

Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County & Vicinity

The meeting of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity was hosted by the Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Company, June 27, 2019 with the President Christopher Cox presiding.

President Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Cox called upon Past President Jimmy Nagle to give the opening prayer for the meal and the meeting.

Members in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance.

At this time President Cox ask for a short recess for the meal to be served that was prepared by the members of the Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Company.

At 7:20 pm President Cox reconvened the meeting with asking for the previous meeting minutes be read at this time. President Cox ask for a motion to accept the previous meetings minutes. Mark Coleman of Beaverdale made a motion to accept the previous minutes as read, and with a proper 2nd by Bob Popson of Clymer, the motion was carried.

Communications: Letter from the Community Fire Company of Lilly, and Letter from Clymer Fire Company regarding the Ad book for Central District Firemen's Convention.

Reading of the Monthly Bills by Treasurer Paul Kundrod:

General Fund

Precision Business Solutions	\$ 21.44	Web Site Updates
John Gromley	\$ 40.27	printer ink

Fire School

Penelec*	\$ 204.37	June Electric
CMP Energy	\$ 436.24	Site Fuel-FS Classes
Nagle Excavation	\$ 900.00	Misc. Site Materials

Savings Fund

Cambria Mailing	\$ 448.86	5K Race Mailings
Paul Kundrod	\$ 2,286.72	Historical Book Order

*Denotes Paid Already

Death Fund

Cresson Vol. Fire Co.	\$ 275.00	Benefit for Dennis Slattery (Station 70)
Nanty Glo Fire Co.	\$ 275.00	Benefit for Alfred Rhoades (Station 43)

Total Expenses: \$ 4,887.90

Motion by Tom Callahan of Ashville to pay the monthly bills, with a proper 2nd by Lenny Whiteford of Patton motion was carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the Treasurer Report. With a copy on file with the Secretary. Motion by Richard Brown, Jr. of Nanty Glo to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2nd by James Goss of Upper Yoder. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: Steve Unger of Conemaugh reported that the House passed the Budget but no news on whether the Senate has. Rick Killian of Jackson Township had talked on an issue that if your company is looking into using a mailing system such as "Municipal Mailers" to solicit funds from your community you may have to pay a \$150.00 permit fee. This is because you will be soliciting through the mail. He has mentioned that the members of Jackson Township have ran into this issue and want to know if any other companies have. He also asks if any other members can give him some information on why this is now happening. President Cox mentioned that Gallitzin had ran into a similar issue and urged everyone in attendance to go back to their respected companies and make sure that when different members are doing different things, they need to always make sure they are using their charter listed name.

Fire School: No Report given

Fire School Site: Anyone with free time wishing to help keep the grass cut at the fire school is welcome to do so.

Certification: Eric Miller reported on the closed FF1 test that were given to the members of Reade Township and Clymer Fire Companies. He reported that all other certification programs are listed on the website.

Web Site: Eric Miller reported the updates for the 2019 convention schedule and events are listed, and the information on the Chernisky 5k/10k Race and Walk are posted.

Centennial: Ed Hudak reported for Nick Wuckovich on the newly formed Centennial committee. He read the names of the members that have been asked to participate on the committee, Nick Wuckovich (Chairman), Ed Hudak, John Hawksworth, John Bem, Eric Miller, Paul Kundrod, Jim McCann, and John Gromley. The first meeting will be held on July 1, 2019 if anyone has any ideas please pass them along to one of these committee members.

911 EMA: No Report given

EMA: No Report given

Fire Advisory Board: Vendors will have the chance to bid on the new radio project. These vendors should have the chance to have their bid in place sometime in August, and the radio project should be in place by December of 2021.

Resolutions: President Cox ask 1st Vice President Darrin Smith to read the resolutions of past Member Dennis Slattery from Cresson Volunteer Fire Company, Station "70" and Alfred Rhoades of Nanty Glo Fire Company, Station "43". At this time all members in attendance stood in one minute of total silence for our departed member.

County Convention: Darrin Smith 1st Vice President mentioned that the convention will be held the week of July 27th through August 3, 2019. He also mentioned the all the Convention Booklet request have be sent out in the mail and as of this time the return is not very good from companies of our association. Darrin has asked that everyone please have their fire companies respond with an ad so to help the host company. Darrin also mentioned that the rule books and posters are available to anyone that wishes them. Bernie mentioned that there is a registration form in the back of the rules book that he is urging all companies to please return to make it easier on the host company be able to plan for the events and especially the parade.

Delegates Report: No report given

Awards Committee: Thomas Bracken of Nanty Glo reported that there will be three Valor Awards and three Life Saver Awards presented at the upcoming convention.

Roll Call of Officers: President Christopher Cox, 1st Vice President Darrin Smith, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary John C. Gromley, Assistant Secretary Jeff Gromley, all were present. 2nd Vice President Jim McCann was Excused due to work.

Roll Call of Companies: 25 Total Companies Present; Ashville, Beaverdale, Cherry Tree, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Commodore, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Cresson, Daisytown, Dale, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Jackson Twp., Nanty Glo, Oakland, Patton, Richland Twp., St. Michael, Upper Yoder, West Taylor.

Old Business: None

New Business: Richard Brown, Jr. of Nanty Glo made a motion to take a full-page ad out in the Central District Convention book that is being hosted by Clymer VFC 2nd by Jeremy Glass of Cresson. Motion was Carried. A letter from the Community Fire Company of Lilly was read by the Secretary that announced to our membership that the Community Fire Company of Lilly will not be placing a bid to host the 2021 convention.

Nominations of Officers for the year 2019-2020

2nd Vice President: Jeremy Glass of Cresson, nominated by Jim Nagle of Gallitzin. Albert White of Patton nominated by Gary Haluska of Patton.

Treasurer: Paul Kundrod of St. Michael, nominated by Brian Feist of Franklin/Conemaugh

Assistant Treasurer: Eric Miller of City of Johnstown, nominated by John Hawksworth of Dauntless.

Secretary: John C. Gromley of Clymer, nominated by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale.

Assistant Secretary: Jeff Gromley of Clymer, nominated by Bob Popson of Clymer. (*Jeff respectfully declines the nomination due to his new job.*), Brett Gromley of Clymer nominated by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale.

Site Directors: Steve Verbosky, Mike Krug, and Vern Fulton, nominated by Ed Hudak of Beaverdale.

Fire Advisory Board: Steve Verbosky of Colver, nominated by John Hawksworth. **Decline's**

Mark Coleman of Beaverdale, nominated by Joe Sherry of Beaverdale.

Chris Cox of Gallitzin, nominated by Steve Verbosky of Colver

Delegate to the State and other organizations: Paul Skoldowski of Lilly, nominated by Steve Verbosky of Colver.

Convention town 2021: Patton Volunteer Fire Company, nominated by Gary Haluska of Patton.

Good of the Order: Remember the Chernisky race that will be held on July 6, 2019. Also, the Blood drive on delegates day at the Catholic Church we need to hit a goal of 84 pints to get Bernie's blood. Also, if anyone is interested in scholarship application for the State or Central District see the Secretary.

Next Meeting: Will be the Convention Meeting that will be held in St. Michael at the Adams Twp. #2 Fire Company on Friday August 2, 2019.

50/50: Amount awarded was \$39.00

A rising vote of thanks was called for by President Cox for the Conemaugh Fire Company for hosting the meeting and providing a meal for the members in attendance.

Motion to Adjourn at 8: 25 p.m. by Jimmy Nagle of Gallitzin and properly 2nd by Tom Callahan of Ashville. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley,
Assn. Secretary