Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Special Board Meeting Minutes January 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Chris Wilson. President Chris Wilson announced the Board will suspend the normal order of business of the Board meeting to meet with the new junior applicants with their parents/guardians to review the Junior membership Program. Junior applicant Tristan Vacanti of 5072 Mt Vernon Blvd appeared with his Grandmother Pam to discuss his application for the Junior program.

It was moved by Thom Taylor and seconded by Dan Walter to go into executive session at 6:46 pm. 12 Yes 0 No M/C

The Grandmother and applicant were presented with an overview of Junior Firefighter activities including the basic fundamentals of firefighting which include using ladders and hoses, etc. It was stated that the Juniors work with equipment and various tools, including working around large firefighting trucks. Safety is our top priority and number one concern during trainings. Junior members need to be able to follow directions and be aware of what is going on at all times. It was stated that adequate supervision was provided during trainings but Junior Members need to be focused and attentive to remain safe. Board Members offered information about the Junior Program and asked Applicant Tristan and Grandmother Pam questions along with allowing them to ask questions also. School was emphasized as primary importance. The Junior applicant Tristan was asked if he was interested in firefighting and he responded with a nod "No".

It was moved by Mike Wiley and seconded by Brian Bleistein to put his application on hold for three months. 12 Yes 0 No M/C

It was moved by Craig Staffeldt and seconded by Dave Zimmer to leave executive session at 7:28 pm. 12 Yes 0 No M/C

It was moved by Dave Zimmer and seconded by Mike Wiley approve the December Board of Director meeting minutes. 12 Yes 0 No M/C

Roll call – 14 members present | 1-member present via Zoom | Mary Gates excused

Communications - No communications to report.

To See the Board

Junior Application – Nolan Feeney 3603 Columbia St. Attends Frontier High School. Sub-Investigating Committee recommendation. 10 Yes 0 No

Nolan and mother Melanie came before the board to review the Junior membership Program (reviewed same as previous overview), ask any questions they had, meet the Board Members and answer any questions.

It was moved by Paul Wilson and seconded by Mark Heilig for a favorable recommendation to the Fire Company 13 Yes 0 No M/C

Junior Application – Kaydence Wilde 166 Heritage Farm, West Seneca. Attends West Seneca West Middle School.

Sub-Investigating Committee recommendation. 10 Yes 0 No

Kaydence, mother Michelle and father Toby came before the board to review the Junior membership Program (reviewed same as previous overview), ask any questions they had, meet the Board Members and answer any questions.

It was moved by Brian Bleistein and seconded by Dave Zimmer for a favorable recommendation to the Fire Company 13 Yes 0 No M/C

Senior Application - Randy Meeks 3485 Pleasant Ave. – Fire Only

Background checks to be completed. National Grid shift worker. Former Fire Brigade member. Served in Navy.

Randy appeared before the Board to discuss his potential membership, review the Fire Company, answer questions he may have and meet the Board Members and answer any questions.

It was moved by Tom Putman and seconded by Mike Wiley for a favorable recommendation to the Fire Company 13 Yes 0 No M/C

Joe Pierce presented the Family Picnic Expense Report – 120 people in attendance. $5496.84 total spent. $2897 spent on accounts / credit cards. Advance $3000. $400.25 returned from advance.

This report was referred to the Audit Committee.

Craig Staffeldt presented the Children's' Christmas Party Expense Report - 31 children in attendance. Pizza and wings ordered on company credit card (separate from advance) ~$200. Cash paid for one gift – handwritten receipt provided (transaction was on iPad). $1000 Advance. $49.10 returned.

This report was referred to the Audit Committee.

Andy Harris presented the Adult Christmas Party Expense Report (Stacey Flick – Chairman)

$2509.81 checks through the company. Charges on Charge card as well. Bar Bill – no amount provided. Receipts attached.

This report was referred to the Audit Committee.

President's Announcements

Welcome two new Board Members Dave Zimmer and Mike Wiley

Kim Strawbridge was supposed to appear but contacted President that she was working and could not attend. She will appear at next meeting.

Work details are going well. Last drill had 20 plus people in attendance. Painting Chairman Dave Zimmer started on Secretary's office. Let President know if you have any materials in file cabinets – go through and discard if not important. Plan is to have two new computer stations for young people or anyone else who wants to use.

Carpets were cleaned at Rogers and Amsdell for $350, a great deal.

Roof leaks – Kevin Johns contacted insurance regarding damage from Christmas storm. Leaks should be taken care of. Chief will submit for reimbursement from FEMA.

Generator – pinhole leak in radiator at Rogers - $4137 quoted. Andy Nirelli put silver solder in to stop leak and see if this will work.

Old Business

Chief's Report

Provided the 2023 Line Officers. Not many changes, some additions.

It was moved by Paul Wilson and seconded by Thom Taylor for approval.

