

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**June 23, 2022**  
**Franklin**

- **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** - 1900 hrs
  
- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:25
  
- **Guest Speaker** – Christy Yingling, ServPro – spoke for several minutes on the services available for FD and their customers.
  
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of May 26, 2022 meeting were read.
  - Additions or corrections – None.
  - President Wuckovich declared the minutes accepted as read
  
- **Communications** –
  - CC EMA submitted 4 nominations for valor. Referred to Awards Committee
  - Letter from Reelvest Properties offering to buy the Fire School site for \$18,290.57 read to the body.
  
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$4627.79
  - **Question:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Motion:** Byron Bishop, Nanty Glo
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Tony Sestrich, Richland
  - **Vote:** Passed with 0 No votes
  
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:  
Total Funds in Certificates:  

\$126,095.24

Total Funds in Checking Accounts:

\$55,615.47

**TOTAL FUND BALANCES** as of: 6/23/2022:

\$181,710.71

- **Question:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Motion:** Mark Coleman, Beaverdale
- **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mike Krug, Keystone
- **Vote:** Passed with 0 No votes
  
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Law & Legislative –**
    - Eric Miller – Johnstown gave the report attached for reference. Of main discussion was Senator Pat Stefano's proposal to introduce legislation to fix the Fire Relief and Municipal Pensions Aid Fund to ensure consistent funding. Miller suggested sending Senator Langerholc emails with opinions. Art Martynuska – EMA suggested waiting until we see the language before forming opinions.
    - The other main items was both chambers have moved identical legislation thru their bodies to allow 17 year olds to complete interior and live fire modules.
  
  - **Fire School – Jim McCann – Johnstown**
    - Received a \$9,000.00 check from NexStar/WTAJ for the Fire School
    - Blair Co wants an Essentials program. Working with Bucks.
    - Bucks CCC allowed purchase of 6 Bronze packages for \$6,000.00 and to cover cost of certifications. Stipulation is that HMO Certification will only be covered if student completes module 4 of the program.
    - Reported that the Fire School got a \$25,000.00 grant from JARI for EMT programs for Under/unemployed persons, starting with Johnstown zip codes (1590X). Can be expanded out, but 1<sup>st</sup> offers go to the Johnstown area.
    - Submitted a proposal for Paramedic training to JARI.
    - Meetings beginning shortly to schedule for next year's Fire School.
    - Leadership Program is on track for returning in the new year.

- President Nick Wuckovich thanked Randy Santone for his assistance in making the Bronze package deal possible.
    - President Nick Wuckovich thanked RJ Wilson for his work with WTAJ on obtaining the NexStar grant.
  - **Fire School Site** – John Hawksworth – Dauntless
    - 2 Strategic Planning meetings held, lightly attended. Trying to build a 5 & 10 with the 2 committees so far, the Tower Committee and the Site Committee
    - Cresson Area Playhouse wants to do a Haunted Fire School
    - Engines – the site now had 0 (Zero) drafting engines. Need either an engine or portable pumps for the pond.
    - Wednesday work groups – 9-Noon every Wednesday
    - Working on the wall right now
    - The Chernisky run is July 9<sup>th</sup> – 7 – Noon, Need volunteers mostly to hand out water.
    - Need a 4x4 for the 10K
  - **Certification** – Bill Cornell – West Hills Regional
    - Adding Hope FC – FFII on Oct 2
    - Bellwood wants closed test. Also, Bellwood wants to join Association
    - Jefferson County looking for closed tests
- **Other Committee Reports:**
  - **Application Review** – No report
  - **By-Laws** – No report
  - **Fire Prevention** – We have 2 books received – need more
  - **Historical** – 2 major events
    - Antique parade – July 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Burial of Time Capsule. John Hawksworth reported that still time to get 1” thick envelope of material
    - Ed Hudak – Beaverdale getting the capsule
  - **Recruitment & Retention** – Paul Kundrod – St. Michael
    - State is doing R&R grants
    - Reminder to put pink ticket in the container for the drawing
  - **Tuition Assistance** – President Wuckovich
    - 1 Application so far – end of June is deadline

- **Website** – Bill Cornell – West Hills Regional
  - Minutes and Proposed By-Laws are posted
- **9-1-1 EMA** – Art Martynuska - EMA
  - Reported he was appointed to the Governor’s Fire Advisory Board
  - Rehab unit currently housed at LEPC. Stocked and ready to go. Will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> unit, CamTran may donate a smaller bus. 2<sup>nd</sup> unit will be housed up at Nanty Glo for northern service, Conemaugh will house south unit. Will start a program for staffing, applicants need not be a member of a FD to apply.
  - HiEx Foam unit on the new chassis. Unit should be road ready in a couple of weeks.
  - HazMat tech class in City of Johnstown in Fall. Dates & info TBA
  - Cart System for animal rescue. 38 members of the team. Equipment from Sate including a 30’ Tripod, 1200# lift capability. This is the only one in Region 13.
  - New SHARP agreements are in place
  - Hazard Mitigation Plan under PEMA review. When it comes back, need municipalities to sign off.
  - Radio system. 2 sites look like resolutions are coming. Summerhill area, National park Service looks like there is an agreement. Northern site (Carrolltown) – owner deceased. Working with estate to get a Right of Way agreement or eminent domain proceeding.
  - Eastern areas fix – can’t really know what we need until we know coverage once the radio system is on.
  - Meeting with Motorola on a weekly basis.
  - Doing Fleet Mapping right now.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> UAV is in. Waivers in place for night ops. 7 pilots trained.
  - NAVIS system part of grant with mapping inside of building
  - 2 911-systems in process:
    - Prepare – allows 911 to send a text message to a caller that then allows livestream of incident. 4-6 weeks until live.
    - PulsePoint – registered users, if a Cardiac Arrest occurs within 150’ of a users, alert is sent and also will indicate location of closest AED.
  - Looking at a Telemedicine program with Conemaugh

