

Cambria County Regional Fire Fighters Association

The meeting of the Cambria County Regional Fire Fighters Association was held in Summerhill, PA by the Summerhill Borough Fire Company on Thursday September 24, 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 for a short recess for the meal.

President McCann reopened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

President McCann appointed Paul Kundrod temporary secretary for this meeting.

President McCann ask for the minutes of the previous meeting be read. Motion from the floor to accept the last meeting minutes as read by Frank Hribar of St. Michael and with a proper 2nd by George Popson of Patton, the motion was carried.

Communications: None for this meeting

Monthly Bill's: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the monthly Bill's. The monthly Bills totaling \$1,402.90, and a copy of the monthly bill's is on file with the Secretary. Motion by Bill Lehmann of Richland to pay the monthly bills, and with a proper 2nd by Darrin Smith of St. Michael, the motion was carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the monthly Treasurer's Report with a copy on file with the Secretary. Motion by Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2nd by Bill Cornell of West Hills, the motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: No Report Given

Fire School: Jim McCann of Johnstown reported that the Fall fire school weekend has begun in September and will continue in October and November. Registrations are still being accepted. He also reported the Leadership Academy will begin in January and will be done virtually and coordinated thru Saint Francis University. Jerry Brant is coordinating this program.

Jim also reported on our annual school in April. There is a good possibility that we may not get into the Cambria Heights school due to the pandemic and long-term effects. We will look into an abbreviated schedule using our Academy site offering only a limited number of classes. We may look into offering classes at satellite sites and those would be class specific possibility to that particular area. More to follow.

We will be offering the 5 essential programs in January, with the Dauntless class starting in May of 2021. The locations will be West Hills, Cresson, Clymer, Patton, and Dauntless. A reminder to all members and delegates that the Haz-Mat Awareness and Ops classes, along with First Aid and CPR is open to anyone not just students in those classes.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth advised the site is open. Recently the County Cert Team used the site and a private prison from Clearfield County rented the site. The Southmont engine needs a primer pump. If anyone knows of one pass the information along.

Certification: Eric Miller of Johnstown reported that there will be no certifications scheduled for the remainder of the year.

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.

Centennial: John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported on the memorial bell we have at the site. There are a few names that need to be added to the bell. The Historical Committee will continue to operate with the bell as one of the main objectives. A list of standers and guidelines will be established for inclusion on the bell.

Nick mentioned that the last of the Past Presidents have been filmed for the video on Wednesday September 23rd. He also stated the deadline for ordering Challenge Coins is December 31st.

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: Art Martynuska passed out the new 2020 ERG booklets to member departments.

He also stated there is an opening on the Fire Advisory Board and that it should be filled by the end of the year.

Fire Advisory Board: No meeting was held.

Resolutions: Past President Paul Skoldowski read the names of Mark Hertzog of Gallitzin (Station 71) and Paul Pekala of Clymer (Station 150). Everyone in attendance stood in one minute of silence for these departed members.

County Convention: No report was given

Delegates Report: No report was given

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

Roll Call of Companies: 24 Total Companies Present; Beaverdale, City of Johnstown, Colver, Conemaugh, Dauntless, Franklin, Ferndale, Hope, Keystone Regional, Loretto, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Oakland, Patton, Portage, Reade Twp., Revloc, Richland, South Fork, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, West Hills, West Taylor.

Old Business: Nothing for this meeting

New Business: Art Martynuska presented an idea of a fund raiser for the Fire School of having a Motorcycle Poker Run Ride. This would be initiated by Commissioner William "BJ" Smith in honor of his son Chris. The ride would start in St. Michael, and travel North through several departments to the Fire School site and return to St. Michael. This is proposed for Labor Day weekend 2021. We discussed adding a rider to our Insurance policy for liability coverage. A Motion by Art Martynuska and with a proper 2nd by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale the Motion was Carried.

President Jim McCann read the resignation of 1st Vice President Jeremy Glass. Jeremy has had to relocate due to his employment. A Motion with regret from Darrin Smith of St. Michael and a proper 2nd by Frank Hribar of St. Michael the Motion was Carried.

President McCann discussed an eight-step process (recommendation) to replace that position. This was presented by the By-Law Committee. (See Attached)

Nominations will be held at the October Meeting, with an election to be held at the December meeting.

Good of the Association: President McCann has advised the group that Ferndale Fire Assn. can Not host the December meeting due to a conflict with the Borough Building. Beaverdale Fire Company has offered to switch Ferndale meetings. So, the December Meeting will be in Beaverdale and the February 25th meeting will be held in Ferndale.

President McCann would also like to establish a contact list of fire departments to include Chief's and training officers of each department to be used to expand out training capabilities and to enhance our training program. A form will be developed for the next meeting.

A letter from the Hope Volunteer Fire Company and a letter from the Northern Cambria Borough Council was read to have their Company to be considered to host the 2023 Convention. With a Motion from Mark Coleman of Beaverdale to accept the letters and a proper 2nd from Larry Penatzer of Summerhill the Motion was Carried.

President McCann acknowledged Commissioner Tom Chernisky and Commissioner Scott Hunt for their attendance.

Rising Vote of Thanks for the members of the Summerhill Borough Fire Company for Hosting this month meeting called for by Delegate Ed Hudak of Beaverdale.

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

50/50 Awarded at \$42.00

At this time President McCann called for a Motion to Adjourn. Bill Cornell of West Hills made a Motion to Adjourn with a proper 2nd by Jim Bloom of Dauntless, the Motion was Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Kundrod

Acting Secretary

1. A letter will be sent to all member companies stating the 1st Vice President resigned since he can no longer fulfill his duties of his office.
2. Since the 2nd Vice President wished to remain in his present office, so he can become President when his company host the county convention.
3. A special nomination for 1st Vice President will take place at the regular monthly meeting being held on October 22nd at Cherryhill Twp.
4. The person being nominated MUST be present at the meeting.
5. Voting will be held at the regular monthly meeting held December 10th at Ferndale. The time to vote will begin at 6:00 PM and close at 7:00 PM at the start of the regular monthly.
6. The President shall appoint three (3) members in good standing to pass out ballots and to count the ballots for this election.
7. If there is only one person nominated for 1st Vice President then there will be no election. This person will automatically become 1st Vice President.
8. If two or more people are nominated a second letter will be sent to member companies stating who they are, what company they belong to, time and place of the election.