

KVFD May 2, 2022 Membership meeting minutes

present: at the firehouse = John Russell, Cathe Mazza, Sean Dingee, Eric Epstein, Alan Gawel, Wendall Soule, John Christen. On Zoom = Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Jill Scholsohn, Ed Matson, Jean Speck, Gary Hock.

Call to order @19:09

Pledge of Allegiance

Our Charter was draped in black and we held a moment of silence in honor of past member, Sam Matson.

Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Wendall Soule, to add boat expenses to the end of New Business. Voting yes: Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Ed Matson, Jill Scholsohn, Cathe Mazza, Wendall Soule, Sean Dingee, Alan Gawel, Eric Epstein. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

Public/ member comment: none.

Treasurer's Report

1. **Ed Matson made a motion, seconded by Wendall Soule, to approve the unpaid bills and amended to add the \$100.00 invoice for Halloran Sage attorney at law.** Voting yes: Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Ed Matson, Jill Scholsohn, Gary Hock, Alan Gawel, John Christen, Sean Dingee, Wendall Soule, Eric Epstein. Voting no: no one. Abstention: Jean Speck. Motion carries.
2. **Ed Matson made a motion, seconded by John Christen, to pay the recurring bills.** Voting yes: Ed Matson, Jill Scholsohn, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, John Christen, Alan Gawel, Sean Dingee, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Eric Epstein, Gary Hock. Voting no: no one. Abstention: Jean Speck. Motion carries.
3. Ed stated that we paid \$4,625 in stipends for April.

Correspondence: one letter of thanks with a donation was read.

April 4 membership meeting minutes: **John Christen made a motion, seconded by Ed Matson, to approve the minutes as published.** Voting yes: Ed Matson, Jill Scholsohn, Jean Speck, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, John Christen, Alan Gawel, Sean Dingee, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Gary Hock. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

Membership

1. Audra Petrone emailed the President, "Due to many changes in my situation over the past year, and anticipated changes in the near future, I would like, at this point, to go to veteran status." **John Christen made a motion, seconded by Alan Gawel, to move Audra Petrone to veteran status with a letter of thanks sent by the secretary.** Voting yes: Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Gary Hock, Ed Matson, Jean Speck, Jill Scholsohn, John Christen, Alan Gawel, Sean Dingee, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Eric Epstein. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.
2. **Jean Speck made a motion, seconded by Sean Dingee, to approve Aurora Aviles as a probationary member.** Voting yes: Jean Speck, Ed Matson, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Jill Scholsohn, John Christen, Alan Gawel, Sean Dingee, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Eric Epstein. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.
3. **Sean Dingee made a motion, seconded by Alan Gawel, to accept Jeffrey Rojas as a probationary member.** Voting yes: Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Jill Scholsohn, Ed Matson, John Christen, Alan Gawel, Sean Dingee, Cathe Mazza, Wendall Soule, Eric Epstein. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

Executive Committee: minutes of April meeting were emailed to all.

Old Business

1. **Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Wendall Soule, to accept the 2020 auditor's report.** Voting yes: John Christen, Alan Gawel, Sean Dingee, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Eric Epstein, Jean Speck, Ed Matson, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Jill Scholsohn, Gary Hock. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.
2. KML quiz night. We have received a copy of the Library's insurance. **Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Eric Epstein, to allow the Library to use the firehouse bays for Quiz Night fundraiser on September 24, 2022.** Voting yes: Jill Scholsohn, Jean Speck, Ed Matson, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Gary Hock, John Christen, Alan Gawel, Sean Dingee, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Eric Epstein. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.
3. Town funding for EMS staffing: **Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Wendall Soule, to have KVFD support the current staffing model projection of \$224,500.00 at the town budget hearing (on Friday, May 6).** Voting yes: Jill Scholsohn, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, John Christen, Cathe Mazza, Wendall Soule, Alan Gawel, Ed Matson. Voting no: Eric Epstein. Abstention: Jean Speck. Motion carries.
4. Foundation Committee: meetings resume this week.

New Business

1. Stipend legal matter and expense: general discussion. The President will send out the final draft from Halloran Sage.
2. Supplemental Staff Policy: **Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Jean Speck, to accept the presented staffing policy changes.** Voting yes: Jill Scholsohn, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Alan Gawel. Voting no: Gary Hock, John Christen, Cathe Mazza, Wendall Soule, Eric Epstein. Abstention: Jean Speck. Motion fails.
3. Lawn proposals and contract: **Eric Epstein made a motion, seconded by John Christen, to contract Haymore Services for two years at \$2,460.00 per year.** Voting yes: Gary Hock, Jill Scholsohn, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Eric Epstein, Cathe Mazza, Alan Gawel, Wendall Soule, John Christen. Voting no: no one. Abstention: Jean Speck. Motion carries.
4. Parking request from EMS staffer: **Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Wendall Soule, to approve the request for the motorcycle to be parked inside the firehouse as per the recommendation of the EC and as long as ERM approves of the request.** Voting yes: Jill Scholsohn, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Alan Gawel, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Jean Speck. Voting no: Eric Epstein. Abstentions: John Christen, Gary Hock. Motion carries.
5. Boat expenses: **Wendall Soule made a motion, seconded by Alan Gawel, to spend up to \$2,260.00 for decaling and equipment for Marine 1.** Voting yes: Gary Hock, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, John Christen, Alan Gawel, Cathe Mazza, Wendall Soule, Eric Epstein. Voting no: no one. Abstention: Jean Speck. Motion carries.

President's Report

1. annual dues are coming in - thanks.
2. John has asked VFIS if we would have any liability IF we donate expired PPE to Ukraine.

Chief's Report

1. Training options: **Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Wendall, to approve \$1,100.00 for two people to the June swift water technician course in Sherman.** Voting yes: Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Jill Scholsohn, John Christen, Alan Gawel, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Eric Epstein, Gary Hock. Voting no: no one. Abstention: Jean Speck. Motion carries.
2. Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Wendall Soule, to spend up to \$600 for five (5) people for an inland water rescue course to be held in Sherman on June 26. Voting yes: John Christen, Alan Gawel, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Eric Epstein, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Jill Scholsohn, Gary Hock. Voting no: no one. Abstention: Jean Speck.
3. COVID numbers are rising-Alan strongly encouraged mask wearing.
4. Thanks to all call responders.
5. fit testing will be this month.

6. physicals are due.
7. Sharon Hospital: a water storage tank is under repair.

Line Officers

17 calls in April

Ambulance Chief

35 calls in April.

There is a horse show at the Kent School stables on June 19 and we will need to provide a crew.

Committee Reports

Recruitment: we will have a table at the Labor Day carnival on Sept. 3 from 12-4 p.m. at the Golden Falcon field.

Appointed Positions

Firehouse facilities: Eric reported that the heater in front of the apron is ok. The back flow filters are also ok.

Alarm testing is done. The doors are fixed. We will need a work detail ahead of the Ball in June.

Tech officer: Jean reported that every committee has a link now to youtube for posting videos.

Auxiliary: no report

Juniors: elections were held recently.

Expenditure Warning

1. Alan warned for safety vests=swift water life jackets and regular PFD. He has a donation of \$2,000.00 to put towards an item.
2. Mary Ann warned for up to \$160.00 to update BLS.
3. Gary warned for replacing the refrigerator in the apparatus bay.
4. Wendall warned for Marine 2 decaling.

Adjourned at 21:54

Respectfully submitted,

Cathe

Secretary