

Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department
General Membership Meeting

January 12, 2021

Called to Order – 1830 hrs by Chief Jim Stanley

Attendance – Barcus, Campbell, Corey, Cruz, Fogarty, Hannigan, Jacobs, Jurek, Kleinschmidt, Malecek, McKenzie, Michel, Muenchow, Nelson, O’Brien, Piscitello, Schneider, Seeberger, Stanley, Talcott, Wall, I Wandschneider, Wirth

Review of Minutes from previous Officer’s and General Membership Meetings – Read.

Reports:

Treasurer’s Report :

- Treasurer minutes read by Chief Stanley.
- Mike Cruz made a motion to pay invoice to River Valley Printing in the amount of \$180 for letters printed to accompany the dive calendar mailings. Rob Corey seconded. Greg Michel abstained. Motion passed and carried.

Mason Trust: Decisions have been made and applicants will be notified soon on distribution amounts.

Relief Association:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 23, 2021.
- Mike Cruz and Kevin Wall will finalize meeting agenda this week.
- Annual membership meeting is set for Feb. 9, 2021.
- Three positions are opening up and position descriptions will be posted on the bulletin board at the station. Open positions are president, secretary and trustee.
- Our district relief has a new email address that will be added to the department roster.

Events:

- Member jackets were ordered through Aspen Mills. The 3 largest sizes are on backorder till the end of February.
- Cost of the jackets is being paid by a combination of \$1,000 from the general membership and the balance from a donation. The District wants to hold onto their \$2,000 to hold an event once the Covid situation changes.

Officer Reports:

Deputy Chief Rob Corey:

- Iamresponding.com emails notifying of upcoming drills have an option to respond to anticipated attendance with yes – no – maybe. Responses are not locked in and members may go back and change their answer at any point. It is appreciated that members respond so that the drill officers have a good idea of attendance numbers.
- Once information on the upcoming Regions mod is received it will be sent out to members. If we don't hear from Regions we'll get a new game plan.
- The next CEU will be Jan. 26. This will be a Zoom meeting. An email listing the various times/dates to attend was sent out. If you plan to attend another department's training notify Rob Corey as soon as possible so your name can be added to the roster so you get credit.
- Fit testing date in IAmResponding.com is incorrectly scheduled for next week. It has been moved to Jan. 26. A Sign-up Genius email was sent out today for members to schedule their 10 minute testing slot. Remember to social distance while testing.

Captain Dave Schneider: Nothing reported.

Captain Mike Cruz:

- New dive gear was picked up last week. Divers, contact Mike Cruz to schedule a time to go through gear and review new equipment.
- Dive team is hoping to set up a pool date for dive skills.
- Discussed possible tender training.

Captain Steve Fogarty: Nothing reported.

Captain Chip Hannigan: Nothing reported.

Chief Jim Stanley:

- Tomorrow is pay day.
- Members are due soon for their second dose of the Covid vaccine. Those who had the first round should have received an email with information on scheduling your second dose.
- Tom Wilson was our rep from Lakeland Shores. He served several years and was chairman of the district board and on the relief association. If you see him, give him some thanks for the time spent on the board.
- "Chief 5" is not currently active with Dispatch. Once it becomes active, the chief and deputy chiefs will still be recognized as "Chief 1," "Chief 2," "Chief 3". Any other duty officer will be referred to as "Chief 5."
- EAM (Emergency Apparatus Maintenance) had to reschedule for Monday and Tuesday of next week to conduct maintenance checks on both engines, the tender and ambulance.
- A meeting will be scheduled with John Jurek, Ralph Piscitello and any other interested members to further discuss purchase of replacement for engine 2. Would like to present

proposal in February at the Operations meeting and to the Fire District Board in March to order.

- Exercise room will be painted this week. Mike Cruz and Jim Stanley were trying to fix a water leak due to an ice dam on the room before proceeding.
- An email requesting an update on status of new exercise equipment arrival has been sent.

Old Business: Nothing reported.

New Business:

- Reminder to hit IAmResponding when responding to calls. Indicating you're responding can be the difference between mutual aid being called or not.
- Get to the station as quickly and safely as you can; we need to get the rigs on the road a little bit quicker.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Ralph Piscitello and seconded by Judy Seeberger.

Meeting adjourned at 2132 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Kleinschmidt
Administrative Assistant