

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes at
Gallitzin Fire Co
October 27, 2022**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Mike Petrisko called the meeting to order at 19:10 hrs
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Petrisko. Paul Sklodowski then gave the blessing.

- **Meeting recessed for the Meal** - 19:11

- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:41

- **Guest Speaker** - Nick McGowan, SFU Marketing Program student then gave update on the marketing survey and on the SFU Marketing Program research.

- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of September 2022 meeting were read.
 - Additions or corrections – none.
 - President Petrisko then declared the minutes accepted as read.

- **Communications** –
 - Letter from Marion Center Fire Company to join the Association.

- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$6,723.80
 - **Question:** _____
 - **Motion:** Rich Brown – Nanty Glo – to pay bills.
 - **2nd:** Paul Dowey – Spangler
 - **Vote:** Passed with 0 No Votes

- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:

Total Funds in Certificates:

\$121,948.94

Total Funds in Checking Accounts:

\$ 82,821.34

TOTAL FUND BALANCES as of: 10/27/2022:

\$204,770.28

- **Question:** _____
- **Motion:** Charles Woodley – Hope – to accept Treasurer’s report
- **2nd:** Bob Nies – Cover Hill
- **Vote:** Passed with 0 No Votes
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Law & Legislative** – No Report
 - **Fire School** –
 - Jim McCann – Johnstown –
 - Spring Fire School program mostly finished with minor details, brochure to be ready for printing. Still on track for mailing by Thanksgiving.
 - Posters will be coming out
 - Registrations are all online – including a QR code for ease of use.
 - Reminder to students taking Bucks courses, registrations must be legible so data can be entered
 - No more paper certificates, all emailed, need valid emails for participants.
 - Rehab Update – McCann
 - East Hill Amb Assoc housing their old unit
 - Nanty Glo has a support trailer
 - Conemaugh housing a support unit
 - If anyone wants to be a part of the Rehab Units reach out to Jim McCann, June Kania, or Jim Boring
 - Leadership Development – Jerry Brant
 - Opens Monday Jan 9th. Runs Mondays and Wednesdays thru March.
 - “Intro to On-Line Learning” – 1st Session January 9th is mandatory session. Covers how to go through each night’s process.
 - Looking at ways to combat drop off of attendance

- State Fire Commissioner is going to be one of the sessions.
 - **Fire School Site –**
 - Tony Sestrich – Richland – turned over to John Hawksworth – Dauntless – update on Oct 1st Run, Fire School and Conservation did 50/50 split, with Fire School receiving \$15,000 from the event.
 - Tom Chenisky – gave updates on upcoming runs
 - Check presentation 11/29 at Laurel Medical 10:30 AM
 - July 8th 2023 is the Classic – 100% of money goes to Fire School.
 - Tony Sestrich – Richland
 - 2 more facilitators added, still need more.
 - Ed Myers has secured vault for time capsule. Will be sealed Nov 19th.
 - Site Meeting Nov 2.
 - Altoona recruit class done
 - Noted that someone is playing around with the Reade Twp Engine. The Fire School does not own the unit, so stop using the unit or playing with it unless authorized.
 - **Certification –**
 - Bill Cornell – West Hills Regional –
 - Site Coordinator meeting next week at PA SFA. 4 attending.
 - Bucks – certifications are now online
 - Website is updated with certifications in Spring and Fall
- **Other Committee Reports:**
 - **Application Review** – Joe Adams – Cresson – reported Marion Center Application approved
 - **By-Laws** – 2nd reading of proposed By-Law change was read

- **Fire Prevention** –
 - John Hawksworth – every department is doing something. Put it in a booklet and submit for consideration at Convention for award

- **Historical** –
 - John Hawksworth – updated the crypt packets
 - Paul Sklodowski – Antique parade meeting next week

- **Recruitment & Retention** –
 - Paul Kundrod noted that the meeting tickets are being collected and committee is meeting to discuss the prize.

