

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 2022**  
**East Taylor FD**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Nick Wuckovich called the meeting to order at 19:01 hrs
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Wuckovich. Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Reg then gave the blessing.
  
- **Meeting recessed for the Meal** - 19:02
  
- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:30
  
- **Guest Speaker** – Eric Kessler PLCB – gave updates on changes to Small Games of Chance, Online – livestream only. Calendars – if unsold calendars exist each drawing must be drawn until a winner.
  
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of March 24, 2022 meeting were read.
  - Additions or corrections \_- correction to date of picnic is June 11<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Communications** –
  - Steve Verbosky – requesting changing status to Emeritus for Training Academy.
  - Red Knights requesting sponsorship & support
  - IRS certification for the CCRFA as a 501c(3) organization.
  
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$8795.89
  - **Question:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Motion:** Rich Brown – Nanty Glo
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Darren Smith – St. Michael
  - **Vote:** \_Passed with 0 No Votes

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

\$130,799.04

Total Funds in Checking Accounts:

\$63,103.01

**TOTAL FUND BALANCES** as of: 4/28/2022:

\$193,902.05

- **Question:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Motion:** \_Chris Cox - Gallitzin
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bruce Moriconi - Hope
  - **Vote:** \_Treasurer's report accepted with 0 No Votes
- **Committee Reports:**
    - **Law & Legislative** – No report
    - **Fire School** – Jim McCann – Johnstown FD - Completed all 3 Fire School weekend so there will be a wrap-up meeting and starting to plan for next year. Fire School site is open, must coordinate with Joe Adams for facilitators.
    - **Fire School Site** – Open in May. Hawk also reported that as a result of Fire School, the Cambria 911 Center now has a list of heavy wreckers available for contact. Dept's do not need to go through their PD if there is a time critical need.
    - **Certification** – May 14 & 15 Cert tests for Essentials, FF I and HMO.
    - **Rules** – 5<sup>th</sup> item added to the firefighter's competition. Changes will be mailed to the Companies.
  - **Other Committee Reports:**
    - **Application Review** - nothing
    - **By-Laws** –
    - **Fire Prevention** –
    - **Historical** –
      - Paul Kundrod – St. Michael – reported that the picnic is June 11<sup>th</sup> at Berwind Wayside in St. Michael. Tickets available for \$15.00. Need a count for caterer.
      - John Hawksworth – Dauntless – Time Capsule is drawing near. Reminded members to turn in envelopes.

- Bob Neis – Cover Hill – looking for grout for the wall at Fire School
  - Art Martynuska – reported that there is interest in the Honor Guard and having the Honor Guard available for LODD. Meetings will be forthcoming.
- **Recruitment & Retention** –
- **Tuition Assistance** –
- **Website** – Updated as of today
- **9-1-1 EMA** – Art Martynuska
  - Radio Update – started point mapping. 250 talk groups will be available. County radios orders are in. 80% tower site completed final issues being resolved on several sites.
  - EMA – Chassis for foam truck is in, the body is on the chassis. Region 13 reorganization, unit had lost ranking and funding. Working on restoring
  - Grant to look for high water vehicle. There had been a need for one in last summer's flooding, but National Guard turned down the request.
  - Rehab unit from East Hills Amb Association – sitting at 911 Center. Looking for another unit for up north. The EHAS unit will be housed at Conemaugh, north unit at Nanty Glo. Several items to inventory, then will begin working on response planning.
- **Fire Advisory** – Nothing
- **Resolutions** – Paul Sklodowski read the names of our departed brothers this month:
  - Chief Isaac David Hassen – Hope
  - James Strenko – Colver FD
 Members stood for one minute in silence in memory of our departed brother.
- **County Convention** – Skip Grove – Conemaugh
  - Rules meeting held – they will be mailed out.
  - Get booklet ads in
  - Will have a mailout coming

- **Other Association** – Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Reg reported next Central Meeting at Nanty Glo May 1. Committees at 1:30, meeting at 2:30.
- **Commissioner Chernisky** – reported Art Martynuska has been officially promoted to Director of Emergency Services.
  - 5K all proceeds benefit Fire School
  - Marathon – split 50/50 Fire School & Conservation District
- **Roll Call of Officers** – All present except Daryl Bodenschatz and Ass't Secretary Brett Gromley
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 32 Companies present. Altoona, Beaverdale, Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Twp, Keystone Reg, Logan Twp United, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Oakland, Patton, Portage, Reade Twp, Richland Twp, Scalp Level Paint, South Fork, Southmont, Spangler, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp,
- **Old and Unfinished Business** –
  - Newburg FD Recommended for membership. Motion by Jim Nagle, Gallitzin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben Huether – Hope. Motion passed with 0 No Votes.
- **New Business** –
  - Motion to take out a full page ad in the Red Knights booklet for \$150.00 by John Hawksworth – Dauntless, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art Martynuska. Motion passed with 0 No Votes.
  - Motion to present Steve Verbosky – Colver with his Emeritus Jacket by Bob Neis – Cover Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Hribar – St. Michael. Passed with 0 No Votes.
- **Good of the Association** – President Nick Wuckovich turned over meeting chair to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mike Petrisko.
  - Secretary Lehmann reported membership cards are at Damin printing. The member data card is being updated to collect better contact info and additional information on each delegate's beneficiaries. Member asked to complete the information completely each year as "same as last year" or "no changes" doesn't help reach the proper beneficiaries if old records are unavailable.

- Acting Pres Petrisko recognized Mr. Wuckovich to address on an item from the President's book. There is direction to present LODD survivors with "a memento" but no direction as to what that should be or how it should be done. Mr. Wuckovich made a motion to allow purchase of a memento plaque for Chief Hassen's survivors at Memorial Service. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Nagle – Gallitzin. Motion passed with 0 No Votes.
- Art Martynuska suggested having a struck medal available, perhaps get 10 to 12 to have on hand. Matter was taken under advisement.
  
- **Standing Rise for Host Company** – Acting President Petrisko called for a standing rise for the East Taylor Fire Co. for their hospitality.
  
- **Next Meeting** – May 26 - Hastings
  
- **50/50 Drawing** – \$95
  
- **Adjournment** –
  - **Motion:** Ben Huether – ~~Cover Hill~~ corrected to Hope FC. (5/26/22)
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
  - **Vote:** Passed
  - **Time:** 20:37

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary