the tool at a future practice. Time and date to be announced.
- An August yearly training calendar is being prepared for distribution.

7. Mechanic's Report:

- Engine 30's coolant leaks have been repaired.
- Engine 30's glove box door needs to be re-mounted.
- Engine 90's drain repaired enabling the pump to operate in high volume.

8. Fire Police Report:

- No report

9. Explorer's Report:

- No report

10. Assistant Chief election

- Nominations for filling the Assistant Chief vacancy were announced as Jody Zeller and Richard Byrne, each with a second, and Daryl Byrne without a second. There were no further nominations from the floor and a motion to close nominations was passed. The paper ballot vote revealed 10 votes for each candidate and President Ludwig broke the tie with a vote for Jody. A motion to

leave the Captain position vacant until the annual meeting was approved by the attending membership.

11. Old Business:

- Josh Petersen, Laura Groppo, Alex Evans, and Lindsey Terrell are this year's Road Race scholarship recipients.
- The Memorial Day food sale lost \$194 due to the poor weather and resulting turnout. Special thanks to Glenn Wheeler for the use and set-up of his tents.
- The Road Race committee thanked all members who assisted with the day's events. A financial report was not available at this time.
- Leo's Volunteer of the Year dinner was a success.
 - Building Committee Report:
 - No report
 - Truck Committee Report:
 - No report
 - Incentive Committee Report:
 - Town committee to be formed
 - By-Laws Committee Report:
 - Article VI was reviewed and the following proposal changes were made:
 - 1 year officer term remains as is with a maximum 10 years of service without provisions for any extension.
 - Language regarding the Chief's authority at the scene of an emergency to be included.
 - Lieutenant/warden language to be included
 - Begin next meeting with Article VI, section 6 Board of Trustees

12. New Business:

- Physical Exams are required of all active members. The NVFD offers a free basic exam each year to meet the by-law requirements. No additional exam is required by the NVFD to operate the vehicles. Any medical exams obtained by members outside of the offered physical exam are not covered by the NVFD.
 - Physical exams NVFD not responsible for..., CDL statue will be available
 - EMS Expo is 6/20-22, info to be posted.
 - James Hotchkiss membership application received.
 - A headset @ \$270 for the brush truck was approved.
 - \$550 was approved to have a air bag suspension system installed on the Brush truck.
 - The Steak Dinner fundraiser is scheduled for August 23 with Ron Zanobi as committee chair.

Motion to adjourn approved at 9:11

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Paul Padua

Personal Note:

President Ken Ludwig found himself in a very awkward and unenviable position Monday night as he adhered to the by-laws and publicly broke the tie vote between Jody and Richard regarding the Assistant Chief vacancy. His actions (regardless if you agree with his decision or not) were admirable and validated the by-laws that regulate our department. Thanks Ken, for a job well done.