

Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022
Hastings Fire Co

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Nick Wuckovich called the meeting to order at 1900 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** - 19:00 hrs

- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:29 hrs

- **Guest Speaker** – Tim Reitz spoke on CISM and the resources available to members and their families.

- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of April 28, 2022 meeting were read.
 - Additions or corrections – motion for adjournment was by Ben Huether – Hope FC – not Cover Hill.
 - With correction, President Wuckovich declared minutes approved as read.

- **Communications** –
 - Vern Fulton – requesting Emeritus status
 - Nanty Glo FC – requesting hosting of 2025 Cambria County Regional FF Association convention. Also, nominate Jay Jacobson 2nd VP of Association.
 - Letter from Nanty Glo Borough supporting Nanty Glo FC request to host the Convention.
 - Letter from Irvona Vol FC No 1 requesting to rejoin Association
 - Letter from Nanty Glo FC nominating Thomas E Bracken for the 2022 Steve Unger award.
 - Invitation to the 2022 Central District Association Convention received from Nanty Glo FC

- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$5327.25
 - **Question:** _____
 - **Motion to pay the bills:** Byron Bishop – Nanty Glo
 - **2nd:** Bruce Moriconi – Hope FD
 - **Vote:** Passed – 0 No votes

- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:
 - Total Funds in Certificates:
 - \$126,095.24
 - Total Funds in Checking Accounts:
 - \$60526.28
 - TOTAL FUND BALANCES** as of: 5/26/2022:
 - \$186,621.52
 - **Question:** _____
 - **Motion:** John Bem - Hastings
 - **2nd:** Mark Coleman – Beaverdale FC
 - **Vote:** Passed with 0 No votes

- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Law & Legislative** – John Bem – Hastings reported the region lost 1 House Rep. The Legislature is working on Budget with no action expected in the near term of any Fire Service bills. End of session may mean that any existing legislative proposals will die and have to be reintroduced in the upcoming session.
 - **Fire School** – Jim McCann – Johnstown FD:
 - Wrap up meeting was held
 - Training Comm meeting scheduled June 1 at Fire School
 - Bills will be forthcoming for anyone who signed up for class but did not attend and did not cancel. Significant costs to the Association for no shows; meals, etc.
 - Meeting coming up on June 18th about co-sponsoring an Essentials Class in Blair County
 - The Training Committee, especially Brett Gromley, needs a new computer.
 - Motion by Richie Brown – Nanty Glo – to purchase a new laptop for the Fire School
 - 2nd by Len Whiteford – Patton FC
 - Passed with 0 No votes

- Committee is starting to look at Essentials programs for next year.
- **Fire School Site** – John Hawksworth – Dauntless
 - Only 1 Engine at the site can draft. Need another pumper that can draft
 - Starting 1st Wednesday in June, every Wednesday from 9-Noon will be a work party at the site. All help is appreciated
 - Meeting with site committee & tower supporters – strategic planning for the new building and the site to set spending priorities
 - Thanked Ladies Auxiliary for support as the cost of gas has gotten expensive for mowing grass, etc.
 - Thanked the various fire companies that donated valves for the pond.
 - Area around the monument to be landscaped.
- **Certification** – Paul Kundrod – St. Michael FD reporting for Bill Cornell
 - Saturday June 4th Open FF2 test will run with 9 candidates
 - Sunday June 5th Open HMO test canceled (low enrollment 0 applications)
 - Friday/Saturday June 10th & 11th Open test will run with 27 candidates
 - Closed FF1 test for Clearfield FD scheduled for Saturday August 27th
 - Closed FF1 test for Conemaugh FD scheduled for Saturday September 17th
 - Fall Open Tests:
 - FF2 on Saturday October 1st
 - FF1 on Fri/Sat October 7th & 8th
- **Other Committee Reports:**
 - **Application Review** – Irvona referred to committee
 - **By-Laws** – 2 new proposals regarding voting read to the body. Attached for reference.
 - **Fire Prevention** – John Hawksworth reported that companies need to put their books together. All kinds of events can be in the book such as Prom Promises, etc.

- **Historical** – Paul Kundrod reminded all that the Picnic is being held June 11th. June 1st final date to sign up. \$15/person. John Hawksworth reminded to get your time-capsule envelopes in.
- **Recruitment & Retention** – Paul Kundrod – St. Michael – reminded all the PA State Fire Administration grants have been renewed. FD's need to get applications in.
- **Tuition Assistance** – 2 checks received: Talerico Insurance sent in \$250. Herb Nagle sent in \$100. There is 1 request for assistance received so far. Applications close in June.
- **Website** – Bill Cornell – West Hills – reported via text website was updated.
- **9-1-1 EMA** – President Wuckovich reported for Art Martynuska – there was a Fire Chief's meeting at Dauntless on Sunday, May 22. Hopes to meet quarterly. There was discussion about PAR. Also, reported there are glitches with several tower sites. They are working with vendors to get the situations straightened out.
- **Fire Advisory** – no report
- **Resolutions** – Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Regional read the name of Floyd J. Rousell, Jr. Members stood for 1 minute in memory of their departed brother.
- **County Convention** – Report from Skip Grove – Conemaugh – still working out some details and info will be mailed to companies soon.
- **Other Association** – Spring planning meeting was held. Added a Marching trophy. Convention is August 18, 19, 20, 2022 in Nanty Glo.
- **Roll Call of Officers** – all present except Assistant Treasurer Daryl Bodenschadtz and Brett Gromley.
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 27 companies present: Altoona, Beaverdale, Carrolltown, Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Dauntless, East Taylor, Ferndale, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Twp, Keystone Regional, Lower Yoder, Nanty Glo, Patton,

Portage, Richland Twp., South Fork, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp., West Taylor, Westover.

- **Old and Unfinished Business** –

- **New Business** – Paul Kundrod – Treasurer noted that the Association can do better investing a portion of its funds into other types of investments beside the CDs that we are currently invested with. Reported on one such Fund – American Fund Mutual Fund.
 - He suggested starting slow but look for instruments with higher returns than CDs as even our Death Fund will run out of money with about 150 payouts and we have 1200+ members.
 - Motion by Richie Brown – Nanty Glo – to invest in this fund. 2nd by Mark Coleman Beaverdale. Motion passed with 0 No votes.
 - John Gromley suggested exploring cash bash.
 - Other fund raising ideas were discussed.
 - President Wuckovich appointed a Fundraising Committee.
 - Bob Neis – Cover Hill – reported the School site sign is in bad shape. He has labor lined up, a sign company will recommend how to place signs. He said estimated project cost to be between \$1000-\$1200 to replace. Motion by Charles Woodley – Hope with a 2nd by Steve Verbosky to spend the funds. Motion passed with 0 No votes.
 - Motion by Mickey Lutch – Spangler to award Vern Fulton his Emeritus jacket. 2nd by Mark Coleman – Beaverdale. Motion passed with 0 No votes.
 - 2 Amendments – 1st reading read by President Wuckovich to determine how By-Laws amendments were to be passed:
 - 1 amendment would require a simple majority
 - 1 amendment would require a 2/3 majority.

- **Good of the Association** – Ladies Auxiliary needs help selling ticket book. Please contact Mary Kelly.

- **Standing Rise for Host Company** – President Wuckovich called for a standing rise for the Hastings FC for hosting the meeting.

- **Next Meeting** – June 23 – Franklin
 - Nominations will be made at that meeting.

- **50/50 Drawing** – \$59

- **Adjournment** –
 - **Motion:** George Krug – Keystone
 - **2nd:** Len Whiteford - Patton
 - **Vote:** Passed
 - **Time:** 20:50 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary