

Minutes of the July 22, 2019 Meeting

Chairman Wuckovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Nanty Glo Fire Station.

The following committee members were present: John Bem, Chis Cox, John Gromley, John Hawksworth, Ed Hudak, Jim McCann, Eric Miller, Nick Wuckovich. A few members were absent for health and work.

The Chairman asked if there were any errors or corrections to the July 1, 2019 minutes, hearing none, the minutes stand approved.

Information of the last meeting was reviewed.

We went through the suggestions as were presented from the prior meeting and held discussion on each. Action and discussion on each were as follows:

Item #1, there was discussion if there should be a ribbon with a medallion or a challenge coin. Discussion followed. It was finally agreed to do a coin with a ribbon attached. For those who wanted a coin could have that and for those who wanted the full ribbon with coin attached could have that option. It was agreed that there would be preorders for the ribbon/coin along with a cost. Motion by Eric Miller, seconded by John Bem to do the above option. Motion passed all in favor.

Item #2 There was discussion about having a banquet/ball for the celebration. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the committee to look for venues to hold the banquet, and get prices so we can establish an idea of cost. It was agreed to look at a tentative date for October 2021. Eric Miller was appointed by the chairman to gather information and bring back details for the next meeting.

Item # 3 was about the marching groups that if each fire company puts 10 men in the line of march in uniform, they would get a special prize. Discussion followed as to what the prize would be either \$100.00 cash or a plaque with the unit's picture on it. It was agreed by the committee to do the plaque with a picture. As far as the company marching in old uniforms, it was suggested that as long as it was some uniform because it could be a hardship to purchase new uniforms. Chris Cox agreed to oversee this item.

Item # 4 was dealing with the antique fire parade or display. It was questioned if this should be a part of the convention or a separate parade at a different time. Discussion followed. Jim McCann said he and Eric Miller would look into this and make suggestions at a future meeting. (This item was actually overlooked in its order but was discussed at the end of the list of items.)

Item # 5 was concerning the picnic/reunion discussion followed it was suggested that this should be held in June of 2022. There will be more research as to the prices and which venue would be the best served. There was discussion about using the fire school site but there were concerns with clean up, rest room facilities as well as mobility for some of the older folks. Ed Hudak was appointed by the chairman to get details on prices and potential venues. He will report back at the next meeting.

Item # 6 Honor and recognize the oldest member in age and the oldest in service of the association. It was the consensus that this should be done in conjunction with the banquet. John Gromley will look into the records to identify the recipient.

Item # 7 Have a plaque at the fire school with a list of past presidents and convention towns. There was discussion on this and John Gromley requested to take project item.

Item # 8 Have a collogue of pictures and this was discussed to do something in conjunction with the banquet in either a video format or an actual poster of pictures that a department could display of their organization. Jim McCann said he would find somebody who could do the digital video. Members also suggested to have a static display at the banquet for fire departments to show pictures they would like to portray and possible have some of these pictures at fire school for everybody to see.

Item #9 Establish a scholarship fund for high school student and this item was assigned to John Bem. Chris Cox suggested this be called a tuition assistance so as not to hurt a student for further financial aid. This was agreed by the committee.

Item #10 This item was to video older members and tell of their experiences in the fire service. Jerry Brand and Jim McCann will work on this project.

Item #11 was dealing with name change of the association and the fire school. It was pointed out that this may be beyond the scope of the centennial committee due to the work involved in the name changes but it was decided that this committee could recommend this to the body for action and suggest that another committee be established to follow up with this recommendation.

John Bem made an additional suggestion that a time capsule be put at the fire school site. Everybody agreed with this suggestion and this will become Item #12. It was decided to open this up to fire companies in the association limiting the amount of material a company can submit. It was suggested to put one of the history books in the time capsule and buried at the fire school site. It would be opened in 50 years.

New Business

The chairman brought up that we probably should notify the auxiliary about our intentions and let them know they are welcome with respect to the banquet and picnic. It was decided the chairman would go to their meeting at the convention to make them aware of our plans.

It was also discussed how we would be best served to communicate to the membership and included the folks who may not be with a fire company now but at one time belonged to the association. Chris Cox will craft a letter for the convention and pass it out to members at the convention inviting former members to consider coming back to the association.

The chairman indicated he would like to brief the body of the association at the convention meeting on what we are planning just to get the word out as well as bring attention on some of the major functions that are planned.

The chairman also said that Jerry Brant wanted to ask about the possibility of Patton having the memorial service on a different day than delegates' day. John Bem indicated that in the past it was put on that day because of the attendance of delegates but there is nothing prohibiting from them to do that if they wished.

Good and Welfare

Next meeting will be set on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Johnstown Fire headquarters at 401 Washington St.

Motion by Ed Hudak seconded by Jim McCann to adjourn, motion passed all in favor.