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**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING**

**September 1, 2020**

President Patrick Hassler called the September 1, 2020 monthly business meeting of the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department to order at 1930 hours.

President Hassler opened the meeting with the pledge. There was a moment of silence for those that need our thoughts and prayers.

Sergeant Mackall posted the riding assignments for the night.

**President Hassler asked for approval of the August minutes. A motion was made by Tim Delehanty and seconded by Dwight Armiger to accept the minutes. Motion was voted on and carried. President Hassler asked for approval of the July minutes which were tabled from last month due to late posting. Motion was made by Tim Delehanty and seconded by Jack Boswell. Motion was voted on and carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

President Hassler briefed the membership on the following:

* Overall investments are up.
* Jamie Cox & Steve Yarosh have begun training to take over in December.
* Photo drive was cancelled.
* Total assets at $539,276

**President’s Report:**

President Hassler briefed the membership on the following:

* Good evening, hope everyone is well.
* Ray Nieves is doing well but staying home to stay safe at this time.
* Kerry White called last week after his appointment with good news, the tumor on his liver has shrunk and the tumor on his pancreas is stable. Still in good spirits.
* I would like to thank everyone here August was a rough month between illnesses and deaths. I would like to thank you all for stepping up and taking care of our family during their time of need.
* SMVFA: A small meeting was held with 2 representatives from each department allowed to attend and streaming live. We voted the unopposed slate. Afterwards there was an executive meeting regarding our letter about LOSAP being endorsed by SMVFA going to MSFA. Other counties have already taken action.
* CCVFRA: Executive meeting was held on the 10th and updates were given on the various items, the ambulance scratch rate was sent back to EMS Taskforce for review, LOSAP credit and SMVFA President Randy Smith has tasked Past President Dale Bowen with legislative representation of our interests.
* I tasked the treasurer with getting information to Rich McKee for CARES ACT grant to recoup some of our fundraiser losses.
* After some issues last month with the use of a bell for funeral services, I tasked Past Chief Delehanty with researching the purchase of a bell for our use. This was presented to the Board and approved under the Presidents spending limit. We now have a bell which will be mounted and etched with PFVFD patch and information.
* Sometime in the near future we will probably see an increase in dues to replenish the Death Benefit Fund which has been hit hard this past year.
* Reminder to go onto the county Fire/Rescue Website and register for the Volunteer Appreciation Day Hoodie as they will not be having Vol. Apprec. Day this year. If you need assistance please contact Past Chief Brian Ficke.
* See the quartermasters after the meeting to receive your PFVFD hoodie. This purchase has been questioned and I would like to clarify that these were purchased with end of budget year money which was left in the uniform line and as you know we are limited as to what we can purchase under budget lines. It was a last minute discovery and the Fire Chief & I felt it would be nice to say thank you to the members with everything that has been going on these last 6 months.
* If there are any questions on expenses please ask, we will explain and show you where the money comes from.
* Congratulations to Caitlyn Arhar for being crowned MSFA Miss Fire Prevention 1st Runner Up. She represented SMVFA and this is an honor for us.

**Vice-President’s Report:**

Vice President Cox briefed the membership on the following:

* Thank you to the Chief & President for the hoodies. Quartermaster Steve Yarosh addressed the membership regarding personalization of the hoodies is available for $4.50 see him after the meeting or contact him before the end of the month.
* Thanks to Donald for keeping up with grass cutting, especially with all this rain, and thanks to Roger for cleaning the filters on the dayroom a/c.

**Secretary Correspondence:**

* We received $750 worth of donations in memory of Wayne Hardesty.
* We received $100 worth of donations in memory of Linda Reamy.

**Chief’s Report:**

Assistant Chief Roger Rearden presented the following:

* TWR2 went before apparatus review board on Saturday. We have been informed by Atlantic that they now have a fix available to us for the bucket command module for $4,127.96 less installation costs, I am asked for up to $4,200.00 for this repair. While TWR2 is before the review committee we are asking to replace the rest of the command modules (cab, pedestal & outriggers) to match the bucket module and scene lighting.
* SQ2 is at Patriot for damage repair and to have a USB port installed in the cab.
* E22 is at M&M and they are waiting on an answer from Seagrave regarding the alarm issue.
* The accident review for Joe Reamy’s accident was postponed due to personal issues and will resume soon.
* Gator 1 is here, and I have received an update from the Hunting Creek Farms community on the road repair – they have entered into a contract and have permits in place. Once they get the concrete forms in place work should complete within 48 hours.
* Co. 6 continues to have issues through Ponds Wood Rd. and our first due response has expanded temporarily to compensate for this (Wilson Rd., Neeld Estates)
* Hose testing has been moved to mid-October due to COVID travel restrictions.
* 132 calls for the month of August and CJ was our top runner.
* We will be providing support Saturday for Dylan Smith’s funeral @ Co. 6, sign up sheet will be posted in the day room.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership (Mike Harrington) –**

* We received a request from Theresa Bowen to move from Associate to Administrative and the committee recommends accepting this change. **A motion was made by Tim Delehanty and seconded by Chad Breen to accept the recommendation of the committee. Motion was voted on and carried.**
* We received an application for Junior membership from Nicholas Saunders and the committee recommends accepting him on 6 months probation. **A motion was made by Tim Delehanty and seconded by Mike Sharpe to accept the recommendation of the committee. Motion was voted on and carried.**
* We received an application for Junior membership from Andrew DeVore and the committee recommends accepting him on 6 months probation. **A motion was made by Dwight Armiger and seconded by George Gaber to accept the recommendation of the committee. Motion was voted on and carried.**

**Ways & Means –**

**Ducks Unlimited (Karen Sharpe)** – We really need to push ticket sales – all tickets are available for purchase online through our website. We are still in need of donations for auction baskets.

**Mail-Out** – Has been sent for proofing and is expected to be mailed out the end of the month.

**T-Shirts (Melissa Billings)** – The online links are up and operational, sales have stalled for the moment.

**By-Laws (Mauro Lanzisera) –** None

**New Building –** Brick is about 95% complete and they will be moving offsite so that dirt work can begin. Doors are going in at the rate of about 1 a day as they are extremely heavy. They are working everyday and keeping things moving but some suppliers have been affected by COVID.

**Old Business**

* Freddy Holzberger V asked if Brush 2 was going to have the box mounted anytime soon as it was approved on the plans but hasn’t been done yet and when the train horns would be installed on SQ 2. Assistant Chief Rearden said that both issues were being handled.

**New Business**

* Secretary Vicki Delehanty read the minutes from the August 25, 2020 Board of Directors meeting**. Motion was made by Chris D’Agostino and seconded by Del Horsmon to accept the minutes as read. Motion was voted on and carried.**

**Good of the Order**

Joe Reamy thanked the Department on behalf of himself and both his and Linda’s families for our support and assistance with Linda’s services.

**A motion was made by Mark Arhar and seconded by Jack Boswell to adjourn the meeting. Motion was voted on and carried.** Meeting adjourned at 2002 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Delehanty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary