

LVFD Company Meeting Minutes October 28, 2016

7:03pm – Meeting called to Order by President Sparks

7:03pm – Reading of the American's Creed

7:04pm – Roll call of officers

7:05pm – Board of Directors

- BOD Chairman absent from meeting. Former Chairman Schneckeburger updated the company on a discussion and vote that was held at the last BOD meeting. It was unanimously voted on by the BOD to uphold Jason Dimeler's lifetime suspension and to remove him from the company. It must go before the body for the final vote.

7:05pm – Bills

- Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer both absent.

7:06pm – Proposition of Membership

- No new members to vote in
- Michael Kratochvil off of probation
 - Bernie Smith motion, Joe McDevitt 2nd, passed
- Sam Jackson off of probation
 - Joe McDevitt motion, Joe Cain 2nd, passed

7:07pm – Chief's Report

- Chief Kratochvil: PHYSICALS! Come Jan. 1, 2017 you must have a physical, even for observer status, on any piece of apparatus in the county.
- Capt. Buffington: County has new guidelines for swift water/flood rescue, high rise tactical deployment guidelines, and confined space rescue tactical. Put gear away when you get it out. Come around when you can.
- Lt. Lindsay: GSA gave approval to purchase equipment
 - BGE grant was submitted for \$10,000 to buy RIT bags
 - State Farm grant was submitted for \$17,000 to buy thermal imaging camera
 - Firehouse Subs grant was submitted for \$7,000 to buy rope and PFD's
- Lt. McDevitt: Log your calls in the books and NFIRS. If you ride in the front seat, complete them both.
- Lt. Donnell: NFIRS

7:10pm – Special and Standing Committees

- Recruitment and Retention: If Emergency Contact sheet, VFIS Beneficiary form, and ??? have not been filled out, please fill them out and turn in on President's desk. These must get done!

7:13pm - Consolidation with 34:

- 1) Things are moving fast and good.
- 2) Joint venture at Fall Festival and Home Depot Fire Safety Day on Oct. 22nd

- 3) Looking at starting a new corporation soon for a smooth transfer
- Joe McDevitt asked why are we splitting funds with Violetville. Chief Kratochvil said it was part of the early agreement. Joe wants fund raised together to go into a joint account for the new building.
 - Bernie Smith would like to keep up the good work that is being done between the 2 companies.
 - A big thank you to Mike May and the company he works for donating the pit beef and the Lansdowne Improvement Association for what they donated for the Fall Festival.

7:21pm - New Business

- John Schneckenburger motion to remove Jason Dimeler from membership. Joe McDevitt 2nd. (per the constitution, the motion is tabled so he can be notified)

7:25pm – Good of the Department

- Joe McDevitt: Please consider who you are voting for or want removed from a position in December at the annual meeting.
- Bernie Smith: Hearing good, positive things regarding President Sparks and what he has been doing since he took office. Hearing things from the communities, county officials, and members from other associations.
- Joe McDevitt: Really need help getting the equipment back on the street.
- Jake Barnes: Offering help to those who need help studying for the exams.
- Joe Cain: Motion to remove Doc Pete as a member of the Board of Directors, Joe McDevitt 2nd
 - 1) Discussion: He doesn't communicate well with members. He doesn't show up for functions and only comes to meetings. Disharmony being created by him. Is he trying to undermine what the new Chief and President are trying to do by trying to bring back members who have been suspended and voted out?
 - 2) Vote: 13 yay, 0 nay (unanimous). A letter of notification will be sent.
- Accountant will be coming in next week for a meeting about looking at our books. BCVFA recommends using an accountant and can reimburse the costs. Same accountant as Violetville.
- 2 vacant BOD seats (1 for 1 yr., 1 for 2 yrs.)
 - 1) Jon Schneckenburger motion to accept Val Dimeler's verbal resignation from BOD, Paul Reinke 2nd, passed
 - 2) Nominations will be accepted at the next company meeting

7:53pm – Bernie Smith motion to adjourn, Joe McDevitt 2nd