

Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association

Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association monthly meeting was held in Roaring Springs by the Friendship Fire Company on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

In the absence of President Jim McCann and 1st Vice President Nick Wuckovich 2nd Vice President Mike Petrisko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Vice President Petrisko called for a short recess for members of Friendship to serve the meal. He opened the meeting back up at 7:25 p.m., with asking for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. Motion to accept the last meeting minutes as read was made by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale and with a proper 2nd by Lenny Whiteford of Patton the motion was carried.

Communications: Received a Donation of \$275.00 towards the scholarship fund from Gary Talerico. Received the letter from the Patton fire company to support their convention ad book.

Reading of the Monthly Bills: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the monthly bills and with the Total Expenses of \$8,016.54 and a copy of the bills on file with the Secretary a motion to pay the bills by Bruce Moriconi of Hope and a proper 2nd by Joe Sherry of Beaverdale the motion was carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the Treasurer's Report. A copy is on file with the Secretary. Motion by Steve Verbosky of Colver to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2nd by Albert White of Patton, motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: Secretary Gromley read a report provided by John Bem of Hastings. It went over several House and Senate Bills. The secretary has Mr. Bem's report on file.

Fire School Training: Paul Kundrod of St. Michael gave a report on the training committee meeting that was held on Sunday May 23. He gave an overview of the report that Jerry Brant gave the committee about how the leadership classes went along with closing numbers of students. Also, he spoke on what companies need to do that wish to use the fire school site in the evenings. Bill Cornell submitted a report that went over recent fire school training, he reported that the West Hills Essential Classes finished up on Sunday May 2, 2021, with the interior live burn. (14 of 15 enrolled completed the program). 19 candidates test out for Haz-Mat Operations through Bucks C.C.C. on Saturday May 15, and 10 candidates tested out for FF1 through Bucks C.C.C. on My 16th with two no shows.

Fire School Site: Steve Verbosky of Colver reported on getting rid of equipment that was not needed at the Fire School site for the site committee can get prepared for an inventory at the site in June. Steve also thanks the number of individuals that have been pitching in to help get the site cleaned up. He made mention that Bucks County has helped get the site thirty new tables for the classrooms.

Certification: Certification Report that was prepared by Bill Cornell of West Hills was read by the Secretary. It covered the upcoming FF1 and FF2 opened and closed test along with registration deadlines. All these upcoming test dates and times can be found on the web site.

Web Site: Bill Cornell submitted the web site report. He reported that the web site has been updated with the new logo and name. He added two pages and updated the toolbar links for the “Centennial Information” page and “Scholarship-Tuition Assistance” page. Added PDF files for the tuition assistance instructions and application. Also, have added the tuition assistance information on our Facebook page.

Centennial: It was reported the next meeting is May 24, 2021, at the fire school site and a reminder that any department walking with 9 or more members will receive a plaque with a picture on it in recognition of the 100th anniversary.

5K/10K Race: It was reported that the 5k/10k Race will be held this year on July 10th on the Ghost Town Trail help that day is needed to make this a success.

911 / EMA: No Report Given

By-laws: Steve Verbosky of Colver reported that copies of the proposed by-law have been distributed and they are also posted on the website. Everything in red are the changes that have been made. Steve made a motion that the proposed by-laws have been properly proposed for the Second reading. Second by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale. Motion carried. A vote will take place on the By-Laws at the Loretto meeting on June 24, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m...

Fire Advisory Board: Next meeting to be held on June 29th.

Resolutions: Past President Paul Sklodowski read resolution for Past President Cecil “Skip” Cook of Nanty Glo Station “43”. All members stood for one minute of silence for our past member.

County Convention: Members from Patton were in attendance and ask the membership to consider giving them permission to add the fire prevention parade and throw back parade back into the event contest and use it for points toward the Grand Convention Trophy. Bernie Blazosky of St. Michael event rules committee chairman explained that according to the convention rules Patton needed to ask the membership permission to bring this contest back in if it was going to be used for points towards the Grand Championship. Bernie Blazosky at this time made a motion to allow Patton to add this contest back in and use this event as points towards the Grand Champion Trophy, with a proper 2nd by Jim Bloom of Dauntless Motion was Carried. The members from Patton presented the schedule that they have put together for the upcoming 100th convention.

Delegates Report: Paul Sklodowski attend the Central District meeting that was held on May 2nd in Shellsburg, PA.

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

Roll Call of Companies: 15 Total Companies reporting; Beaverdale, Clymer, Colver, Dauntless, Franklin, Ferndale, Friendship, Gallitzin, Hope, Keystone Regional, Patton, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp...

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing for this meeting.

Good of the Order: Vice President Petrisko made mention that all nominations for awards must be turned in to the Secretary by June 24th meeting in Loretto, and that the scholarship applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2021.

Next Meeting: Will be held in Loretto on June 24, 2021.

50/50: \$35.00

Bruce Moriconi of Hope called for a rising vote of thanks for the members of the Friendship Fire Company for hosting the meeting.

With a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm by Chris Cox of Gallitzin and with a proper 2nd by Jim Bloom of Dauntless. Motion was carried.

Vice President Petrisko deemed the meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary

Sharp Agreements still needed:

1. Ashville Borough
2. Cassandra Borough
3. Conemaugh Twp
4. Cresson Borough
5. Dale Borough
6. E. Conemaugh Borough
7. Ebensburg Borough
8. Franklin Borough
9. Gallitzin Borough
10. City of Johnstown
11. Middle Taylor Twp
12. Reade Twp
13. Southmont Borough
14. Vintondale Borough

Information Requests we have:

(Already have these company information Code Red)

1. Franklin Fire
2. Hope Fire
3. Richland
4. Riverside
5. Southmont
6. Spangler
7. Summerhill Borough Fire