

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jerome Volunteer FD
May 25, 2023**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Mike Petrisko called the meeting to order at 19:00 hrs
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Petrisko. Art Martynuska then gave the blessing.

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

- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:28

- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of April 27, 2023 meeting were read.
 - Additions or corrections - none. President Petrisko then declared the minutes to stand as read.

- **Communications** – Donation of \$500 received from Aultman Volunteer Fire Co. – Indiana County – in memory of Byron Bishop. Paul Kundrod to send a thank you card.

- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$14,302.99
 - **Question:** _____
 - **Motion:** Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
 - **2nd:** Charles Woodley, Hope Fire Co
 - **Vote:** Passed with 0 No Votes

- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod gave the report for May 2023. Full report attached to minutes:
 - Total Funds in Certificates: \$129,132.94
 - Total Funds in Checking Accounts: \$60,734.66
 - TOTAL FUND BALANCES** as of: 05/25/2023: \$189,867.60

- **Question:** _____
- **Motion:** Rich Brown, Jr. – Nanty Glo
- **2nd:** Steve Verbosky – Colver FD
- **Vote:** Passed with 0 No Votes

- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Law & Legislative** – President Petrisko gave the report for Nick Wuckovich, Jr.
 - 2 Bills in the Senate for the creation of Municipal Authorities for Fire and EMS funding:
 - SB 501 – for EMS
 - SP 502 – for Fire
 - Fire Relief Formula study underway by the OSFC – due by Jan 31st 2024
 - Legislation passed in the House to make PA public employees comply with OSHA regulations. Senate will not support the bill.

 - **Fire School** – President Petrisko for Jim McCann
 - Essentials programs all completed.

 - **Fire School Site** – Tony Sestrich – Richland Twp.
 - The Reade and Riverside engines are gone.
 - Millings moved around, final spreading will be done when it's hot out.
 - Site Committee June 7th Wednesday.

 - **Certification** – President Petrisko for Bill Cornell
 - FFI, HMO, FFII Certification testing cancelled due to low enrollment
 - Bucks HMO and FFI testing completed May 20 & 21.

 - **Application Review** – No Report

 - **By-Laws** – 3 amendments appropriately introduced with proper signatories were read – 1st reading:
 - Article IV, Section 11 – to add “or an Electronic Mail” as a means of notification for announcing nominations for vacancy in office. Also, Article XIV, Section 4 to add “or an Electronic Mail” as a means of providing a copy of a proposed amendment prior to a vote.

- Article I, Section 4 – to amend and clarify “Initiation Fee” and “Annual Dues” for Fire Companies wishing to join the Association. Also, sets the Total fee at \$150.00 with \$50.00 for Initiation and \$100.00 Annual Dues. Dues for the Association are due by July 1, the fiscal year of the Association.
 - Article IV, Sections 6 & 8 to change the stipend for Secretary and Treasurer respectively to \$1000.00. Amend Article XII, Sections 4 and 15 to amend the fiscal and financial year of the Association to January 1 – December 31.
- **Fire Prevention** –
 - Books due by June meeting
- **Historical** – No Report
- **Recruitment & Retention** – Paul Kundrod
 - Reminded members of the Pink Ticket meeting attendance drawing.
- **Tuition Assistance** – 1st VP John Gromley
 - Reported that only 1 application was received so far.
 - Applications due by July 1.
 - There are 2 scholarships available – 1 for 4 year program, 1 for 2 year programs.
- **Website** – President Petrisko for Bill Cornell
 - Website is updated.
- **9-1-1 EMA** – Art Martynuska, Cambria EMA/911 Center
 - State Fire Advisory Board
 - Looking at Relief Formula changes
 - Reporting systems – current systems extended thru mid-2024 with updates coming at that time
 - Relief Associations – looking at if funding can be used for more items
 - Also, looking to see if funds can be used under Cancer Presumption to offset out-of-pocket costs
 - 911 –

- Broke ground on South Fork Site. Construction expected to be complete in about a month and a half, with testing to begin then.
 - EMA –
 - Getting ready for annual HM Team recertification
 - RIT Team training – if your department is doing some, involve the Center to help train dispatchers. Contact Tom Davis or June Kunia to set up.
 - Radios – Motorola has upped the warranty to 5 years date of start.
- **Fire Advisory** – Steven Verbosky
 - Next Meeting June 27th.
- **County Convention** – Ben Huether – Hope FC
 - Posters at the front table.
 - Book ads available.
 - Moustache contest.
- **Other Association** – No report
- **Fundraising** – Liana Weir – East Taylor FC
 - Still have t-shirts
 - Sold about \$1400.00
 - There may be a Fall sale with interest in long sleeves, sweatshirts, etc.
 - Bingo meeting on Sunday May 28 with Ladies Aux.
 - Tom Chernisky gave updates on the upcoming runs.
 - Needs help measuring for the marathon.
 - Moved date of marathon to Oct 14th to get more participants. 0.0 K is Sept 30.
 - 1st 100 get some kind of gift certificate donated by Excise Distillery.
- **Awards** – Tom Bracken
 - Deadline approaching – 4 awards; Valor, Life Saver, Unit Award, Steve Unger.
 - No nominations received so far
 - Deadline is June 30.
- **Credentials** – No Report

- **Insurance** – No Report
- **Rules & Convention Contests & Parades** – No Report
- **Tower Planning** – No Report
- **Resolutions** – Paul Sklodowski
 - Paul Sklodowski read the names of Fred Nastasi – Hope FC and Syd Atherton – Hope FC. All members present stood for 1 minute of silence in memory of their departed brothers.
- **Roll Call of Officers** – All present except 2nd VP Jay Jacobson and Ass't Treasurer Daryl Bodenschatz.
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 20 companies present
 - Altoona, Beaverdale, Clymer, Colver, Dale, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Ferndale, Hope, Jackson Twp., Jerome, Keystone Regional, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Patton, Portage, Richland Twp., St. Michael, Upper Yoder Twp.
- **Old and Unfinished Business** – None
- **New Business** – None
- **Good of the Association** – Jeff Gromley, Ass't Secretary
 - For departments – reminder to look at the upper right of bills receipts for the word “Invoice” for bills, “Receipt” for a receipt of payment.
 - For Relief audits you need “Invoice” along with copies of certificates for training funds.
 - For those taking CPR with Essentials, everyone gets a bill for the cost of the card
 - There are 2 separate bills departments may receive:
 - Fire School
 - Essentials
 - There was a discussion about the dissatisfaction with Bucks and Parchment.

- Certificates are taking excessive amounts of time to process
 - Lots of sign in problems
 - Reminder – nominations will be held in Cresson
- **Standing Rise for Host Company –**
 - President Petrisko called for a standing rise for the host Company Jerome for their hospitality and meal.
- **Next Meeting –** June 22 - Cresson
- **50/50 Drawing –** \$70.00
- **Adjournment –**
 - **Motion:** Ben Huether – Hope FC
 - **2nd:** Steve Verbosky - Colver
 - **Vote:** Passed
 - **Time:** 20:32 hours

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary