



Valley Fire & Rescue

28409 Huntington Road Apple Grove, WV 25502
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Valley Fire & Rescue General Business Meeting June 2, 2025

Member Taking Minutes: Zach Adkins

Call to order/ Roll Call:

The president called the meeting to order with prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Members In Attendance

- Brendan Langsdorf
- John Tilton
- Shane Lang
- Nathan McQueen
- Dustyn Kelly
- Brandon Armstrong
- Heather Lang
- John Hesson
- Zach Adkins
- Davian Dowden
- Rebecca Ferrell
- Roger Bennett
- Donna Bennett
- Danny Luckeydoo

Financial Report:

Report from treasurer was not provided

Old Business:

Review of New Business from last month's Business Meeting

Brandon Armstrong: Motion to accept old business **Nathan McQueen:** 2nd

New Business:

Nathan McQueen:

Need help with ATV ride, will be preparing for event most nights this week

John Tilton:

Discussed opening CPR class to community to help with recruitment of new volunteers

Brandon Armstrong:

Needs radios to put number labels on if they haven't already

Nathan McQueen:

If grass hasn't been mowed, duty crew needs to ensure grass is mowed

Zach Adkins:

- SAFER GRANT
 - Monthly states were not provided by the secretary to calculate stipends for this month
 - 9 Have met training requirements. - let's get to 10 by next month
 - TIM is online and a major hold up for members currently (8 need)
 - If you don't meet the requirements, we can't give you stipends, if you don't meet the requirements by the 3-year mark you will be removed from the department.
- We have added ValleyVFD.com/TV as a private link with updates. This has been added to the meeting room and bay on continual display.
- Duty Weekend Schedule posted, ensure you are responding. If you are unavailable for any valid reason, reach out to an officer beforehand!
- Thanks to our duty crews for ensuring calls are being answered
- Each Friday of duty weekend between the hours of 0600 and 2000 hours each member assigned to duty weekend will contact the Driver/Officer for their weekend with that member's status.
 - Each Friday once all members have checked in, the Driver /Officer will report to the Chief the crew names for the weekend.

- Any member not reporting in by 2000 hours will be considered not participating and not credited for the weekend. Disciplinary actions will be initiated for failure to respond

- Open House July 23 5pm – 8pm
 - We need all we can get to pop in at various times
- June 21st Slice of Summer – Pizza Party 6pm
- Maintenance Groups
 - Groups will rotate on July 1, we are experimenting with something new, hopefully more efficient format
 - Ensure your group completes your assigned truck each month.
 - Disciplinary action will happen for failure to participate in maintenance.

- Maintenance checks are a compressive check, ensure you are checking and refueling equipment, making sure it is operational, and in top shape
 - Water boxes need to be full
 - Batteries fully charged
 - Anything dirty cleaned
 - If you find blue tape with a number take it to Nathan immediately
 - If you are unable to perform these checks alone, get someone to assist you, Brandon, Zach, Nathan are assigned to supporting you.
 - Each truck should take about 2 hours

- Next round of 1 on 1's began May 1, with a July 1 due date. If your Officer has not reached out to you let Zach know immediately

- We need drivers:

- Contact any driving instructor to get driving time and work towards getting signed off to drive.
 - May's Driver training – no one showed up but Nathan
- As discussed in the March & May meetings, ESO is your responsibility. If your training is not in there, you don't have it.
 - If you need assistance with ESO let an Officer know (1 on 1's are a great opportunity for this)
 - 7 members have been suspended due to not maintaining the training required by the West Virginia State Fire Commission. They will remain suspended until they can rectify the situation – no stipends, no tax incentive.
- If you have not used Active 911 in the last 90 days, your access has been revoked.
- Upcoming trainings:
 - ICS-300 June 20-2225-517-05 / 400 August 16-17 (needed for Officer Positions)
 - Live Fire Night – August 23
 - EVOC December 13-14 (needed every 5 years)
 - Q3 we will begin rope training for rope responders

New Membership:

Brandon McDade: (Firefighter Applicant)

Ballot Vote: Majority Vote - Not Approved for membership

Vote on New Bylaws: 7 yay 0 Nay

Nathan McQueen: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Shane Lang: 2nd

Meeting Adjourned

