

North Kingstown Firefighters Association
September 12, 2023, 1800 hours
NKFD Station 1
Meeting Notes

Present Executive Board Members:

- Steve St. Pierre, Chris Beattie, Robert Wilson, Christian Tiexiera, Andrew Kent, Craig Insana, Jason Morgan

A. Call to Order: 18:06

B. Moment Of Silence

C. Treasurer's Report: See Treasurer Robert Wilson's report

- a. Motion made to accept report by Tim Curry, Seconded by John Batzinger. Motion carried

D. RISAFF Report: Steve St. Pierre

- a. Next RISAFF meeting will be 9/27/2023, 1900 hrs, at LeFoyer Club in Pawtucket

E. Report of Committees

- a. Health and Safety- Steve St. Pierre- Next Out of Box Event will be on 10/16/2023 at Proclamation Ale Company
- b. Honor Guard- Brian Bonneau- Thank you all who attended the 9/11 Ceremony. Next event will be the Veteran's Day Parade
- c. MDA- Robert Wilson- This year's collection was two days. Last year, we collected roughly \$5,200.00 and this year we collected just over \$8,400.00
- d. PAC- Craig Insana- There is just under \$2,000.00 in the PAC Account. We have maxed out PAC contributions to Representative Casimiro with \$1,000.00. The fundraiser event for Rep. Casimiro will be on 10/2/2023 at the Back 40.
- e. Scholarship- Matt Colna- Nothing to report
- f. Sunshine- Brian Bonneau- We have purchased new baby baskets and sympathy baskets since our last meeting
- g. Union Store- Jason Morgan- On a call, nothing to report
- h. 2023 Golf Tournament- Update- Jason Fritsche- roughly \$6,500.00 was raised in the tournament

F. Old Business

- a. Family Day- Jared Lussier- roughly 130 people attended the event. For future family events, we would like to push for all local members to attend, not just those with kids

G. New Business

- a. Steve St. Pierre- NKFFA Sporting Clay Shoot, 10/14/2023, 0900 hrs at Peacedale Shooting Preserve
- b. Sick Leave Usage- Andrew Kent- Currently, the department has used 3,000 more hours of sick leave than last year. This was brought to the Union's attention by the Administration and we fear the Town may push to eliminate 24 hour shifts next contact. The Union understands that this year we have had more long term illnesses, injuries, and retirements.
- c. Public Safety Building Campaign- Scott Lessard/Steve St. Pierre- Over the last two years, St. Pierre and Scott Lessard have been on the building committee for a new public safety building.

- i. This November, a single bond question will be on the Ballet for a new Middle School and Public Safety Complex. Of that Bond, 55 Million will be for the Police/Fire Public Safety Complex
 - ii. We are currently working with the Police and Teachers Union to help support the Campaign to get this question passed. People in the Town have donated funds towards the Campaign.
 - iii. Lessard: we want your support to hit the streets and drop flyers to the registered voters in town. The donated funds will go towards the cost associated with making the flyers. There is an informational website that went live on 9/11/2023
 - iv. Lessard- Motion for Local 1651's support in "Invest NK" Campaign and earmark up to \$3,000 of PAC. Seconded by John Batzinger. Voted on by show of hands. 26 votes Yes and 22 votes No. Motion carried
- d. Providence Canteen Fundraiser- Mark Cardarelli- There is a Go Fund Me for repairs on one of their trucks. Motion to donate \$500.00. Seconded by Craig Insana. Motion carried
- e. Shadow Boxes- Myron Wood- I am having two shadow boxes made for Lt King and Lt Kittle as retirement gifts. I will also be planning a retirement party at Richards Pub for them. I would like each member to consider donating \$20.00 for the cost of the shadow boxes and the party. Any surplus of money would be used towards future retirement parties.
- f. Election of Local 1651 Officers for 2024
 - i. 19:11- Justin Pucket motions to open nominations for President. Steve St. Pierre nominated by Dave Shogren. Seconded by Bill Maccarone. No other nominations were called 3 times. Dave Shogren casts 1 ballot for Steve St. Pierre. All in favor. Steve St. Pierre elected. Closed at 19:13
 - ii. 19:14- Christian Tiexiera motions to open nominations for Vice President seconded by Bill Maccarone. Nomination for Chris Beattie by Bob Olivier. Nomination for Craig Insana by Derek Ravenell. Nomination for Ray Furtado by Mark Cardarelli. Ray Furtado declined nomination. Vice president nominations voted on by paper ballot. Ballots were counted by Sara Coughlin and Mike Conti and supervised by Christian Tiexiera. Chris Beattie received 34 Votes, Craig Insana received 37 votes. Craig Insana elected. Closed 19:25
 - iii. 19:26- Steve St. Pierre motion to open nominations for Secretary. Ryan Hanrahan nominates Christian Tiexiera, seconded by Joe Hartman. No other nominations were called 3 times. Steve St. Pierre casts 1 ballot fo Christian Tiexiera. All in favor. Christian Tiexiera elected 19:27
 - iv. 19:27- Andrew Kent motions to open up nomination for Treasurer. Seconded by Justin Puckett. Andrew Kent nominates Robert Wilson. No other nominations were called 3 times. Nominations closed and Steve St Pierre cast 1 ballot for Rob Wilson. Rob Wilson elected. 19:27.
 - v. 19:28. Motion to open up nominations for Members at Large (3 positions). Andrew Kent nominated by Joe Barber, seconded by Dave Shogren. Ray Furtado nominated by Adam Crabtree, seconded by Steve Brunelle. Jason Morgan nominated by Craig Insana, seconded by Andrew Kent. Mark Cardarelli nominated but declined nomination. Carl Gardner nominated by Robert Wilson,

seconded by Tim Davis. Zack Hawes nominated by Mike Conti, seconded by Tim Davis. Chris Beattie nominated but declined. Mark Nolan nominated but declined. Members at Large positions voted on by paper ballot. Counted by Sara Coughlin and Mike Conti and supervised by Christian Tiexiera. Andrew Kent received 65 votes, Jason Morgan received 50 votes, Carl Gardiner received 44 votes, Zack Hawes received 23 votes, Ray Furtado received 30 votes. Andrew Kent, Jason Morgan, Carl Gardiner elected.

H. Adjourned at 19:44