13 Yes 0 No M/C

9-2 Garret Hileman's vehicle was damaged during the Christmas Storm. $2000 damage. Vehicle is repaired. Will also submit as part of FEMA reimbursement for Christmas Storm.

Christmas Storm – 25 members participated over 3 – 4 days on standby. Calls during storm were lower as cold response calls were determined if a priority by Dr. Clemency. Nurse Nav Program also assisted to determine if ambulance needed.

No more basement pumping for public due to liability reasons. Dispatch advised. Equipment will be available for members as needed.

Proposed Restricted Active Members (RAM) Policy for 17-year-olds presented. Call / Email chief with comments. Vote on next meeting.

Proposed Minitor Policy discussed but not presented. $75 assessment for lost minitor, even if lost on calls. Same for portable radios. $355 assessment for minitors not returned when member leaves company. If stolen must file a Police Report. Chief will email policy to Board Members. Would like to vote on next meeting.

Will sell Watchdog Minitors this year. If no interest will donor or discard.

PAB (ambulance billing) contract information provided and reviewed. $35 will be charged per submitted PCR. This is not every call we go on - if we don't respond or transport PAB won't bill. They will set up account with Medicare / Medicaid; they will do all paperwork for us. Will integrate with ESO. PAB will cover Lake Shore VFC ESO bill (~$5500). PAB will bill insurance. If no insurance, bill will be sent direct to patient. Won't go after patients with no insurance that do not pay. Checks (insurance payments) will be sent to patient and patient will pay Lake Shore. PAB won't go after patients who do not pay Lake Shore. Medicare / Medicaid will pay Lake Shore direct. Will need someone in charge of PCRs. Need separate bank account for billing. Need National Provider number. Monies received must be used for EMS. Goal is by September to having billing system operational. No upfront charges.

It was moved by Paul Wilson and seconded by Mike Wiley to sign a two year contract with PAB. 13 Yes 0 No M/C

County Seminar – Members and American Disability Act. Chief provided information to board for board members to attend (2 days).

Justin Minton – 6 Month Review. Chet Lipka, mentor, has been very helpful. Justin had competed BFO and IFO. Cleared as EMT (worked for AMR). Has helped out the Juniors with their training. Need to complete smokehouse. Looking into additional classes to take but classes fill up quickly.

It was moved by Brian Bleistein and seconded by Mark Heilig to provide a favorable review for Justin Minton. 14 Yes 0 No M/C

Send letter to Alexis Van Wie for Zoom Meeting for 6-month review.

New Business

Need to send a certified resolution to town for Joe Pierce as Treasurer and Mary Gates a Recording Secretary.

It was moved by Tom Putman and seconded by Paul Wilson to send the Town of Hamburg a certified resolution that Joe Pierce is Treasurer and Mary Gates is Recording Secretary. 14 Yes 0 No M/C

Need to nominate Liquor License Holder. James Crandall nominated.

It was moved by Brian Bleistein and seconded by Tom Putman to appoint James Crandall as State Liquor Authority (SLA) Officer. 14 Yes 0 No M/C

Chief Paul Wilson reported that Lake Shore had 1130 calls in 2022 and 1015 in 2021. He appreciates everyone come out to assist.

Next meeting Hall Rental (Peggie Lipka), Bar (Brian Bleistein), Vending Machine (Dave Zimmer) need to give annual report for committees handling fire company monies.

It was moved by Paul Wilson and seconded by Mike Wiley to send a letter to have the above committee chairman provide their reports at the next Board of Directors meeting, except the Bar Report will be at the March Board Meeting.

President Chris Wilson reported that apparel will be online with no inventory. Asked Board what to do with existing inventory.

It was moved by Paul Wilson and seconded by Dan Walter to sell existing apparel inventory at $2 per item. It was noted that everyone should have the opportunity to purchase. 11 Yes 0 No

New Hall Rental rates were discussed. A deposit will be required to cover damages or non-cleaning penalty. Will have updated draft at next Board Meeting.

Vice-President Dan Walter presented the 2023 Committee sheets for review.

It was moved by Dave Zimmer and seconded by Paul Wilson to approve the 2023 Committee assignments. 14 Yes 0 No M/C

BILLS

It was moved by Tom Taylor and seconded by Dave Zimmer to pay the bills as presented. 13 Yes 0 No M/C

Paul Wilson brought up Kamali Davis as a potential Honorary Member. He is active with Juniors, critiques and Company Trainings. He goes above and beyond for us.

It was moved by Paul Wilson and seconded by Brian Bleistein to recommend to the company Kamali Davis as an Honorary Member. 14 Yes 0 No M/C

It was moved by Garrett Hileman and seconded by Mike Wiley to adjourn the meeting. 14 Yes 0 No M/C

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Acting Recording Secretary

Peggie Lipka