

Minutes of the Cambria County Regional
Firefighters' Association

The Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association monthly meeting was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 through a virtual Zoom platform.

President James McCann called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

President McCann asked members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to accept the previous meeting's minutes was made by Bill Lehman of Richland and seconded by Anson Bloom of Windber. Motion passed all in favor.

Communications: None

Reading of the Monthly Bills: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the monthly bills with the total expenses of \$1,723.38. A copy of the bills are on file with the Secretary. A motion was made by Anson Bloom of Windber and seconded by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale to pay the bills. Motion passed all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the monthly treasurer's report. A copy of the Treasurer's report is on file with the Secretary. Motion was made by Mike Krug of Keystone Regional and seconded by Bill Lehman of Richland. Motion passed all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Law and Legislative: John Bem of Hastings reported on various pieces of legislation pending action and activity that is going on in the state. He submitted a written report which a copy is on file with the Secretary.

Fire School: Jim McCann reported that the list of classes and dates of April 9,10,11,16.17.18, 23, 24, and 25, 2021 are on the web site along with the registrations for this year's County Fire School. He mentioned there are three Essentials Classes that are currently running along with upcoming Hazardous Materials Operations Classes. He said there is on the second Friday, a class on Small Games of Chance will be conducted as part of this year's fire school. He reported that the Leadership Academy has about two classes left and that program is going well with an enrollment now of 287 participants which include not only all over Pennsylvania but also other parts of the country. Jim mentioned that progress is moving forward to have the training site opened up for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and possible Thursday for companies that wish to do training at the site on weeknights with no cost to the companies.

Bill Cornell of West Hills regional said there were 91 registrants so far for the upcoming county school and that Pump II class is nearing its limit. Bill reminded people interested to get their registrations submitted.

Fire School Site: Steve Verbosky of Colver said John Hawksworth was at the site today and that Slovikosky was plowing the snow of roads at the site so it could be open. He reported that the plowing was a rough endeavor to get the site opened and it took most of the day.

Certification: Bill Cornell of West Hills Regional reported that there is an open test scheduled for June and one in October. He believes that with not having testing last year that there will be more folks who will be looking to test so people interested should get their applications in as soon as they can. He reported that there are also two closed test that are scheduled.

Website: William Cornell of West Hills reported that the monthly minutes for the association for last month are on line.

Centennial: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh wanted to mention to the new folks joining the meeting tonight that the Centennial Banquet has been postponed for 2021 and will be booked for October of 2022.

911/EMA: Art Martynuska Emergency Management Director reported on working to do survey of fire departments on the foam and see what can be done. He remarked that at this point there isn't much direction on the situation with PAFS exposure in Class B Foams. He suggested that perhaps it would be best served to do a Zoom meeting with fire companies to discuss the foam. Art also reported that Code Red will go live and talked about the spread sheets with Fire Company members listed. He asked departments who have not yet submitted their spread sheets if they would get those back as soon as they can.

Fire Advisory: Art Martynuska reported that the next meeting will be in March 23, 2021 and there are some new members on the board. He mentioned that Chairman Heffelfinger is pursuing the PAR proposal with the 911 Center. Art talked about some classes that have been paid for that needs to address.

Resolutions: Acting Secretary Nick Wuckovich read the names of passed members William Cence of Patton and Ronald W. Hesel of Oakland. All members stood for one minute of silence for the past members.

County Convention: No Report from Patton but President McCann said that Patton will have a convention but they are exploring some different options with the Covid-19 Virus as to which will be the best avenue to take.

Delegates Report: No Report

Roll Call of Officers: President Jim McCann, 1st Vice President Nick Wuckovich, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller Present. Excused 2nd Vice President Mike Petrisko on a fire call and John Gromley ill. Brett Gromley absent.

Roll Call of Companies: 21 Adams Twp. No. 2 St. Michael, Carrolltown, Conemaugh, Colver, Dauntless, Ferndale Fire Association, Franklin, Gallitzin, Hastings, Johnstown, Keystone Regional, Loretto, Nanty Glo, Richland Twp., Spangler, South Fork, Summerhill Twp. Beaverdale, Upper Yoder, Vintondale, West Hills Regional, Windber

Old Business: Steve Verbosky of Colver reported on a complete revision of the By-Laws and they were submitted to the officers and to be put on the web site. He indicated we would have five signatures and suggested they be looked at for approval. Discussion followed and it was agreed to allow the By-Laws that are on the Web Site to be reviewed by members of the body for two weeks until March 11, 2021 so

that if there are any comments or suggestions those can be addressed in the two-week time frame. William Cornell of West Hills Regional will serve as a collection point for the suggestions.

New Business: Art Martynuska asked the body to consider forming an honor guard for the Association. He suggested to have the honor guard for different occasions such as funerals and other appropriate activities. He shared that by having an Association Honor Guard that it would help everybody who may be spread thin with personnel. President McCann ask Art Martynuska if he would be willing to spearhead this project and Art offered his office for this purpose. William Cornell of West Hills Regional offered Art to put this on the web site for those who may be interested.

Good of the Association:

Steve Verbosky of Colver asked President McCann if our next meeting would be in person since the vaccines are being done. Discussion followed with EMA Director weighing in on that subject. Art Martynuska said we are still under certain restrictions and that the vaccine distribution in Cambria County has only been 6,000 out of 30,000 people. President McCann said we have been cautious up until now and that we should error on the side of caution. We could possibly wait a couple weeks and see how things are going. He set March 11, 2021 as a two-week deadline to be fair with Vintondale and the decision will be posted online.

Motion by William Cornell of West Hills Regional to adjourn seconded by Joe Adams of Keystone Regional. Motion passed all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Acting Secretary

Nick Wuckovich Jr.