

County Assn Minutes @ Riverside Fire Station Jan 23rd, 2020

Association President Darrin Smith called the meeting to order at 7PM. He asked all delegates to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence.

A recess was taken for the meal.

The meeting re-adjourned at 7:30pm

Treasurer Paul Kundrod was acting secretary for John Gromley who was absent due to work.

A motion was made by Chris Cox to dispense reading of the prior minutes but died for lack of second. After a discussion on the floor, the minutes of the prior month's meeting were read.

Motion by Bruce Moriconi (Hope FD), 2nd by Jeff Lees (Oakland FD) to accept prior months minutes, and motion passed.

There was no communication however a short discussion on the Cresson Lilly merger took place with Paul Sklodowski was asked if he had any comment on the merger, new name, etc, and having none meeting continued.

Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills totaling \$. A Motion was made by Nick Wuckovich (Conemaugh FD), 2nd by Mark Coleman (Summerhill Twp FD) to pay the bills. Motion passed.

The treasurer read the monthly Financial report and a copy has been given to the Secretary. Motion by Ben Heuther (Hope FD), 2nd by George Grove (Conemaugh FD), and motion passed.

Committees:

Law & Legislative: Steve Unger reviewed some current legislation currently in the State House. John Hawksworth passed out a brief summary of the house bills that have passed the House of rep's, but still need Senate approval. A motion by Hawksworth (Dauntless FD), 2nd by Ed Hudak (Summerhill Twp FD) to have a letter of support sent to our local PA Senators urging for their support in the passing of these bills. ***(JOHN PLEASE SEND TO CAMBRIA, INDIANA, SOMERSET, CLEARIELD AND BLAIR SENATORS)

Fire School training: Jim McCann advised all Fire School brochures will be mailed out Jan 24th thru Bucks County. More Information, applications and brochures are on our website and facebook media sites. Information on the Leadership Academy is also posted on the media sites. This Academy begins on Feb 8th. All classes will be held at St Francis University.

All 5 Essentials classes are up and running. There are 56 students involved among the 5 locations. The Haz mat ops has also been running with good attendance numbers. There will be another Haz Mat Ops refresher class in Clymer in early April for those who may still need that class.

A Fire School committee meeting was held prior to the County Assn meeting.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth updated the group on the various projects that have been completed at the site. A new dumpster pad has been poured, drainage, and other site projects have been completed. John also asked the group to look into prices on a 4 door fire safe file cabinet.

Certification: Eric Miller advised the group of the annual Evaluator workshop that will take place on March 7th at the Dauntless fire station.

Centennial: Nick Wuckovich updated the group on the last committee meeting held on Jan 20th at Nanty Glo. Next meeting will be February 24th at Hastings @ 7Pm- That meeting will be held at the Fire Club- due to their station having a training session that evening. The Centennial and Scholarship Funds accounts have been opened. John Gromley is working on a plaque for the fire school building to house a plaque listing all Convention towns and Past Presidents.

Website: Bill Cornell advised that the website is up to date.

911/EMA:

Robbin Melnyk was present and addressed the group with a radio update. Motorola will be designing the P25 / 800 mhz system. She explained how the County will offer a 75% discount off the total cost of the radios. The County has developed a list of how the radios will be distributed and assigned per equipment. Mission Critical is the consulting firm being used to administer the radio transformation from our current to the new system.

A letter has been sent to each agency designating the number of mobiles, and portable to be allocated. Robbin stated that our current pagers will continue to be utilized for paging for alarms.

Robbin also stated the Center is in a CAD update program. This will assist with dispatching closest resources. Work will continue on apparatus types / capacities, etc. to ensure you are getting the equipment you are requesting on alarms. (an example is rescue engine versus heavy rescue). There are still some addressing issues they are correcting for this changeover.

Robbin also told the group they have 8 new dispatchers and asked us for our patience and support while in this new phase. Even though you may hear a new voice in the dispatch- be assured a supervisor is with that dispatcher thru the process.

Jeff Lees commented on the recent Carfentinal over dose problem, and how the 911 Center has been very cooperative with Emergency Services in the sharing of information to our first responders.

Fire advisory Board: Next meeting on March 24

Resolutions: Vice President Jim McCann read the Resolutions for deceased Members Clyde Sheehan of Dauntless and Douglas Litzinger of Gallitzin Fire Company.

Convention 2020: George Grove stated there will no bowling this year but they will replace it with Corn Hole Tournament. They are also selling tickets as a fund raiser now

Chernisky 5K/10K race: Eric Miller updated the group on the upcoming race this year.

Roll Call of Officers;

Roll Call of Companies: 25 companies present

New Business: None

Good of the Order: President Smith appointed John Bem as the chairman of the Scholarship Assistance Fund.

Jim Bloom commented on the reading of the monthly minutes. The group basically agreed that we would continue to read the meeting minutes at each county meeting as matter of practice.

The 50/50 winner was awarded \$ 42.00

Next meeting will be February 27, 2020 at the Cover Hill FD

Motion to Adjourn by William Cornell, unanimous second at 8:45pm

Submitted by: Paul Kundrod