

Valley Fire & Rescue

28409 Huntington Road Apple Grove, WV 25502 P.O. Box 63



Valley Fire & Rescue General Business Meeting January 6, 2025

Call to order/ Roll Call:

John Hesson called the meeting to order with prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Members In Attendance:

- Zach Adkins
- Tyler Bonecutter
- Alisha Hammond
- Nathan McQueen

- Luke Tilka
- John Tilton
- John Hesson
- Rebecca Ferrell (Auxiliary)

Public In Attendance:

N/A

Financial Report:

The Treasurer did not provide us with a report for the meeting

Old Business:

Review of New Business from last month's Business Meeting

Zach Adkins: Motion to accept old business Tyler Bonecutter: 2nd

New Business:

Zach Adkins:

- -Letter of intent for intent for vice president, Roger Bennett
- -9,811 hours of participation among all members
- -7 members eligible for Stipends
- -69 Stipends worth \$1280 between 6 members
- -Get with Luke Tilka if help is needed with ESO
- -Reminder We need to establish a 90 second turnout time. Get your gear on and go.
 - Station arrival to truck enroute.
 - o You have 24/7 access if you need to work on getting your gear on.
 - We should be on scene with a crew of 6 within 14 minutes of alarm as long as the call is within 8 miles of the station
 - We should be on scene with a crew of 4 within drive time if farther
- -February 15th awards banquet it will be a don't miss event
- -Red light permit- see requirements in training policy
- -Active members need to update their information with us in ESO by January 31.
- -Inactive members, honorary members, and auxiliary members need to update their information with us by January 31
- -Tax incentives
 - o 30% of emergency Responses
 - o 30% of activities, based on 2 activities a week (29/yr)
 - This month is a fresh start, lets keep on track so everyone can receive this next year.
 - Last year 82 was the magic number.
 - o One member exceeded 82 in a 3 month period....
- -If we utilized the 15% rule, like other departments, 8 members would have been removed last year.

-Maintenance -

o fix issues as you find them

o Ensure you are starting and running all equipment, maintenance checks are

not a present check, they are a functional test of our equipment

Ensure straps are loose when checking air packs

-If anyone is or knows someone interested in joining the board, we have 1 community member seat

needing filled

-T-shirt order will be in by awards

-IFSAC Firefighter 1 begins January 7th (Tomorrow)

-First Responder program is being placed on hold until we can establish a functioning fire department (0

missed calls, everyone receiving tax incentives, clean building/equipment, etc.) then it will be

reconsidered

-We are beginning an addition to the training facility, we will need all the help we can get to make this

happen.

New Membership:

Emilio Sawh (Auxiliary Applicant)

Membership Vote:

Zach Adkins: Motion to accept as auxiliary member Nathan McQueen: 2nd

Passed

Katrina Tilton (Auxiliary Applicant)

Membership Vote:

Zach Adkins: Motion to accept as auxiliary member Nathan Mcqueen: 2nd

Passed

Kimberly Lang (Firefighter Applicant)

Ineligible for membership vote due to not being denied less than 3 months ago (Per Bylaws)

Brendan Langsdorf (Firefighter Applicant)

Ballot Vote:

Majority Vote - Approved for membership

Zach Adkins: Motioned to extend the probationary period to allow a fair assessment of

probationary members

Nathan McQueen: 2nd Passed

Roger Bennet has submitted a letter of intent to become the vice president of Valley Fire & Rescue.

Ballot Vote

Majority Vote - Approved for Vice President

Zach Adkins: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Nathan McQueen: 2nd

Meeting Adjourned

