

Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association

April 16, 2023

Mount Savage Volunteer Fire Department

Call to Order 2:30 pm – **President Christner.**

Invocation & Memorial Service – **Chaplain Morgan** asked for the names of those who passed within the past three months. **Gene** will start writing down the names of volunteers who passed within the past two months in-between meetings.

Pledge of Allegiance – **Vice President Jonathan Dayton**

Welcome by Host Company – **Chad Robison** welcomed everyone to Mt. Savage. The meal was served. **Thank you, Mt. Savage.**

Roll Call of Departments – **13 departments** present. **Secretary Dayton**

Recognition of Past Presidents – **Nine past presidents** were in attendance.

Introduction of Guest – **Vice President Jonathan Dayton.** **Charles Simpson** announced his candidacy for **MSFA's 2nd Vice President.** **Nicole Stotelmyer, MSFA SAFER Grant Coordinator,** talked about classes for the **MSFA convention, regional coordinator positions open, and ongoing Maryland Volunteer website updates.**

Officer Reports – **N/A**

Approval of Minutes - **Motion by Gene, Second by Tom. Motion approved.**

Bills & Financial Report – **Motion by Gary Carpenter, Second by Gerald, to pay the MSFA Welcome reception bill. Motion carried.**

Partner Agency Reports

Maryland Fire-Rescue Institute – The MFRI report was emailed, and a paper copy was distributed on the side table.

Region One MIEMSS – **N/A**

Maryland State Firemen's Association

- President(s) - **N/A**
- Volunteer Company Assistance Fund –
- Executive Committee – **MSP Aviation Command** has cadet openings. **MSFA grants are available for smoke alarms for \$500; the company costs \$100. Alert All is a partner. Materials will be customizable to the department.**

Allegany County Fire Police – **Trustee Gary Carpenter** reported if your member is a member of the Fire Police, please ensure they keep their gear easily assessable.

Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office – **Fire Marshal Geraci is retiring.**

Allegany or Garrett Counties Department of Emergency Services – **No Report.**

Fellowship of Christian Firefighters – **Holding off till after the convention.**

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative – **All updates have been sent out via email.**

Fire Prevention – **No Report.**

Public Relations – **No Report.**

Insurance & Benefits – **Deferred to new business.**

Safety – **Allegany County is putting together training for lithium-ion batteries.**

Training – **MFRI report is printed.**

Constitution & By-Laws – **Dick DeVore asked for by-law-executive committee approval to place these items on the ballot—motion by Tim Dayton, second by Gene Kidwell. Motion carried. Motion to send \$50 to the Bessie Marshall Fund in the name of John, second by Gary Carpenter. Motion carried.**

Ways & Means – **No report.**

History & Archives – **No report.**

Recruitment & Retention – **Updates reported under the introduction of guests.**

EMS – **Vacant, No report.**

Group or Special Committee Reports

Scholarship – **There's still time to submit your application. One application so far. The committee will accept applications past the deadline up to the convention.**

Chaplaincy – **MSFA Chief Chaplain John Long Jr is looking for a host location for the foundations of chaplaincy class.**

Smoke Alarm/LODD Project – **New flags have been added to the LODD memorial.**

Five- & Ten-Year Planning – **N/A**

Old Business - N/A

New Business - Motion by Tim Dayton to support Charles Simpson for 2nd Vice President of the MSFA, second by Barb Knippenberg. Motion carried. Donation by Ellaine Huttenluck LAMSFA

Good of the Association -

Benediction -

Adjournment -

The next meeting is at the convention at Ellerslie on June 3, 2023—separate awards dinner at Hobo's Restaurant.

