

Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Alumni Association
Annual Business Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2010 2000 hours; Far East Restaurant

Minutes of April 27, 2009 meeting approved as submitted.

President's Report: President Wilkins reported Board had a slow start, but is now active. One appointed Board position remains open—let Tom know if you can help.

Next event July 17 BBQ and potluck at the home of Terry and Brian McGinness (rain date 07/24).

Basket Bingo fundraiser scheduled for November 7 at Sandy Spring VFD hall if available. Need support for baskets and help for that day.

Financials: \$2104.72 in checking; \$1237.69 in CD.

Communications: Card received from John Rives thanking the Alumni for the beautiful plant.

Members provided an update on their current activities and history.

Chief Sterling said he will try to keep the newsletter coming. Please provide information to him to include in the newsletter.

Chief Platky reported on the deaths during the past year of Life Member and Past President Wayne Dasher, and fire service friends Carlos Alfaro, Danny Irvine, Sr., and Scott Doyle. Squad ran 8635 calls in 2009. "Station Tracker" software can now quantify time contribution of volunteers—Squad members provided over 50,000 hours of service in last half of 2009. Patient records are now done electronically—ePCR—electronic patient care reporting. There is an ambulance stationed at Station 19 weekday days. There is a medic unit at Station 5 staffed only when volunteers are available. Relationship with Chief Bowers is OK. Staffing at Squad was reduced by 8 hours per day—the largest cut in the county. Billy Bell was honored posthumously by induction into the MC Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Hall of Fame. Two new Horton ambulances are in service. Fleet now consists of 2x2002, 2x2006, and 2x2009 ambulances and 1996 and 2003 heavy squads.

President Brown reported we are still battling ambulance fee. New station at Georgia and Arcola is at the stage of needing to approve financing. Vote was

tabled; if approved at next meeting construction will start this summer. Station will be about 29,000 square feet with four drive-through bays, 26 beds, and a community hall for 250 if setup with tables and chairs.

Old business: None

New business: None

Good of the order:

Reminder to pay dues.

Reminder about website alumni.wvrs.org and Facebook group.

John Rives visited the Ringling Brothers Museum in Sarasota, FL. They have a 1956 National Chevy ambulance he was able to sit in.

50th Anniversary video presented.

Meeting adjourned at 2100.

Submitted by Lou Kaufman, Secretary