- Last year Region 13 lost \$4 million in grants. Got 35% back so far.
  - Lastly, reminder that November is the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a large loss of life fire in Lilly. Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, looking to do a memorial event.
- **Fire Advisory** – No report
- **Resolutions** – Paul Sklodowski read the names of our departed brothers:
    - Gary Lallemand, Patton
    - Valgene Carmosino, Gallitzin
    - Ronald H. Easley, Hastings
    - John Zajdel, Conemaugh
    - James R. Meden, Sr., Beaverdale
 Members then stood for one minute in silence in memory of our departed brothers.
- **County Convention** – Skip Grove – Conemaugh reported everything ready.
    - Need book ads
    - Invitations sent for banquet
- **Other Associations** – No report
- **Roll Call of Officers** – all present except Ass't Sect'y Brett Gromley
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 27 companies
    - Beaverdale, Carrolltown, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Creekside, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Ferndale, Hastings, Hope, Keystone Regional, Lower Yoder, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Reade Twp, Richland Twp, Scalp Level Paint, South Fork, Southmont, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, West Hills, West Taylor.
- **Old and Unfinished Business** –
    - Application Review Committee recommends accepting Irvona FC application.
      - Motion – Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Popson – Clymer
      - Vote – Passed with 0 No votes

- Jim McCann – Johnstown
    - Ex-East Hills Ambulance Service – South Rehab unit to be housed at Conemaugh. Requesting staffing. Personnel to be covered through EMA. Contact him if interested.
    - Art Martynuska clarified that the persons would be “Duly Enrolled Volunteer” and covered under Serve PA.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Proposed By-Law amendments ready by President Wuckovich. Changes to By-Laws Article 14 Amendment, Section 6 added:
    - Proposal for 2/3 majority for passage of an amendment
    - Proposal for Simple Majority for passage.
  - Flyer being circulated for the LODD Medal. President Wuckovich entertained a motion to buy 5 medals.
    - Motion – Art Martynuska – at-large
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim McCann – Johnstown
    - Vote called – passed with 0 No votes
  - Working on presenting a memento to Chief David Hassen’s widow at the Convention
- **New Business –**
    - Motion to discard the letter from Reelvest group offer to purchase the Fire School site property
      - Motion – Ed Hudak – Beaverdale
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tony Sestrich – Richland
      - Vote called – passed with 0 No votes
    - Recommendation concerning the Relief & Pension funding fixes – President Wuckovich entertained motion to table
      - Motion – Eric Miller – Johnstown
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Art Martynuska – at-large
      - Vote called – passed 0 No votes
    - Liana Wier – St. Francis University presented on 2 proposed marketing studies to be done by SFU students for marketing the Association and Fire School.
      - Marketing 321 – data research
      - Marketing 404 – to produce SWOT analysis
      - Obligations of the Association to meet with the students, approve the presentation to be done at Schwab Hall, approve the Program use for students’ use after conclusion.

- President Wuckovich entertained a motion with respect to approving the SFU Program
  - Motion – Ed Hudak – Beaverdale
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Nies – Cover Hill
  - Vote called – passed with 0 No votes
- Bob Nies reported that the site entrance sign was removed and the wall to be torn down in preparation for replacing.
- **Nominations** – President Wuckovich called for nominations, with each position being called for 3 times:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
    - Byron Bishop – Nanty Glo by Steve Verbosky
    - Mark Coleman – Beaverdale by Eric Miller
    - Jay Jacobsen – Nanty Glo by Rich Brown
  - Secretary
    - Bill Lehmann – Richland by Mark Coleman
  - Assistant Secretary
    - Jeff Gromley – Altoona by Jim McCann
  - Treasurer
    - Paul Kundrod – St. Michael by Rich Brown
  - Assistant Treasurer
    - Daryl Bodenschatz – Summerhill by Eric Miller
  - 3 Site Directors
    - Mike Krug & Tony Sestrich by Ed Hudak
      - Mike Krug declined
    - Mark Coleman – Beaverdale by Mike Krug
    - Jim McCann – Johnstown by Eric Miller
    - Bob Nies – Cover Hill by Tony Sestrich
  - Fire Advisory
    - Joe Buck – Ferndale by Bill Cornell
    - Rich Brown – Nanty Glo by Tom Bracken
  - Alternate Delegate to State
    - Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Reg by Art Martynuska
  - Central District
    - Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Reg by Rich Brown
  - Western PA FF
    - Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Reg by Ed Hudak
  - Convention Host 2024
    - Clymer FC by Jim McCann
- **Good of the Association** –
  - Central District Convention – August 18, 19, 20

- Fire Academy reaching out for social media sites
- Art Martynuska – asking for 4 team leads for Camp Odyssey - \$10K grants to sponsor leads to attend and serve as contacts. Could be as early as mid-September start.
- Meeting with Dallas Kephart at FS site
- Work sessions 9-Noon Wednesdays
  
- **Standing Rise for Host Company** – President Wuckovich called for a standing rise for the host fire company – Franklin.
  
- **Next Meeting** – Convention July 23 – 30, 2022
  - Delegate Registration, Thursday July 28, 5:00-8:00 PM
  - Voting – Thursday evening, July 28, 7:30-8:30 PM
  - Delegate Registration, Friday July 29, 8:00 AM
  - Voting – Friday morning, July 29, 8:00-9:30 AM
  
- **50/50 Drawing** – Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
  
- **Adjournment** –
  - **Motion:** Bill Cornell, West Hills Regional
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Randy Santone, Altoona
  - **Vote:** Passed
  - **Time:** 21:25 hours

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary