

Cambria County Regional Fire Fighters Association

The meeting of the Cambria County Regional Fire Fighters Association was held in Penn Run, PA by the Cherryhill Township Volunteer Fire Company on Thursday October 22, 2020, with President Jim McCann presiding.

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

President McCann called for members in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President McCann called upon the County Chaplin to say a prayer for the meeting and meal, after this was complete President McCann called for a short recess for the meal.

President McCann reopened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and ask for the minutes of the previous meeting be read. Motion from the floor to accept the last meeting minutes as read by Albert White of Patton and with a proper 2nd by Bob Popson of Clymer, the motion was carried.

Communications: None for this meeting

Monthly Bill's: President McCann read the Monthly Bills submitted by Treasurer Paul Kundrod. A copy of the monthly bill's is on file with the Secretary. Motion by Frank Hribar of St. Michael to pay the monthly bills, and with a proper 2nd by William Cornell of West Hills, the motion was carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod submitted the Treasurer's Report and it was read by President McCann. A copy is on file with the Secretary. Motion by Mark Coleman of Beavertdale to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2nd by Lenny Whiteford, the motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: John Bem of Hastings gave a report on the companies from the Cambria County and Vicinity fire companies that will receive money from the state for the Covid Pandemic relief. He also covered many of the other House and Senate bills that have been introduced and or act upon since the last meeting. He presented the Secretary with a detailed report to put with the monthly minutes.

Fire School: President Jim McCann of Johnstown reported that there will be five essentials classes that will be starting after the beginning of the New Year. Jerry Brant of Patton covered the upcoming Leadership classes that will be hosted by the St. Francis University.

Fire School Site: Fire School Site will be open for training Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m. To use the site, you must contact Joe Adams at least two weeks in advance. You also will need to let Joe know what props you will need for your training. The pond is not available for use throughout the winter months. Your fire company will have to show proof of one-million-dollar liability insurance and can use the site at no cost except for paying for some props such as plywood or drywall. Also, if you wish to be a facilitator you must contact John Hawksworth or Steve Verbosky and present all your clearances at that time.

Certification: William Cornell reported that the only certification test that where held where the certifications that where held through Bucks County Community College.

Web Site: William Cornell of West Hills reported that everything on the website that he has at this time has been posted, and that he will keep posting things about the Centennial, and the upcoming Essential classes, and the monthly minutes as he receives them.

Centennial: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that the Past President and the Convention Town Plaques are coming along very well. He wanted to remind everyone that starting at the convention in Patton the 100th anniversary the membership will be open membership. Challenge coin orders must be in by December 31st. Lastly any Department with nine or more marchers will be able to have their department picture taken and will be presented the picture in a plaque commemorating the 100th convention.

Tuition Assistance: John Bem of Hastings had applications on hand for the first tuitions assistance grant which will be given out at the 100th Annual Convention that will be held in Patton.

911: No Report Given

EMA: No Report Given

Fire Advisory Board: It was mentioned that there was no meeting held.

County Convention: Lenny Whiteford of Patton reported that Patton is moving forward with putting together a very good convention. They have plans to have the memorial service in Spangler where it will be the 50th anniversary of the Line of Duty deaths of their past members. It will be a Seven-day event with Golf being the only Non- Firefighter event. The dates of the convention will be July 25th through July 31st.

Delegates Report: Paul Sklodowski of Keystone Regional reported that Central District held a one- day social distancing event also this year. This meeting was held on August 16th in Lewistown and their membership awarded their 2024 convention to Lewistown.

Roll Call of Officers: President Jim McCann, 2nd Vice President Mike Petrisko, Secretary John C. Gromley, all were present. 1st Vice President Jeremy Glass, Paul Kundrod Treasurer, Assistant Secretary Brett Gromley where absent, and Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller was excused due to work.

Roll Call of Companies: 20 Total Companies Present; Beaverdale, Cherryhill Twp., City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Dauntless, Ferndale, Hastings, Hope, Keystone Regional, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Patton, Revloc, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, West Hills, West Taylor.

Old Business: Nothing for this meeting

New Business: With the position of 1st Vice President being open and 2nd Vice President asking not to advance to that position President opened the floor for nominations to fill the position of 1st Vice President. Joe Adams of Cresson Nominated Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh Darrin Smith of St. Michael 2nd this Nomination. President McCann called for nomination two more consecutive times. At this time Jim Bloom of Dauntless made a Motion for the President to cast a unanimous ballot for Nick Wuckovich to become the new 1st Vice President with a proper 2nd by Lenny Whiteford of Patton, the Motion was Carried and President McCann Cast the unanimous ballot for Nick Wuckovich to be the newly elected first vice president.

Good of the Association: Joe Adams of Cresson mentioned to make sure to take back to each department to please remember the deadlines for registration for fire school applications. He mentions this is especially important when the group that puts these classes together and making the decision in cancelling the class you may want to take because not enough fire fighters did not sign up.

Rising Vote of Thanks for the members of the Cherryhill Twp. Fire Company for Hosting this month meeting called for by Delegate John Bem of Hastings.

The next meeting will be held in Beaverdale Thursday December 10, 2020.

50/50 Awarded at \$22.00

At this time President McCann called for a Motion to Adjourn. Jim Bloom of Dauntless made a Motion to Adjourn at 8:15 p.m. with a proper 2nd by Frank Hribar of St. Michael, the Motion was Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary