

# Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association

Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association monthly meeting was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, through a zoom platform.

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

President McCann called for members on the conference to join him and stand for The Pledge of Allegiance.

President McCann ask for the minutes of the previous meeting be read. Motion to accept the last meeting minutes by Bill Lehmann of Richland and with a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Coleman of West Hills the motion was carried.

Communications: None for this meeting

**Reading of the Monthly Bills:** Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the monthly Bills and with the Total Expenses of \$5,057.66 and a copy of the bills on file with the Secretary a motion to pay the bills by Bill Cornell of West Hills and a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Hribar of St. Michael the motion was carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the Treasurer's Report. A copy is on file with the Secretary. Motion by Bill Lehmann of Richland to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Krug of Keystone Regional, motion was carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Law & Legislative:** Secretary Gromley read a report provided by John Bem of Hastings. (see attachment)

**Fire School:** President McCann reported on the Essential classes that have started within the past couple of weeks, and the Essentials class that will take place at the fire academy that will be hosted by the Dauntless fire department in May. Jim also talked about the Haz-Mat and First Aid and CPR that will be given along with each class. He mentioned that there also will be a 24 hr. Haz-Mat Operations class being offered anyone that wishes to attend this class please go on- line and fill the proper registration out for this class.

Jim mentioned the normal spring fire school that is offered each year will be scaled down because of the pandemic. The use of the new zoom platform will be used for various classes this upcoming Spring.

Jim gave a report for Jerry Brant of Patton who was unable to attend the meeting due to work obligations on the leadership classes that have been being given on- line. He reported that as of this date six classes have taken place with an attendance over 250 students from all over Pennsylvania.

**Fire School Site:** John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that the Fire School Site is locked down at this time. If you do go to the site, try to use every precaution because there are individuals such as Vern Fulton there each day working on equipment. John would like to thank Vern Fulton of Richland and Byron Bishop of Nanty Glo for all the hard work at the academy doing their best to keep things moving along and installing new lighting around the property in much needed areas.

**Certification:** Bill Cornell of West Hills reported that information of upcoming certification test are posted on the web site.

**Web Site:** William Cornell of West Hills reported that everything has been updated on the website.

**Centennial:** Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that there was a zoom meeting held on Monday January 25, 2021. The topic was on whether the committee would feel more comfortable with moving the centennial banquet ahead one year due to the pandemic. Nick mentioned that many committee members in attendance felt it was best to move the banquet ahead one year from October 2021 until 2022. Members that had already secured the hall that would be used for the banquet will be making contact to see about open dates before the date will be announced. He also made mention that 400 medallion and or challenge coins for the 100<sup>th</sup> centennial have been ordered and paid for.

**911 / EMA:** Greg Shilling reported that the Code Red system paperwork needs filled out and returned to the 911 center as soon as possible, if any department or Fire Chief needs help filling it out or has questions please feel free to contact the center at any time.

**Fire Advisory Board:** No report

**Resolutions:** Secretary Gromley read the name of passed member's John Kuhar, Jr. of Vintondale Station 45, Mike Lieb of Dauntless Station 22, and Daniel F. Kline of Hope Station 50. All members on the conference were asked to stand for one minute of silence for these passed members.

**County Convention:** President McCann made note that Jerry Brant had emailed him to let the membership know that the Patton Fire Company would be holding their monthly meeting and they will be discussing on which way they feel they need to proceed with the up-coming convention. Jerry would have an update by our next monthly meeting.

**Delegates Report:** No Report Given

**Roll Call of Officers:** President Jim McCann, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Nick Wuckovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mike Petrisko, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary John C. Gromley, Assistant Secretary Brett Gromley all were present on the zoom meeting.

**Roll Call of Companies:** 22 Total Companies reporting; Beavertown, Carrolltown, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Dauntless, Franklin, Hope, Keystone Regional, Loretto, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Reade Twp., Richland Twp., Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp., West Hills, Windber.

**Old Business:** Nothing for this meeting.

**New Business:** Eric Miller of Johnstown and chairman of the Chernisky 5K/10K race and walk mentioned that the race will be held on Saturday July 10, 2021. Commissioner Chernisky was also in attendance and spoke on a triathlon that will be organized. The reason that they will be organizing this is to help runners in our area that would like to qualify for larger races such as the Boston Marathon.

President McCann and Commissioner Tom Chernisky also spoke on a meeting that was recently held with the officers of the association and the county commissioners. At this meeting, the County Commissioners offered to do a one-time commitment of \$30,000.00 to the Cambria County Regional Fire Academy. President McCann mentioned without the commitment and the effort our County Commissioners give us as a group it would be harder to move in a forward direction and he wanted to thank the Commissioners on the behalf of the association for their commitment.

President McCann also spoke on restructuring the Site Committee and the Site Directors in conjunction with the Emeritus status. The Emeritus status is received after serving four three-year terms as a site director. Since this will be a by-law change President McCann turned the matter over to by-law chairman Steve Verbosky of Colver to gather his committee together to start moving forward with restructuring. President McCann made note that any issues with this will now be directed to the Chairman of the committee and that he will no longer be the person to approach about these issues, if approached he will direct that said individual to the by-law committee.

**Good of the Order:**

**Next Meeting:** President McCann mentioned with pandemic numbers rising that the next meeting scheduled for Ferndale will be a Zoom meeting on Thursday February 25, 2021 at 7 p.m. instead of in person for everyone's safety.

**50/50:** No 50/50 for this meeting.

With a motion to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. by Bill Cornell of West Hills

President McCann deemed the meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary