



# VERNON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INC

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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July 30, 2012

Present: R. Bowman, Call, Carpenter, Galley, Gauthier, Goric, Graugard, King, Konarski, Stan Landry, Lucas, Maguda, McKinney, Muniz, Dan Robertson, Shepard, Turkington

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Robert Turkington, President. Motion was made/seconded (Shepard/Maguda) to accept the April 30, 2012 meeting minutes.

### ***Treasurer's Report:***

- Dave Galley reviewed the 3rd Quarter report. Total Expenses during the quarter were \$2,015; Income was \$18,870 for a check book balance of \$22,673 as of 7/30/12. Donation income from the Fundraiser is \$15,666 to date. The Toys for Tikes Ameriprise balance is \$22,260, and the checkbook balance is \$3,126. Motion was made/seconded (Maguda/Muniz) to accept the report.

### ***Communications & Bills:***

- A thank you card was received from Laurie Galley for the fruit basket sent for her recent surgery.

### ***Good & Welfare:***

- Dick Bowman reported that there was consistent activity of the Committee this quarter.

### ***Toys for Tikes:***

- A \$500 donation was received from the Rockville Elks Lodge. Delivery for 2012 will be completed on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Christmas Party:***

- The 2012 party will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at The Adams Mill. It is being sponsored by T-541.

***Annual Banquet:***

- The 2013 Banquet will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at A Villa Louisa. It is being sponsored by R-641. Ticket price is estimated around \$27 p/person. The Chief will have 12 tickets to distribute to guests. The Ambulance Company has spent \$1,000 from their account for the deposit.

***Old Business:***

- The Department Fundraiser was mailed in May. Questions from the Mayor's Office were addressed and the event has been successful.
- Discussion was held regarding the Wet Down ceremony and Department Morale picnic that was agreed to at the April meetings. The committee has met and desires to discuss further with the membership issues that have arisen. Some of the cons they have identified to a combined event are:
  - It would be difficult keeping the picnic event to department families only
  - Set up time between the events would conflict for members to attend the Wet Down and get ready for the picnic.
  - No mandate was made regarding alcohol. (The Association insurance policy does not allow the organization to purchase/provide alcohol for any event).

\$500 has been allocated to each company for Wet Down ceremony.

The American Legion has discussed availability of their facility/caterer/bar with Chief Call. The Chief also stated that the formal ceremony should not take more than an hour in the morning to complete. Chief Call will provide funding from his budget for formal ceremony activities. Other sites being investigated are the Armory and town parks.

The Committee has recommended that despite the last vote, that these two events be conducted on different dates to eliminate conflict. Dave Goric motioned that the events be separated. Motion was seconded by Scott Shepard. The subject will be brought to the membership at the Association Meeting.

A head count of those committed to attending the picnic needs to be obtained.

***New Business:*** None

***Upcoming Events:*** None

***Good & Welfare:*** None

Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Maguda) to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary



# TOWN OF VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Department Meeting Minutes

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July 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Fire Chief, William Call. Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Harrison) to accept the minutes from the April 30, 2012 Meeting.

***Training Report:*** None

***Administration Report:***

- Department SOG's have been placed on every company desktop & TVFD documentation folder. Captains are to obtain signatures from company members to confirm their awareness of this material and bring to the next Staff Meeting. Printing of reports will be demonstrated at the next Staff Meeting.
- Lifetime Membership guidelines were discussed at the April Department Meeting. After review of the By-Laws, it was confirmed that any member completing 20 years of service can be voted for lifetime membership at any regularly scheduled Department Meeting. The Motion was made/seconded (Harrison/Orlowski) to approve Ken Kalos and Wayne Soucier for Lifetime Membership. The motion carried.

***Health & Safety Report:*** None

***Uniform Committee Report:***

- Class C work uniforms have been presented to the membership by the Uniform Committee. The navy embroidered shirt/cargo pants were displayed to those present. The purpose of the uniform is for public events where a formal Class A uniform is not mandatory, but provides a neat department representation. Unfortunately department funding is not available at this time. It is estimated the expense will be approximately \$130 if members desire to purchase; it is not being mandated by the Executive Board. Questions may be directed to Cory Lafontaine at his email on the TVFD website.

***Board of Firefighters:*** None

***Old Business:***

- The new pumpers have been received and are in Rocky Hill at this time. The new rescue truck is expected in a few days. A date has not been determined for the Wet Down Ceremony at this time.