- **Tuition Assistance** – no report

- **Website** –
 - Bill Cornell reported
 - Certification dates are updated
 - Pricing updates on Certifications
 - By-Law amendment posted
 - Site Director nomination request posted
 - Committees have been updated.

- **9-1-1 EMA** – No Report

- **Fire Advisory** –
 - Rich Brown reported radio system has to wait to test until leaves are back on trees in the Spring.

- **Resolutions** –
 - Paul Sklodowski read the name of Christopher Cox – Gallitzin Fire Company. Members present stood in silence for 1 minute in memory of their departed brother.

- **County Convention** –
 - Mike Petrisko – Hope – reported that plans are progressing

- **Other Association –**
 - Paul Sklodowski reported Fall meeting of the Central District Board of Control met Oct 2.
 - Clymer picked for 2026 convention

- **St Francis Marketing –**
 - Liana Weir – Update on Facebook and how they are making changes that are affecting business pages. Recommended that we have Jen Tiffany from the Chamber host a FB class to help Association and member departments maximize their reach with the changes FB is making. Jen Tiffany will donate time so class will be free. Liana recommends tie in to Backpack Project so attendees will donate a non-perishable item for the event. Liana will check and advise on timing.
 - Liana also reported on Chamber’s Business After Hours mixer that the Fire School site is not a good location. No one would attend that far away. Will check into Masonic Lodge.

- **Fundraising –**
 - Bob Nies – Cover Hill – fundraising meeting was held last week – committee is starting to work

- **Awards –**
 - Tom Braken – Reminded membership of the Distinguished Unit Citation. Submission date is June meeting.

- **Credentials –** No report

- **Insurance –** No report

- **Rules & Convention Contests & Parades –** No report

- **Tower Planning –** No report

- **Roll Call of Officers –**
 - All present except 2nd VP Jay Jacobsen and Ass’t Sec’t Jeff Gromley

- **Roll Call of Companies –** 28 companies

- City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Twp., Keystone Regional, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Oakland, Patton, Portage, Reade Twp., Richland Twp., Scalp Level Paint, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp., West Hills
- **Old and Unfinished Business –**
 - Nick Wuckovich – Conemaugh made a motion that since no response from Geeseytown on their delinquency of dues for 2 years that they be dropped from the rolls.
 - 2nd – Tony Sestrich – Richland
 - Questions: None
 - Vote: Passed with 0 No Votes
 - Joe Adams – motion to accept Bellwood and Marion Center as members of the Association.
 - 2nd by Hawksworth.
 - Question: question by John Gromley as to Marion Center’s financial status reference past due invoices for Fire School. Discussion to determine their status.
 - Motion amended to accept Bellwood and to only accept Marion Center if they did not owe the Association for training.
 - Vote on the amended motion: Passed with 0 No Votes
 - Nick Wuckovich – reported that the letter seeking County Grant monies was sent to the Commissioners.
 - Nick Wuckovich – motion to support Patton for the Western PA Convention in 2026.
 - 2nd – Paul Sklodowski
 - Questions: None
 - Vote: Passed with 0 No Votes.
- **New Business –**
 - **Nominations for Site Director –**
 - Ed Link – Patton
 - Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
 - Additional nominations called for – none.
 - **Vote will be prior to December 8th meeting form 6-7 PM.** Reminder that Delegates will have to bring their credentials card with them as paid members of the Association.

- **Good of the Association** –
- **Standing Rise for Host Company** –
 - President Petrisko called for a standing rise for the host – Gallitzin for their fine hospitality and meal.
- **Next Meeting** – Carrolltown – December 8th. 7 PM
 - Voting on By-Laws and Site Director from 6-7 PM.
- **50/50 Drawing** – \$52.00
- **Adjournment** –
 - **Motion:** Jim Nagle - Gallitzin
 - **2nd:** Joe Adams – Cresson
 - **Vote:** Passed with 0 No Votes
 - **Time:** 21:03.

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary