

## Minutes of the Centennial Committee Meeting

May 26, 2020 teleconference

Chairman Wuckovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: John Bem, Jerry Brant, William Cornell, John Hawksworth, Paul Kundrod, Darrin Smith, M. Slebodnick

There were no errors or correction of the previous committee meeting although John Bem noted that in the minutes of the county meeting reflected that in the report by the Centennial committee chairman at the regular meeting that Mr. Fredo photographer from Hastings was to do the interviews of the past presidents. This was not correct due to another company that is engaged in this process. It was noted that the Secretary would be contacted and the correction made.

The chairman discussed since we have not had meetings that a letter be crafted and sent to all delegates to provide information on key points dealing with the activities being planned by the Association. The association secretary will be sending out dues notices and to have this letter accompany the dues notice. It was agreed by the committee to follow through with this idea.

It was discussed since the name change of the Association is taking place that the challenge coin/ribbon would reflect that change. John Bem asked if an order form for the coin would also accompany the letter to the delegates and the chairman indicated that it was his intention to do that as well.

It was pointed out at the last regular county meeting that a motion was made to open up the membership restriction for member fire companies allowing as many members that wish to join the association would be permitted. The chairman indicated that he checked with the chairman of the by-laws committee to see if it was necessary to have a change in the by-laws for this to occur. It was the opinion of the chairman that this was not necessary due to this being a temporary situation. The Centennial chairman asked for the consensus of the member if this provision could be established from the 2021 convention until and including the 2022 convention. The committee agreed to this time frame.

John Bem reported that he would have the tuition assistance forms would be available for the delegates at the Convention meeting in Conemaugh in August. He discussed the amounts and the number of tuition assistance to be provided.

Jim McCann reported on that he would be contacting the video company to see when the company would be comfortable to get started at the convention if not before to do the video of the past presidents.

There was discussion on creating a new award to be awarded to a member of the association who contributed to the association. This award would be known as an "Outstanding Achievement Award." This would be done at the Conemaugh Convention.

Jerry Brant asked if this new award would be similar to what Central District has. The chairman indicated that it would pattern that. John Hawksworth indicated that we would need to establish guidelines and John Bem said he had a copy of the rules that Central District had and we could use that as a guide and just change it to reflect our needs for Cambria County. It was the consensus of the committee to propose this at the next county meeting to body for approval.

John Hawksworth said as time gets closer that he and Ed Hudak would get the capsule at the fire school and determine the amount of space so they would know what size of an envelope to use by the fire companies.

The chairman brought up that he was approached by Paul Skdowloski asking if there was something that could be done to recognize Lilly for the first meeting. Discussion followed on ideas and it was decided by the committee to see if a meeting would be scheduled and perhaps a proclamation could be done for them. William Cornell suggested that this could be done in May 2022 since May 4, 1922 was when the first meeting was held, which would be on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary to have a meeting scheduled. It was suggested to contact the secretary and see if he could book a meeting at that time. The committee was in favor of this action.

Buttons of the Ladies Auxiliary discussed what was going on by the Ladies Auxiliary and they were in the process to see what they were going to do about electing officers under the circumstances of Corona Virus. She also suggested that the committee establish dates prior to the major events in the event a cancellation or rescheduling of the major events so that monies aren't lost on the changes.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Good of the Order: The Chairman asked if there were any concerns by any committee members moving forward on activities. It was felt that it was hard to project what things will look like in the future. The chairman said he asked the question in case somebody had any ideas that needed to be expressed.

Jerry Brant asked what the status was on the Conemaugh Convention. Information was provided by William Cornell.

John Bem expressed that perhaps by-laws need to look at how the association and committees could function in the future when it comes to some event where it is not possible to conduct normal business to pay bills and conduct business like we face now. Currently there isn't anything in the by-laws that provide guidelines of how we operated for some major event. Discussion followed.

Buttons wanted to thank Art Martynuska for our setting up our teleconference so we could hold the meeting. The committee concurred on thanking Art as well.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. via telephone conference.