

Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association

Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association monthly meeting was held in Vintondale on Thursday, March 25, 2021 by the Vintondale Fire Co.

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

President McCann called for members in attendance to join him and stand for The Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer for the meal.

President McCann called for a short recess for members of Vintondale to serve the meal.

President McCann opened the meeting back up at 7:25 p.m. with the announcement that the next meeting scheduled for Daisytown has been moved to the Beaverdale fire company because of more room to be able to social distance.

President McCann opened the floor for PJ McGowan of the Eco Safe Sanitizing Company. Mr. McGowan gave a demonstration on the sanitizing fogger machine that his company plans to donate to each fire company in Cambria county. His company has plans to distribute the machines in two different locations in the county, one to be in the South and the other to be in the North.

President McCann asked for the minutes of the previous meeting be read. Motion to accept the last meeting minutes by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale and with a proper 2nd by Darrin Smith of St. Michael 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 \$3,130.05 and a copy of the bills on file with the Secretary a motion to pay the bills by Byron Bishop Sr. of Nanty Glo and a proper 2nd by Mike Krug of Keystone Regional the motion was carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the Treasurer's Report. A copy is on file with the Secretary. Motion by Richie Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a properly 2nd by Bruce Moriconi of Hope, motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: 2nd Vice President Wuckovich read a report provided by John Bem of Hastings. It covered House Bills 124 and 153. It also covered the House Bills 116, 252, 397, and Senate Bill 149 that have seen no action as of today's date. (see attachment)

Fire School: President McCann reported on the Spring fire school that begins in April and goes over three weekends including Friday evening classes. Jim explained on the use of the fire academy and what must be done to use the fire academy by individual fire companies. Also, it was mentioned that the academy must follow the guidelines that are put in place by Bucks County.

President McCann mentioned that the association officers met with our insurance carrier representative Joe Hassen. After meeting with him it was found that there are some things that need to be updated with our plan. He mentioned that these actions are already in the process of being updated.

Jerry Brant of Patton gave an update on how the leadership classes went. He reported that we seen attendance of over 250 students from all over Pennsylvania and other states. He mentioned that the final numbers would not be out until after March when all online classes have been completed.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that the Fire School Site Committee will be updating all new guidelines at the site, and with these new guidelines there are a lot of new rules the site committee must follow. He mentioned all facilitators must go through a training to be a facilitator.

John mentioned and thanked Byron Bishop Sr. for all the help he has been installing many new lights and a heater at the site.

Certification: Bill Cornell of West Hills reported on the upcoming F.F. 1&2 classes that will be given. He also mentioned that the skills stations have been changed for the F.F. 1 test. Bill also mentioned that you only have one year from the date you took your test to retest after that date there is nothing that the certification team can do about that. If you need to retest and it's been within a year contact him or Eric right away to schedule a retest date.

Web Site: William Cornell of West Hills reported that the updated enrollment for the spring fire school has been updated. Also, the meeting minutes have been updated on the web site.

Centennial: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported the banquet has been moved from October 2021 until October of 2022. Starting at the convention in Patton in July of 2021 membership will be opened to new delegates from association companies. John Hawksworth gave a description of things that each company will be able to put in the time capsule.

5K/10K Race: Eric Miller of Johnstown and Commissioner Chernisky gave a big overview on things that will be happening with the Race that will be held this year on July 10th on the Ghost Town Trail. They also spoke on the Triathlon that will be held by the Cambria County Conservation group and our association on October 22nd. The committee is looking to make the ending of this race exciting by inviting food trucks and possibly some music for individuals that what to hang out at the ending area of the race.

911 / EMA: Art Martynuska spoke on the updates of getting everyone vaccinated. He spoke about how they would like to add another drone to the fleet. EMA needs of finding out what fire companies in the county store foam in their stations and the type of foam it is. Art mentioned that Jackson Township water rescue team is only one of two teams in the commonwealth with a ONE-A rating. Greg Shilling reported that the Code Red system this month again, he also mentioned that with elections just taking place the center is in need of the updated list of each departments officers.

Fire Advisory Board: Art Martynuska mentioned that letters have been sent to those members that have been excused from the board. He mentioned they did do an overview of the Par system last meeting.

Resolutions: Past President Eric Miller read the name of passed member Richard Malicky of Spangler. All members in attendance were asked to stand for one minute of silence for this passed members.

County Convention: Jerry Brant of Patton reported that the Patton Fire Company has decided to go ahead with plans to host the 100th annual convention. The dates of the convention will be held Sunday July 25th through Sunday August 1st. There has been a web site set up to find out more information you may look it up at “**CUINPATTON2021**”.

Delegates Report: No Report Given

Roll Call of Officers: President Jim McCann, 1st Vice President Nick Wuckovich, 2nd Vice President Mike Petrisko, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary John C. Gromley, Assistant Secretary Brett Gromley were all present.

Roll Call of Companies: 20 Total Companies reporting; Beaverdale, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Commodore, Conemaugh, Dauntless, Franklin, Ferndale, Hope, Jackson Twp., Keystone Regional, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Patton, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Vintondale, West Hills.

Old Business: Steve Verbosky of Colver gave an update for the By-Laws committee. He mentioned that the updates to the by-laws have been pushed back at least one month maybe more.

New Business: Nothing for this meeting

Good of the Order: President McCann spoke about the database; at this time, we have a total of 62 delegates signed up. He is urging that more delegates sign up to make this system work how we would like it to.

Next Meeting: Will be moved from Daisytown to Beaverdale on April 22, 2021.

50/50: \$48.00

President McCann asked for a rising vote of thanks for the members of the Vintondale Fire Company for hosting the meeting.

With a motion to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. by Greg Shilling of EMA/Nanty Glo and with a proper 2nd by Byron Bishop Sr. of Nanty Glo.

President McCann deemed the meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary