

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

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Robert A. Mellon
Treasurer
Stacey Wellington

June 18, 2008

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on June 18, 2008 at the Collings Lakes Vol. Fire Company by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Donnelly of the Collings Lakes Fire Company was introduced. Chief Donnelly welcomed all to Collings Lakes.

In Attendance

Roll call was taken by Secretary Robert A. Mellon who reported a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

Report of Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Treasurer as read by Treasurer Stacey Wellington.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on July 11, 2008 in Landisville.

Finance Committee - Howard Berchtold Jr. reported on the ongoing review of the finances with the accountant and the auditor. It has been identified that Sec.1 of Art. II of the Constitution should be changed so as not conflicting with New Jersey charitable organization laws concerning the promotion of legislation. A recommendation from the floor was to also include a provision accepting any changes deemed necessary by any new laws. President Portale reported that the accountant is still waiting for the December bank statements before completing the audit of the books.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next scheduled meeting is July 14, 2008.

Fire Coordinator – Oscar Dutch reported on the recent southern regional coordinators meeting and the current status of the FireTrax and Fedco systems.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that summer FFI class started with eighteen students. The Basic Pump class recently ran and was well attended. The Advanced Pump class has been postponed until latter in the summer. The burn building will be closed for approximately thirty days in either Jul. or Aug. for repairs and a complete cleaning. The ladder truck is now in the apparatus bay and the search is still on for a new engine. There is a new security procedure being implemented at the training center. The new course book should be ready for the July meeting. The spring FFI and FFII graduation ceremony will be held at the training center on Mon. Jun. 30, 2008 at 19:00. Notices will be sent out to all county fire chiefs seeking applicants for open instructor positions.

Library – Ron Bird reported that the library is open and that the relocation will be completed by the end of summer.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Chief Jim Garth reported that the next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2008 in Estell Manor.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch reported on the ongoing efforts to establish a second home, or a wing in an established home, in South Jersey.

4H Fair – Scheduled for Aug. 7, 8, and 9. Howard Berchtold reported on the plans for the apparatus display and the Friday night firefighter competition. Gene Wellington reported further on the competition plans and the push to get more apparatus displayed. Gene also reported that they will add some events that children may participate in.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

President Portale reported that he will continue accepting resumes for the vacant position of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer until the July meeting. The financial committee will review the resumes.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to have the secretary draft a proposal to change Sec. 1 of Art. II of the Constitution.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to have the secretary draft a proposal to add to the Constitution and Bylaws allowing new laws to supersede the Constitution and Bylaws.

Bills

The bills were read by Treasurer Stacey Wellington. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership to act on.

Good of the Order

Reverend Thomas Sweeny thanked all who supported the recent fundraiser held for his son.

Bargaintown VFC is holding a Motorcycle Run on Sat. June 21, 2008.

Thank you to the Collings Lakes Vol. Fire Company for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:40. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Jul. 16, 2008 in Linwood.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Date Clearing

Sat. Jun. 21	10:00	Bargaintown VFC	Motorcycle Run
Tues. Aug. 19	19:30	Egg Harbor City	Atl. Co. Firemen's Caucus
Fri. Sept. 12	13:00	Wildwood	NJ State Firemen's Convention
Sat. Sept. 13	10:00	Wildwood	NJ State Firemen's Convention
Sat. Oct. 4	15:30	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Oct. 18	12:00	Pomona VFC	Building Dedication and Truck Housing

(Please email your event info to robert.mellon@atlanticcountyfireassoc.org)