

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Windber, PA**  
**September 22, 2022**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Mike Petrisko called the meeting to order at 19:02 hrs
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Petrisko. Paul Sklodowski then gave the blessing.
- **Meeting recessed for the Meal** - 19:02
- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:18
- **Guest Speaker** – Carl Richards – PSP presented on blue light laws and distributed handout on the regulations. Also, looking to get funding for a juvenile firesetter program.
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of July 29, 2022 meeting were read.
  - Additions or corrections – None
  - President Petrisko declared the minutes to stand as read
- **Communications** – Letters from Alexandria Volunteer Fire Company of Alexandria, PA and the Excelsior Fire Co No 1 of Bellwood to join the Association.
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$4,611.40
  - **Question:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Motion:** Mark Coleman - Beaverdale
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Frank Hribar – St. Michael
  - **Vote:** Passed with 0 No Votes
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:  
Total Funds in Certificates:  
\$126,115.90  
Total Funds in Checking Accounts:

\$86,590.02

**TOTAL FUND BALANCES** as of: 9/22/2022:  
\$212,705.92

- **Question:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Motion:** Bill Cornell – West Hills
- **2<sup>nd</sup>:** George Zedack – Hope
- **Vote:** Passed 0 No Votes
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Law & Legislative** – No Report
  - **Fire School** – Jim McCann – Johnstown
    - Spring Fire School Schedule ready to go, finalize details, get to printers. Goal to mail by Thanksgiving. Gave updates on offerings'
    - Essentials schedules will come out shortly. Essentials testing May 10 through Bucks. Free to member. Free certifications if someone completes the Essentials program. Only costs will be CPR card and ambulance fee for burns.
    - Leadership Academy – starts Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. Goes through March 1<sup>st</sup>. Must do 1<sup>st</sup> class for student to remain registered. Mondays and Wednesdays – 18 sessions.
    - Anson Bloom gave update on Eng Co class. Hoping to have sign off from the PA SFA as a Structures 1 – Engine Co Operations at Residential Fire Class.
    - McCann – 19 in the JARI EMT class. Gave some updates on funding. Careerlink now recognizes Paramedicine is a high priority occupation. By Spring or Summer, future classes may have funding by Careerlink.
  - **Fire School Site** –
    - Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Run is set
    - Sent letter to pump manufacturers for pump donations for site.
    - Sent letter to DuoSafety for ladders
    - Akron Brass donated equipment.
    - JFD and Windber will be donating hose.
    - Vern repaired motor
    - Bob Nies completed both walls.
    - Need more facilitators
    - If you use something – put it back!

- Whoever did the last certification, stuff was left all around and not put away.
  - Site will shut down soon.
- **Certification** – Bill Cornell – West Hills
  - 3 tests –
    - Oct 1 FFII Open
    - Oct 7-8 FFI Open
    - Oct 15 – Closed
  - Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annual Test Site Coordinator meeting
- **Other Committee Reports:**
  - **Application Review** – recommended Alexandria FC for membership. Will be voted under Good of Association
  - **By-Laws** – Past President Nick Wuckovich noted in the By-Laws that there is no element of time to decline a nomination for office.
  - **Fire Prevention** – None
  - **Historical** – Past President Wuckovich – time capsule envelopes – turn in by Gallitzin meeting. Going in ground Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Recruitment & Retention** – attendance award drawing is collecting meeting tickets. Drawing will be at Hope Convention.
  - **Tuition Assistance** – None
  - **Website** – Bill Cornell – West Hills
    - Updated
    - Convention report and minutes
- **9-1-1 EMA** –
  - June Kania – Fire Advisory meeting Tuesday Sept 27, 2022.
  - Jim McCann – for Art – rehab update. Oct 1<sup>st</sup> main unit out of East Hills Amb Service. 2 trailers, 1 in Conemaugh, 1 in Nanty Glo. Name is SS-11
    - Noted that ServPro will be donating everything for the units.
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- **Fire Advisory** – None

- **Resolutions** – Paul Sklodowski read the names of

- Ted Partsch – Cover Hill
- Robert Mortenson – Hastings

All members assembled stood in silence for 1 minute in memory of their departed brothers.