***New Business:***

- Social Networking through face book was discussed. An account has been created to develop a positive atmosphere for the department. Administrators who can post information for the department are: John Lucas, Rob Babcock, Kathleen Marth, and Chief Call.
- Pete Orłowski is working on redesigning the Department Website. Focus will be made to higher profile incidents of the department. Department form information and links to other websites will be included.

***Correspondence:*** None

***Good & Welfare:***

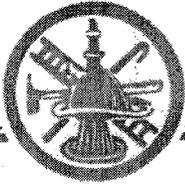
- Members were informed of a South Windsor firefighter who suffered a stroke earlier this year. A spaghetti dinner has been scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> to support his recovery. An email with additional information will be forwarded by A/C Landry.

Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Boulette) to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary



# VERNON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INC

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## *ASSOCIATION MEETING*

July 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by President, Robert Turkington. Motion was made/seconded (Landry/Galley) to accept the minutes from the April 30, 2012 Association Meeting.

### *Treasurer Report:*

- Dave Galley reviewed the 3rd Quarter report. Total Expenses during the quarter were \$2,015; Income was \$18,870 for a check book balance of \$22,673 as of 7/30/12. Donation income from the Fundraiser is \$15,666 to date. The Toys for Tikes Ameriprise balance is \$22,260, and the checkbook balance is \$3,126. Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Maguda) to accept the report.

### *Communications & Bills:*

- A thank you card was received from Laurie Galley for the fruit basket sent for her recent surgery.

### *Good & Welfare:*

- Dick Bowman reported that there was consistent activity of the Committee this quarter.

### *Toys for Tikes:*

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**Old Business:**

- Wet Down / morale committee would like to revisit the April Department Meeting assignment. Motion was made/seconded Babcock/D. Galley to reopen the discussion. Stan Landry and Tony Muniz presented the issues. The committee has met and most companies were represented. The original thought of the picnic was intended to be a family day event/morale booster for department members – not a public event. Several issues were brought forward regarding a combination of wet down/picnic in the same day as was voted in April...
  - It would be difficult keeping the picnic event to department families only
  - Set up time between the events would conflict for members to attend the Wet Down and get ready for the picnic. Several activities are being planned for the picnic (bounce house/dunk tank/games). This will require the assistance of many members.
  - A non alcohol event for late afternoon/early evening in mid-September at a public park had been discussed.

The committee desires to re-vote the events to be held on separate days and is requesting input from the membership. The floor was opened for discussion. Is it desired to hold the wet down/morale picnic on the same day, or separate? Will people participate? Will families attend? The committee plans to meet next week to move forward with planning. Potential locations for the picnic are the Armory, Legion Field, Town Parks, Camp Newhoca, or the American Legion. The event will be covered by the Association insurance policy.

Chief Call addressed the membership. He stated the formal wet down ceremony should take no longer than an hour to be held in the morning. The picnic could be held later that afternoon to accommodate timing concerns. He believes that two separate dates will limit attendance. The American Legion has offered to assist with whatever we need – facility/catering/bar. Following Chief Call's comments the discussion was closed.

Bob Turkington confirmed that during the April Association Meeting the vote of the membership was for both events to be conducted on the same date. Approved funding was: \$500 from Chief Call's Retention/Recruitment budget, \$1,000 donation received for the Indian Trail brush fire, \$1,000 from the Association, with an additional \$1,000 from the Association as needed per the Board of Directors.

A/C Landry and Tony Muniz left the room for voting purposes.

A motion was made seconded (Lavoie/Shepard) to set aside the existing vote. A new vote was taken and the majority agreed to hold the events on separate dates.

Dave Goric motioned to empower the committee in conjunction with the Executive Board to schedule both separate events as they deem fit, since there will be no further Association Meetings before the events. Committee members to remain the same (one from each company + A/C Landry). Funding is to remain the same. Motion was seconded by Jon Andresen and the motion carried by a majority vote.

- Fundraiser Thank You communication will be made via newspaper ads in the local newspapers and our website. The cost is estimated around \$750 and will be pursued in October. Names of those donating will not be published. We have received donations from out of state addresses and it was agreed to send copies of the newspaper material to these households. It was also requested that personal notes be sent to those donating large amounts.

*New Business:* None

*Upcoming Events:* None

*Good & Welfare:* None

Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Shepard) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Carpenter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Diane Carpenter, Secretary