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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the November 11, 2020 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jules Marosfalvi at the Ridge Fire Co at 1902Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 11 members from 6 Departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Joel McMillan (62) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Did not hear if Ed had been able to meet with the new Director Tamela Luce.
 - The group recommended inviting her to the January NCCFCA meeting for introduction.
- Mini Grants – Glen said that Limerick just submitted for an AED Grant and have not heard yet. Jay said that for the Fire Prevention Mini Grant the PCHF requested a receipt of the products being purchased for the dispersion of funds. Richard said that had been requested in the past, but not recently.

Old Business:

- Physicals – Need to get a new survey out on who is interested in participating in FF physicals and see where PCHF is at with available grant funds since all grants were frozen for 2020 due to COVID.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Twin Valley will continue to store.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Chuck Hipple (64) and seconded by Glenn Russell (51), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1907hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jules Marosfalvi at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1907Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- President Ed Walters was away due to work.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Chuck Hipple (64) and seconded by Ray Kolb (62) to approve the September minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- September's Beginning Balance: \$15,118.81 as of 08/25/2020
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.78 Interest
- Credits of \$225.00 (Chk#358 Joe Inzone for Meeting Food)
- September's Ending Balance: \$14,895.59 as of 9/25/2020
- October's Starting Balance of \$14,895.59 as of 9/25/2020
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.16 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- October's Ending Balance of \$14,896.75 as of 10/25/2020.
- Received bill for the Web Hosting renewal from Richard Hedrick and gift reimbursement to Pete for Lynn's gift.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- AB Notes were distributed for October and November.
- Highlights:

- For Searches – Air Methods, owners of Jeff Stat will not perform any rescue operations during a search. They will do Search assistance at the pilots discretion and relay a location for ground crews to perform a rescue.
- Any incident involving the needs for K9s the Chester County Sheriff’s office would like to be contacted before involving outside organizations to help with preserving any potential crime scenes.
- Tower Health and the EMS Council have a Mass Casualty Bus available out of Brandywine Hospital. MCB 74 is its designation.

DES Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- Sent Report in as he was not able to attend. Many items covered under AB notes.
- Fire & EMS Strategic Plan update
 - Project wrap-up meeting completed in October.
 - Past President Vaughn scheduled steering Committee meeting for Monday, November 23rd at 1900 @ 55AFD, final details pending.
- PulsePoint Verified Responder – Operational w/ No Additional items to report
- Locution Paging Project - Custom interface SOW arriving at completion with Tech this week. FSA document reviewed with Advisory Board and submitted.
- BYPASS Command being present to 911.
- Energy Transfer Grant – Updated President’s letter for Gas Meter Grant sent.
- Two weeks ago the Chester County Commissioners approved the Chester County COVID-19 Emergency Responder Support Program – Up to \$25,000 per station or \$50,000.00 for combined Fire/EMS Agencies.
 - Grant period open Nov 01 thru Nov 13
 - Can still submit if applied for OSFC grant but CANNOT be applied for the same use. Companies need to ensure valid use case for their protection.
 - Required
 - Completed Application
 - W-9
 - 2019 Tax Return or 990
- Becoming appropriate to begin wearing masks and ensuring social distancing in the firehouse environment and with public interactions. Highest one day climbs in the Commonwealth this week. COVID is certainly here in Chester County.

FM & HazMat Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- September Fire Services Data
 - FM – 12 Fire Investigations, 11 Notifications for the month.
 - 125 Fire investigations for the year.
 - FM Vaughn stepped down from his position in FM’s Office due to other professional growth.
 - HazMat – 12 Hazmat Responses, 3 Officer Notifications for the month.

- 37 Responses for the year.
- Last month the team completed 2 training events, for 47.5 hours of team training.
- Supported election mail in ballot processing center with no issues found.
- Recent training with Avondale Fire Co. and Octorara Homeland Security and Protection Program.
- Hazmat Protocol Dispatch: Working with DES Quality Assurance Group and 911 Operations to review call data for each protocol dispatched event with the goal to make recommendations to improve incident dispatch criteria.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- CCFCA Officer Nominations: Mike Reber (35) is running for President against Gerry DiNunzio (54). Mike Holmes Sr (47) is running against AJ McCarthy (25) for Vice President. All other positions are unopposed at this time.
 - Mike Holmes had reached out to Chuck in asking for the North's support
 - The online voting procedure had been reviewed with the group for the upcoming December meeting for the CCFCA.
- Discussion was had on how the virtual CCFCA meetings have been going as Montco is getting ready to try it.
- Strategic Plan
 - Neil is looking for assistance with sub-groups of the steering committee.
 - Jay brought up about getting together as a Region and looking into the group maintenance plans for hose testing, pump & ladder testing.
 - Survey will be going out to the Region on who performs the following annual maintenance and which companies they use to start out.
 - Ground Ladder Testing
 - Main Aerials Testing
 - Hose Testing
 - Pump Testing
 - Gear Cleaning Service

Good of the Company:

- Nominations Committee
 - No new nominations were reported, Motion made to close the nominations and have the secretary cast the single vote for all positions. Motion made by Jay Pollinger (61) and seconded by Chuck Hipple (64). All in favor.
 - 2021 Officers
 - President: Ed Walters

- Vice President: Jules Marosfalvi
- Treasurer: Tom “Pete” Hornsberger
- Recording Secretary: Jonathan Brackbill
- Montco report: Beginning in December/January Fire and EMS will be working off of the same channel, much like Chester County is operating now. New Linfield Station is hoping to be turned over from the builder the first week of December with the station back in service come January.
- The next meeting is to be at the Ridge Fire Co. on January 13th.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Chuck Hipple (64) and seconded by Glenn Russell (51) for adjournment at 1945Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on January 13th, 2021.

November 11th, 2020,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary