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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the May 14, 2014 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Evan Taylor at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1922Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 21 members from 10 departments and 6 guests.

Guest Speakers:

Senator John Rafferty:

- PennDOT Bridge Permit Issues: Quickly worked through the issues with the PennDOT engineers.
- Transportation Funding starting to come in and contracts will be released in June/July
- Small Games of Chance: Not taking off like they hoped in the bars and taverns
- Budget is due by June 30th – Sales tax has been low, about 1 Billion shortfall.
 - Trying to avoid a tax increase
- There are a few bills in for tax credits for fire fighters
- Rafferty is now the Republican Chair on the fire fighter safety
- 21st of May, Grant Writing Seminar at Norco, 6:15pm start with small dinner before with Ed Mann
- Aggravated Arson Bill Passed and increased penalties if responders are injured

Rep: Tim Hennessey:

- Authorized the PA State Grant for another year.
- Please keep up with the Grant Dates and participating to get the funding
- Liquor privatization: there will still be a 24% tax on the liquor vs DE
- Small Games of Chance: PSP will need to enforce, they are not ready

- Increased penalties for ignoring barricades and fire police
- Cancer Presumption: Trying to get the insurance stakeholders back together to see why they reversed their positions on the matter. Will be taken up in the next session most likely

Rep: Becky Corbin:

- Please keep updated with the Grants
- Reality Transfer Tax exemption for volunteer fire companies
- Becky Corbin's office put together a book of all the emergency service laws. She has one for each member company

Warren Kamp:

- Low interest loan levels have increased
- Redevelopment Capital Assistance Available.
- Need to work on more assistance for recruitment

Eric Smith: for Rep Mills

- Reminded the group that Rep Mills sits on appropriation committee.

John Stout:

- Belfor is available to all Montco and Chester County Stations
- John brought up Belfor's board up truck for the group to look at during the Apparatus Display.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Ed Walters (61) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- June 4th at the Medical Building for training bi lingual fire prevention.

Old Business:

- 501c3 status: Need approval to enter into contract with Burke and Frees to file the paper work.
 - \$500 retainer + \$2200 in legal fees = \$2700
 - Joel McMillan (62) made the motion to approve; Jay Pollinger (61) seconded the motion. All in favor
- FIT test equipment is available for use, Keith Bliss Jr is handling.

- Need to work further with the health foundation on having Phoenixville Hospital have the proper equipment.
- Digital History Program:
 - Still some station hold outs
 - Will need to get the hard copy disks before the next check is written to Mike Grasso.
 - Denny Rumler (51) made the motion seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to apply for the second grant to finish out the project.
- PCHF Tuition Assistance, still working to expand, need to work with someone that was around for the first go around
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Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Trailer is back and the server weather station has been installed. Odds and Ends were addressed as well.
- Need a driver for the Dogwood Parade.
- Richard will be coordinating more drivers to get trained and also trained on running the unit.
 - To drive you need to be over 21, have approval from their local FD and approved driver from the NCCFCA driver's list.
- Evan presented the advertising pricing for the Safety Truck and Trailer.
 - Will be distributed to each station to get the work out.
- Out of Area requests for the Safety Trailer:
 - Need to decide what we are going to charge and if there is interest in taking the unit
 - Group decided on \$300 flat fee per event. With \$25/hr per Operator and travel to include \$0.56/mi to and from the event.
 - Time starts when Operator leaves with the trailer.
- Scheduling is being done by Richard Hedrick for 2014.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Roger Kolb (62), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 2029hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Evan Taylor at the Ridge Fire Co. at 2029Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Executive Officers were present with the exception of President Brian Gallagher who is out of town.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Evan Taylor (68) and seconded by Joel McMillan (62) to approve the March minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- March's Starting Balance of \$11,075.20 as of 2/25/2014
- Deposits of \$371.94 2014 Dues, Reimbursement + Interest
- Credits of \$433.60 Trailer Expenses and Food for Meetings.
- Ending Balance of \$11,013.54 as of 3/25/2014
- February's Starting Balance of \$11,013.54 as of 3/25/2014
- Deposits of \$2.34 (Interest)
- Credits of \$12.95 (Website Domain)
- Ending Balance of \$11,002.12 as of 4/25/2014
- A motion was made by Josh Spangler (73) and seconded by Ed Walters (61) To approve the Treasurer's report. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.
- Continuing to work through some CAD items and beginning Fleet Mapping.

DES Report: Harrison "Digger" Holt

- FM Report Presented: 14 Civilian and 9 FF injuries, no casualties.
- Pending EVOC class for June at Station 38
- 23 Tower Sites approved, working to strengthen towers at Elverson and Pocopson
- New CAD is in progress, getting responses from Fire Companies.

- Tactical Village walls are being poured. RFP for Firing Range Architecture is due back 5/16
- Talk to John Haynes for Radio Room issues, if you don't want to talk to the supervisors.

Tactical Division:

- A presentation was made on the new Harris Radios that were on display at the March meeting.

Funeral Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Bridge Permit Issues: Jeff Kimes (73)

- If you are permitted for a bridge and there is an incident, PennDot stands behind it
- Need to get your axles weighed and wheelbases
- Include your mutual aid bridges
- If the bridge weight changes you need to resubmit the permit
- Time Commitment is not as bad as it seems
- The same paperwork can be used each year
- No fees
- Townships have no mode to issue permits for township bridges.

DOT Medical Cards:

- State Reps could waive to adopt the DOT medical cards for the non emergency transports from the Federal Code. Will need to get in touch with the State Reps.

New Business:

- None.

Good of the Company:

- Need to meet NFPA staffing for Mutual Aid calls
- Valley Forge will be hosting the July Picnic once again. Please response accurately with attendees.
- Red Cross information is available
- Fleet Mapping is under way.
- Montgomery County Report: Working out issues with their CAD, waiting to hear on Radio System.
- Berks County Report: New Radio System is ongoing.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Marty Blumenthal (73), and seconded by Jay Pollinger (61) for adjournment at 2103 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 68 on July 9, 2014.

May 14, 2014,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary