

Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2022

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Nick Wuckovich called the meeting to order at 19:00 hrs
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Wuckovich. Paul Sklodowski then gave the blessing.

- **Meeting recessed for the Meal** - 19:02

- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:24

- **Guest Speaker** – Tyler Olsen of ISO. Mr. Olsen explained ISO new name is Verisk Analytics. He explained how his company works and things he looks for to lower each Fire Company's ISO rating. He explained on things that each Company should be documenting to help themselves lower this number as well. Mr. Olsen encouraged all Chief Officers to reach out to help for guidance.

- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of February 24, 2022 meeting were read.
 - Additions or corrections – Stand approved as read.

- **Communications** – Letters from: Nanty Glo Fire Co for an ad in their Central District booklet. Letter from Newburg Fir Co. in regards to joining the Association.

- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$5705.02
 - **Question:** _____
 - **Motion:** Jim Bloom - Dauntless
 - **2nd:** Bruce Moriconi - Hope
 - **Vote:** All approved. Passed 0 No Votes

- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:
Total Funds in Certificates:

\$130,786.17

Total Funds in Checking Accounts:

\$70,253.51

TOTAL FUND BALANCES as of: 03/24/2022:

\$201,039.68

- **Question:** _____
- **Motion:** __Mark Coleman - Beaverdale
- **2nd:** _Mickey Lutch - Spangler
- **Vote:** __Passed 0 No Votes

- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Law & Legislative** – No report

 - **Fire School** –
 - Jim McCann – Johnstown FD – 4 Essentials classes still running. 2 have live burns this weekend. Other 2 will finish April 30 and May 1. West Hills finishing up this weekend, level 3. Starting HazMat Ops.
 - 13 of 14 Leadership classes have been completed.
 - Starting May 2 the Fire School will be open. You must go through Joe Adams to set up your date and time.
 - Training meeting will be Sunday March 27 at 5 PM at the Fire Academy

 - **Fire School Site** –
 - John Hawksworth – Dauntless reported that the Fire School has received a side-by-side from Conemaugh Fire Company in memory of Steve Unger. It was asked of the Association to send a Thank You card.
 - John mentioned that the sign coming into the site needs to be replaced.
 - ServPro gave a large donation of water and has asked to attend one of our meetings to go over their products.

 - **Certification** – Bill Cornell – West Hills Regional reported:
 - Completed a Closed FF I on March 19, 2022 with 21 testing
 - Open test for FF II, HMO, and FF I are posted on website
 - Fall open tests for October are posted on website for FF I & II

- **Other Committee Reports:**

- **Application Review** - Nothing
- **By-Laws** – Nothing
- **Fire Prevention** – Keep looking at Facebook

- **Historical** – Nick Wuckovich – Conemaugh reported that tickets are on sale for June 11th Association picnic to be held at St. Michael. Tickets are \$15.00 each.

- **Recruitment & Retention** – Nothing

- **Tuition Assistance** – Application is online

- **Website** – Updated as of March 24th.

- **9-1-1 EMA** – Nothing

- **Fire Advisory** – No meeting was held.

- **Resolutions** – Paul Sklodowski read the names of:
 - Bernard T. Bearer - Carrolltown
 - Thomas Myers – Portage
 Members stood in silence for 1 minute in remembrance of their departed brothers.

- **County Convention** – Posters with events were passed out at the meeting. Ad letters will be coming out soon. Each Department has been asked to support the Ad booklet.

- **Other Association** – Nothing

- **Roll Call of Officers** – All present except Secretary William Lehmann – work.

- **Roll Call of Companies** – St. Michael, Commodore, Clymer, Conemaugh, Colver, Cover Hill, Creekside, Dauntless, East Taylor, Ferndale, Franklin, Hope, Keystone Regional, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Portage, Richland Twp., Spangler, South Fork, Summerhill Borough, Summerhill Twp., West Taylor

- **Old and Unfinished Business** –

- Robert Neis – Cover Hill – reported on plaques for Fire School and how the wall is coming along. He mentioned that there are still a lot of Fire Companies not on the wall. He mentioned that any business that any business we know of that donates \$500.00 or more will received a free plaque with their name on it and it will be placed on the wall.
 - President Wuckovich called for a motion to accept Altoona Fire Department into the Association. Motion by Tony Sestrich – Richland Twp; 2nd by Mickey Lutch. Motion passed with 0 No votes.
- **New Business –**
 - Motion by Ed Hudak – Beaverdale to take a full page ad in the Central District Convention book, convention being held in Nanty Glo for a price of \$150.00. Proper 2nd by Steve Verbosky – Colver. Motion passed with 0 No votes.
 - Motion by Ben Huether – Hope to give honorary Life Membership to June Kania and Robert Grunmeier for all their hard work helping the Association grow. Proper 2nd by Jay Nagle of Spangler. Motion passed with 0 No votes.
 - Motion by Robert Neis – Cover Hill to have 3 individuals from the Central District who are associated with no submissions to vote on the winners of our Association Fire Prevention Award. Prize amounts are \$100.00 for 1st, \$50.00 for 2nd. Proper 2nd by Charles Woodley – Hope. Passed with 0 No votes.
 - Letter from Newburg Fire Company to join Association. Sent to committee.
- **Good of the Association –**
 - President Wuckovich called for all to sign a get-well card for Association member John Bem and a sympathy card for Chip Dillon a dedicated FF I evaluator for the tragic loss of his parents.
 - Mentioned that there has been no activity from 28 member Companies of the Association. You must have 2 meetings to vote in the Convention and 4 meetings to run for an office.
 - John Hawksworth showed the Cambria County Community Impact Award that the Association received.
- **Standing Rise for Host Company –** President Wuckovich called for a rising vote of thanks for Clymer.

- **Next Meeting** – East Taylor on April 28, 2022
- **50/50 Drawing** – \$62.00 – Tom Bracken.
- **Adjournment** –
 - **Motion:** Ben Huether - Hope
 - **2nd:** Ed Hudak – Beaverdale
 - **Vote:** Passed
 - **Time:** 20:48 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Gromley