\*Note – Chris Cox will be read at the Gallitzin meeting on October 27, 2022.\*

- **County Convention** –

- Skip Grove – Conemaugh thanked everyone for their support and help during the convention.
- Nick Wuckovich – recipients of the awards at our 101st Annual Convention held in Conemaugh, July 2022 and that this report along with the individuals and fire companies who won the awards be listed and recorded in the minutes of this month's meeting of this Association. They are as follows:
  - Honorary Memberships Awarded: June Kania-Cambria County EMA Office and Robert Grunmeier Bucks County Community College Public Safety Training Center
  - Valor Award:
    - Christopher Pavlovich
    - Shawn Sevegan of Nanty Glo
  - John Bern Tuition Assistance Awards:
    - Matthew Illig of Patton for Bachelors degree
    - Nathan Callahan of Ashville the Associates degree.
  - Steve Unger Award: Thomas E. Bracken of Nanty Glo
  - President's Award: John Bern of Hastings
  - Cliff Cherico Fire Prevention Award: Hope
  - Steve Unger Bucket Brigade Trophy: East Taylor Twp.
  - Skip Cook Best Marching Unit Trophy: East Taylor Twp.
  - Robert F. McCaa Pumping Trophy: Patton
  - Jack Fry Battle of the Barrel! Trophy: Patton
  - Tibbott Trophy: Gallitzin
  - Fallen Firefighters Trophy: St. Michael
  - Grand Champion Trophy: Hope
- Mike Petrisko reported planning is going well for upcoming convention.

- **Other Association** – Paul Sklodowski gave updates – notes attached to minutes. Will be posted.
- **St Francis Marketing** – Liana Weir gave update of SWOT analysis done in connection with St. Francis Marketing Program. 5 students are in the program. They would like to visit the Fire School Site.
- **Roll Call of Officers** – All officers present except 1<sup>st</sup> VP John Gromley and Jeff Gromley, Ass't Secretary.
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 22 companies present
  - Beaverdale, City of Johnstown, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, East Taylor, Franklin, Ferndale, Hope, Keystone Regional, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Oakland, Patton, Pinecroft, Reade Twp., Richland Twp., St. Michael, Summerhill Boro, West Hills, West Taylor, Windber.
- **Old and Unfinished Business** – President Petrisko read the revised committee assignments. Posted as addendum to the minutes.
- **New Business** –
  - Past President Wuckovich reported on his efforts to get funding for training from the Commissioners' Office from COVID monies. He had written asking for \$1M. With no action, President Wuckovich recommended revising the letter and asking for a lower amount. \$100,000.00 was the amount he felt we should ask for.
    - Motion: Larry Penatzer – Summerhill Boro
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lenny Whiteford – Patton
    - Question: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Vote: Passed with 0 No Votes
  - Past President Wuckovich – the Western PA FF Association will give \$12,000 to organization to start a convention. Must have a host company, must have parade, 4 bands, Battle of the Barrel. Recommended companies think about it and see if they want to host. 2026 is the next date available.
  - Will be opening nominations for Site Director next month.

- **Good of the Association –**
  - Past President Wuckovich noted that Geeseytown was 2 years in arrears on dues. Motion to send letter to Geeseytown.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dave Thomas – Oakland
    - Question: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Vote: Passed with 0 No Votes
  - Past President Wuckovich motion to recommend Alexandria FC for membership
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim McCann – Johnstown
    - Question: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Vote: Passed with 0 No Votes
  - Liana Weir questioned if we wanted to meet with the Chamber.
  - Paul Kundrod gave update on Chamber activities.
- **Standing Rise for Host Company** – President Petrisko called for a standing rise for host company Windber for their fine hospitality.
- **Next Meeting** – Gallitzin Oct 27, 2022
- **50/50 Drawing** – \$46.00
- **Adjournment –**
  - **Motion:** George Zedack - Hope
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Thaddeus Lallemand - Patton
  - **Vote:** Passed
  - **Time:** 21:38

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary

9-22-22

- As your Delegate I attended the Western Association Parade in Somerset Saturday Aug 6, 2022 and registered as a Delegate. Next year's Convention is in Arnold, Pa the First Weekend of Aug, 2023.
- I also attended the Central District Convention in Nanty-Glo Aug. 18, 19, 20, 2022. I brought back to the families 3 memorial service flags that are to be delivered. Next year's convention will be in Lewistown, Pa.
- Fall Board of Central Meeting for Central District will be Oct 2 in Ocala Mills.
- F.Y.I PA State Fire Conference will be held Oct 20-21-22nd in Harrisburg. No Convention - Competitions or Parade.
- I have given to the secretary information obtained as a delegate for all three conventions and upcoming conference and am planning to attend more of them again next year.

Your Delegate  
Paul Sklodowski



We the undersigned propose that the following language be added to the By-Laws under Article II Section 3 to read that:

A delegate who is nominated for office can decline the nomination at the meeting under the nomination process or a delegate has up to fifteen calendar days from the nomination meeting to decline the nomination. In the latter case, the delegate shall submit a signed letter to the Secretary of the Association indicating their decision.

1. Mike Wachowich CONEMANUCK

2. Robert W. Nies Cover Hill

3. Steve Verbooy Colver

4. Don E WinBer

5. W. Q. Currell West Hills Regional

6. Art Byrd Richland

7. David L ST. MICHAEL

8. Mark A Coleman BEAVERDALE

9. Alison Reade

10. Barby Trent Pinecroft