

Virtual Tele-Meeting for the Cambria County & Vicinity Volunteer Firemen's Association
With the Members of the Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Company 2020 Convention Committee
Held on Thursday April 16, 2020

This meeting was held on a phone conference provided by Art Martynuska through the Cambria County EMA in Ebensburg, PA. The reason for this phone conference was to discuss what Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Company must do for the Convention throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Members in attendance: President Darrin Smith, 1st Vice President Jim McCann, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary John C. Gromley, Assistant Secretary Brett Gromley, Art Martynuska - EMA, Past Presidents: Nick Wuckovich, Bernie Blazosky, John Bem, William Cornell, Frank Hribar, John Hawksworth, Jr., Jim Bloom, Ed Hudak, Richie Brown, Jr., J.D. Burns, Chris Cox.

Members of Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Company: Past President Skip Grove, Convention Chairman J.T. Wainwright, Josh Reighard, Ron Reynolds, Sr.

Meeting was brought to order by the President at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was turned over to Skip Grove from Conemaugh. Skip brought up the concerns of the Conemaugh convention committee and their membership with how the association feels Conemaugh to move forward with this year's upcoming convention. He mentioned that they do not want to put a lot of money into buying stuff for the convention if the convention is not able to be held because of the pandemic. Skip mentioned that they are looking for recommendations for moving forward. They also would like to have a firm date of when we expect them to cancel if they decided to cancel all activities this year.

John Bem of Hastings suggest instead of the purchasing of trophies to give a cash equivalent. Bem also feels we could do an abbreviated convention.

Frank Hribar of St. Michael suggest that Conemaugh may want to check with the Municipality about their thoughts on Conemaugh still hosting the convention. Skip feels strongly that the Municipality will back any decision that the fire company wishes to move forward with.

Art Martynuska of the EMA feels strongly that this pandemic will last into late May possibly June with a second round coming back possibly stronger in the fall. Art feel that it would be best to wait till at least June 1st to make this decision so we can reevaluate everything at hand.

Richie Brown, Jr. of Nanty Glo feels that it would be acceptable to give money in place of trophies also, and to limit what competition are held for the week and limit the ones that older members may attend such as the Past Presidents Banquet.

Eric Miller of Johnstown ask Skip if he and the committee could wait until June 1st to give the members of the association a decision.

Skip Grove at this time said that he and the committee will make their decision by May 15th for the association.

William Cornell of West Hills feels strongly that we move forward with respecting the decision of the convention committee of Conemaugh and let them report back to this group if unable to meet in a meeting setting by May 15th.

At this time, it was decided by the Past Presidents and Officers present at this meeting to cancel the April 23rd meeting that was to be held in Oakland. There was a motion made by John Hawksworth, Jr. of Dauntless and a proper 2nd by Ed Hudak to pay the bills that Treasurer Paul Kundrod presented by email to the members. This motion was carried.

General Fund:

Precision Business Solutions	\$ 20.47	Monthly Web Updates
Pallone Insurance Agency	\$ 250.00	Permit/Bond Sewage
Selective Insurance Co. of America	\$1,604.00	Qtr. Premium Ins. Policy
US Post Office	\$ 20.00	Stamps

Fire School Fund:

Penelec	\$ 178.56	Monthly Electric
Long Barn Inc.	\$ 341.49	Final on Roof Simulator
Lowes Charge	\$ 264.08	Misc. Charge-site

Centennial Fund:

Death Fund:

Heather Lee	\$ 275.00	Benefit for Herbert Lee (Station 62)
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Total Expenses: **\$2,953.60**

Next Virtual Meeting will be called for by President Darrin Smith at a date to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley, Assn. Secretary