

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The President asked for a moment of silence for our past deceased members.

There were 19 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P John Deshazo, Dan Wuori to accept the Minutes of September 11, 2023.

Treasurer's Report

Table until next month for full percentage report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

No Report

Car 2:

- This months trainings are car 2 & 3. Yes we'll have drill on Columbus Day.
- Yesterdays trail race through the land trust went very smoothly. Thanks for the assistance.
- The Pump class is October 28 & 29 here at the FD. 8a-4p
- The Brush truck chassis should be back this week. Has tires and lift kit. Scheduled for the body swap November 1st at Cranes
- AFG grant recipients have been announced and we were not on the list. Going to try again and bring in a grant writer with Winsted.
- Annual apparatus service starting this month. If you've noticed something that needs addressing on the apparatus, write it up and see Hutch or Gary ASAP
- 1st responder license was renewed.
- Motion: for \$200 for candy & hotdogs for Halloween (Dept funds)

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, John Barbagallo to spend \$200 for Halloween.

- Motion: Up to \$500 (with trustee approval) for an interior accountability system. 3 small boards and tags for interior members. We'll use the region tags for an ID/exterior system (Dept funds).

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, John Deshazo to spend \$500 on interior accountability system.

Car 3:

No Report

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:
No Report

Car 6:
No Report

Car 7:
No Report

EMS Captain:
An Ambulance Survey was sent out regarding the exercise room at the Ambulance HQ. Contact Sandy Evans for information.

Any member needing Medical CME's, there are courses being held in Salisbury contact Kitty Hickcox

Public Relations:
No Report

Fire Marshall:

Fire safety at Botelle School on Oct. 12, at 9 am, please see Keith if you can assist. All help is needed starting at 8 am to put together items for fire prevention.

Mechanics:

Squad 20 tire is repaired.
Engine 40 - rear passenger door is operational. Do not use the door Lock.

Cadets:
No Report

LCD:
No Report

Committee Reports:

- House Committee:
No Report

- Fund Raising:

Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirts are in the meeting room and for sale. Looking to continue the sales through October. If there are suggestions for additional locations to sell, Contact Paul.

- Insurance Committee
No Report

- Brush Tank Committee

New Brush truck needs fenders for the tires. The truck will be coming back to us by the beginning of next week. Looking to swap the body in November.

- Building Committee

Wetlands meeting 10/02/2023 tonight at 1900.

- Anniversary Committee

No Report

- By-Law Committee

Proposed a change in the Active D membership was tabled for next month's meeting.

Current By-Law

Article VII Duties of Members

Section 6

An Active D member not meeting these requirements shall be moved to General membership.

Proposed change:

An Active D member not meeting these requirements shall be moved to Inactive Status.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Judy Ludwig to make the by-law change.

There are still several issues on the table within the By-Law Committee. A meeting will be set up for later this month or early October.

Correspondence:

Thank you note from Lydia Beers for the scholarship monies.

Old Business:

Voted into membership, Virginia Miller for General membership.

Open house will be held on Oct 21st 2023 at 10 am.

-Motion: for \$250 for refreshments (Dept funds)

M/S/P Ted Hinman, Todd Miller to spend \$250 for the open house refreshments.

New Business:

Need to form a committee to contact everyone in town who does not have a blue reflective house sign, a person in town has offered to purchase one for everyone in town who does not have one. The town hall will assist with phone numbers.

Sandy Evans reported from Matt Riiska that Maple Ave. should be done with remediation for Halloween, he will have all equipment moved to one side of the street. Contact was made with the selectmen's office, determined firefighters will assist at the intersections however roads will continue to remain open.

Application for membership from Susannah Wood for a General Member. Will be voted on at the next meeting.

Two upcoming events are Karaoke in November and the Tree Lighting in December.

Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Congregational Church on Dec 12th 2023. All help is welcomed, Contact Todd Miller.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, John Deshazo to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

Thalyia Byrne
NVFD LT