

# Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association

The 1st meeting of the newly named Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association was hosted by the Cambria County 911 Center as an Officers in attendance only and all others by a teleconference by phone due to social distancing because of the corona virus pandemic on May 28, 2020, with President Darrin Smith presiding.

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

President Smith called for members in attendance to stand and for those at home to follow suit for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Smith ask for the minutes of the previous meeting be read. **Once the minutes where read Nick Wuckovich ask that the previous minutes be corrected to read under the Centennial Committee Report, That Garfield Gordy Fredo will be putting together a video together of many of the events at the 100<sup>th</sup> convention and there will be copies available for purchase after the convention. It was reported incorrectly in last minutes that Garfield Gordy Fredo would be putting a video together of all the Past Presidents.** Motion from the floor to accept the last meeting minutes with correction to be made by William Cornell of West Hills and with a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Hribar of St. Michael the motion was carried.

Communications: Received the letter from Attorney Barbin that the name change of the Association has been officially changed.

Reading of the Monthly Bills by Treasurer Paul Kundrod:

## General Fund

Precision Bus. Solutions	\$ 20.47	Monthly Web Updates
Damin Printing	\$ 148.00	Delegate-cards/schedule's
Selective Insurance Company of America	\$1,604.00	Qtr Premium Insurance Policy
US Post Office-Sidman	\$ 22.00	stamps* Paid

## Fire School

Penelec	\$ 50.87	Monthly Electric
Vernon Fulton	\$ 403.96	
Lowes Charge	\$ 585.00	sprayer, hose, etc.
West Central Equipment	\$ 83.02	Misc. tractor parts
Al's Tire and Auto	\$ 172.00	Tire repair

## Centennial Fund

NONE

### Death Fund

Dawn Cowan \$ 275.00 Benefit for James Cowan (55)

**Total Expenses:** \$3,364.32

Motion by John Hawksworth Jr. of Dauntless to pay the monthly bills, and with a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Hribar of St. Michael motion was carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the Treasurer's Report. A copy is on file with the Secretary. Motion by Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daryl Bodenschatz of Summerhill Borough, motion was carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Law & Legislative:** Steve Unger of Conemaugh reported on Senate Bill 1122 money that will be able to be received through the cares act due to the pandemic. Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh gave an overview of the meeting that was held in Johnstown on March 11 in regards to the fire commissioner. Nick mention that the abolishment of the commissioner is not likely. Art Martynuska of EMA made it aware that that any fire fighter that may contract the corona virus well performing services the Federal Government is considering this as a Line of Duty Death and he or her families would be entitled to the benefits of a Line of Duty Death.

**Fire School:** Jim McCann of Johnstown reported that the fire school committee is working with Bucks Community College throughout the pandemic to follow the rules that have been put in place for fire school classes. He mentioned that as soon as the committee can move forward that they will be doing that. Jim has asked the members to purchase four handheld thermometers to be able to take students temperatures when entering the classes. Eric Miller of Johnstown made a Motion to move forward with the purchase of to thermometers, with a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Hawksworth Jr. motion was carried. In other fire school business Jim McCann mentioned that committee members will be working with members of Bucks C.C. to put together a policy letter for any company wishing to use the site. This policy would ensure that each company that wishes to use the site will be using the correct PPE equipment while using the fire school site.

**Fire School Site:** John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that the site is in good shape and that there will be a cleanup evening for anyone wishing to help on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Once the site is cleaned up John will contact Art to have the site deconned.

**Certification:** Eric Miller of Johnstown mentioned that once Bucks C.C. has a policy in place, we also must submit a policy to the State before our fire school can be reopened.

**Web Site:** William Cornell of West Hills reported that everything is updated on the website at this time, and that he has started to post things about the Centennial.

**Centennial:** Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that there will be a letter sent out to all the delegates. This letter will include everything that is going to be taken place and the way you can purchase the 100<sup>th</sup> year commemorative challenge coin. Nick Wuckovich also made a Motion to start at the 2020 Convention an Outstanding Achievement Award, with a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bloom of Dauntless the Motion was Carried.

**911:** No Report Given

**EMA:** No Report Given

**Fire Advisory Board:** Art Martynuska mentioned that they are hoping to have a meeting in June.

**Resolutions:** Past President Eric Miller read the name of past member James Cowan III, of Hastings/Westover. All members in attendance and those that were on the teleconference were ask to stand for one minute of silence for this past member.

**County Convention:** Members of the Conemaugh Fire Company convention committee have announced that voting will take place on Saturday August 22, 2020 with a time of 8am until 9:30am, place of voting to be announced at a later date.

**Delegates Report:** No Report Given

**Roll Call of Officers:** President Darrin Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jim McCann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jeremy Glass, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary John C. Gromley, Assistant Secretary Brett Gromley all were present.

**Roll Call of Companies:** 10 Total Companies reporting; Carrolltown, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Commodore, Conemaugh, Dauntless, Nanty Glo, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, West Hills.

**Old Business:** The Community of Lilly Fire Company and the Cresson Fire Company have merged to be one Company and now will be known as the Keystone Regional Fire Rescue. Commissioner Tom Chernisky gave an overview of the upcoming 5k/10k race a walk and how it will be taken place and how the groups will be disbursed to start the race. Mr. Chernisky also asked for anyone that can share a Facebook invitation to please do so because it is free advertisement. Also, he stressed to try our best to have runners and walkers pre-register for the event.

**New Business:** Rich Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo raised the question to Commissioner Chernisky about help with money towards the radio project. Commissioner Chernisky directed him and anyone else to reach out to Robbin Melnyk regarding this mater.

**Good of the Order:** Art Martynuska mentioned that any department needing their department deconned can reach out to him and he will see that it gets done.

**Next Meeting:** Will be held at the Fire School Site June 25, 2020.

**50/50:** No 50/50 at this meeting

A rising vote of thanks was called for by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jim McCann for the 911 Center for hosting the meeting for the Officers and making it possible to have the Teleconference for other members to be able to be a part of the meeting.

With a motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jim McCann

President Smith deemed the meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary