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December Officers Meeting
January 5, 2011 19:24 hours

President Oelschlager called the December officers meeting of the Crete Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department to order at 19:24 hours with 9 officers in attendance.

President Oelschlager read the open meeting rules: The Fire & Rescue Department has posted a copy of the open meetings Act laws of the State of Nebraska, in the back of the meeting room, additional copies are available to read. If anyone wishes one during this meeting please advice. As each agenda item is considered, if there are any questions concerning the agenda item please make us aware of this request.

Medical Director Dr. Amy Vertin: Dr. Vertin is here tonight with updates for us on happenings of CAMC and future plans on their end. She states she has been observing the squads that she is medical director for. She stated she wants to open lines of communication on both ends and look towards the future as far as possible trainings for the department. She would like to come to department meeting about every other month. The first topic would be a general protocol review. There was discussion on the topic. Dr. Vertin asked for clarification on how ambulances were licensed for transfers. Discussion on possibilities for making sure things flow smoothly. CAMC staff will be down on Jan 17th practice to possibly assist with CPR refresher. There was a question on the use of the Paramedics and RNs on the department. There was discussion on the topic. Dr. Vertin thanked the officers for their time and looks forward to working with them in the future.

Officers Reports

Chief Mahlon Kohl: We have received some checks from different places. The first was from Nestle Purina for the Annual Fund Drive. The second one was actually two checks for the Irene Waggener memorial. Red light permits are out, they need to be filled out ASAP and returned. Mahlon made more chimney bombs after chimney fire last week. Mahlon commented that we haven't had one in couple years and with the large amount of new members, that there may be a need for a review and possible future training on that type of call. The new chainsaws will be on trucks soon. Josh will be finishing the servicing of them and they will be placed on 90 and 98. There was discussion on topic. There are now new overhaul tools in service. They are going to be on 90 on back near the attic ladder. The Sittler family had contacted Mahlon and wanted a house burnt a while back but it had asbestos at the time. We have received a letter stating that it all has been removed. We are looking at early March for the burn. Travis will call Lancaster County to get permits. President Oelschlager asked if there were any questions for Mahlon.

Assistant Chief Ken Brown: Nothing to report at this time. President Oelschlager asked if there were any questions for Ken.

Fire Captain Gordon Bridges: Absent.

Fire 1st Lieutenant Bob Boyle: Absent.

Fire 2nd Lieutenant Josh Page: Nothing to report at this time. President Oelschlager asked if there were any questions for Josh.

Rescue Captain Travis Sears: The annual CPR refresher will be on Jan 17th. Marty will now in charge of the EMT renewal process. The American Heart Association (AHA) CPR standards are being redone again. AHA has not sent out the protocol yet. For this year we will continue to train on the old standards. The new standards will be out in April. The 'IAMResponding' computer has been broke for quite some time. The city called last week saying they needed a computer so they came over and took it. President Oelschlager asked if there were any questions for Travis.

Rescue 1st Lieutenant Randy Williams: Absent.

Rescue 2nd Lieutenant Marty Urbanek: Nothing to report at this time. President Oelschlager asked if there were any questions for Marty.

Ambulance Administrator Marty Urbanek: The ambulance transfer schedule is done for next year. As of now it is set up for a six month rotation. Currently we have 8 teams signed up. Hopefully members currently enrolled in EMT class will be certified mid-year and will want to be added to the list. Travis asked if help from surrounding departments has increased. There is one team from Wilber and one team from Dorchester. Marty has talking to Beth at EMS Billing on the possibility of increasing the fees for the ambulance. We are below minimum of what Medicare will pay right now. Travis suggested raising them to the Medicare minimum. There was discussion on the topic. There was discussion on the possibility of an increase of compensation for attendants. Travis stated this would have to come in form of a new city ordnance. Marty will get everything ready for presentation to Public Safety Committee and City Council.

Secretary Kyle Poore: Kyle asked if there was anything we wanted to change on the current membership application before they are printed for the current year. There was discussion on the topic. President Oelschlager asked if there were any questions for Kyle.

Treasurer Tricia Feeken: The city recently changed the server and her email got messed up. Tom O. at city hall advised Trish to advise the officers that we will need to look at replacing that computer. Chuck suggested looking at buying two computers. There was a discussion on the topic. Chief will decide on how to proceed. President Oelschlager asked if there were any questions for Tricia.

Vice President Chuck Vyhnalek: Our new SCBAs should be delivered within the next two weeks. The company representive will come down and do a department wide training on them. Chuck has received some radios back that were in for repair. Chuck would like to order a couple more. The officers gave Chuck permission to proceed. Chuck brought up proceeding to go out for specs for new pumper-tanker. The officers agreed to proceed to the council for permission to go out for specs. President Oelschlager asked if there were any questions for Chuck.

President Jack Oelschlager: Jack has received many of the committee list sign-ups back. Jack will work on getting them all completed for department meeting Tuesday. President Oelschlager asked if there were any questions for him.

Committee Reports

Dinner Dance Chair Shelley Poore: The committee had looked at possibility of moving the event. Doane has been contacting Shelley and has wanted to make a lot of changes from previous years. One of the major changes was them requiring us to have a liquor license for the event. Shelley said she personally will not sign the license. There was discussion on the topic. Travis will call President Brand tomorrow to discuss these issues. If issues can not be resolved there is the possibility to look at Armory next year.

Auditing/By-laws: They will meet tomorrow night at 7pm for audit of the books.

Special Order of Business

None presented.

Old Business

None presented.

New Business

Travis asked if the insurance payment was made. Jack stated he had not received the bill yet. There was an issue with the bay door in the ambulance stall. Overhead Doors Inc. was down to fix problem. They will return to check all of the other doors. The heat condensation pump went out at station. Travis suggested bringing a contractor down and looking at a new system. There was discussion on the topic. Travis will be contacting possible companies. The city will look at the heating elements in bays. There was discussion on possibly looking at installing heating units at the training grounds building. This will be forwarded to training grounds committee. There was a discussion on the need to amend the minutes from last month's department meeting. Rolly Church will be supplying the meal for the next department meeting. He will be ordering pizza for the department. There was a question brought forward about the alcohol at the station. There was discussion on the topic.

Officers Meeting Minutes

Secretary Poore presented the November Officers meeting minutes to the officers. There was a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion by Trish Feeken, 2nd by Ken Brown, motion carried.

Motioned to adjourn at 21:36 hours by Trish Feeken, 2nd by Marty Urbanek, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 21:36 hours.

Jack Oelschlager
President Jack Oelschlager

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