

Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Cresson Fire Company
June 22, 2023

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Mike Petrisko called the meeting to order at 19:06 hours.
- **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** – 19:08 hours

- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:27 hours

- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of May 25, 2023 meeting in Jerome were read.
 - Additions or corrections – None. President Petrisko then declared the minutes will stand as read.

- **Communications** – None

- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$8,499.00
 - **Motion – Pay the bills:** Len Whiteford – Patton
 - **2nd:** Pat Illig – Patton
 - **Question:** _____
 - **Vote:** Passed with 0 No Votes

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

Total Funds in Certificates:	\$129,132.94
Total Funds in Checking Accounts:	\$70,977.70
TOTAL FUND BALANCES as of: 6/22/2023:	\$200,110.64

 - **Motion:** Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
 - **2nd:** Bruce Moriconi – Hope
 - **Question:** _____

- **Vote:** Passed with 0 No Votes
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Law & Legislative** – President Petrisko reported that Jerry Brant’s Law & Legislative report is posted on the website.
 - **Fire School** – President Petrisko reported that Training Committee meeting will be forthcoming.
 - Ass’t Secretary Jeff Gromley read a list of Companies that owe for Fire School and/or Essentials.
 - **Fire School Site** – Tony Sestrich – Richland Twp.
 - Site Meeting was on June 7th
 - Electrician doing wiring for rehab conex
 - July 8th is scheduled date for spreading millings
 - Drill Tower needs paint
 - **Certification** – Bill Cornell’s report read by President Petrisko
 - Closed FF1 for Friendship VFC Roaring Springs skills test this Sunday (25th) 21 candidates.
 - Quarterly “Teams” meeting held Tuesday, June 13, 2023
 - **Application Review** – No Report
 - **By-Laws** – No Report
 - **Fire Prevention** – Books need to be turned in
 - **Historical** – No Report
 - **Recruitment & Retention** – Paul Kundrod – St. Michael
 - Tonight the last night for Pink Tickets for the meeting attendance prize.
 - **Tuition Assistance** – 1st VP John Gromley – Clymer
 - Applications online
 - Due by July 1, 2023
 - **Website** – Bill Cornell’s report read by President Petrisko
 - Updated
 - May Minutes posted

- Jerry Brant's Law & Legislative update in on the website
 - Corrected Company Dues Notice is on the home page on website – dues are \$100, not \$50 stated in mailing.
- **9-1-1 EMA** – Art Martynuska – Cambria 911/EMA
 - Keep June Kunia in thoughts and prayers – medical emergency several weeks ago. Still in hospital. Wishing for speedy recovery.
 - Radios:
 - South Fork Tower under construction. Several more weeks until completed, then testing can begin.
 - Interlinks all tested and OK
 - Committee met with Motorola and Mission critical Systems to vet progress
 - All Departments Invoiced for Radios
 - Com Pros for installations
 - The committee has confirmed that batteries are a part of the 5-year warranty per Motorola
 - Once radios are installed, they will be able to be used. All old radios will continue to be able to be used until transition is complete. No hard cutover from old system to new system.
 - Upcoming Train-the-trainers on the new radios
 - Fleet mapping is done
 - Any areas of concern, please let 911 Center know.
 - PulsePoint is up and running. Already several successes.
 - EMA has had a busy several weeks with HazMat Incident, Ebensburg Airport crash, Johnstown Water Rescue/Recovery
- **Fire Advisory** – No Report
- **County Convention** – Ben Huether – Hope
 - 37 days until Convention
 - Pre-sale of T-shirts, June 25 - July 9. Guarantees your size.
 - Golf registrations open
 - June 30 – deadline for ads
 - Past President's Banquet, let Mike Petrisko know if you are attending

- **Other Association** – No Report
- **Fundraising** – 1st VP John Gromley
 - He and Elena Sheesley – Nanty Glo will set a Committee meeting date shortly.
 - Liana Weir still has shirts – XL in short supply
 - Liana would like a Girls in Fire Service get-together to encourage girls to participate
- **Awards** – Tom Bracken
 - Deadline for awards nominations June 30.
- **Credentials** – No Report
- **Insurance** – No Report
- **Rules & Convention Contests & Parades** – All posted on website
- **Tower Planning** – No Report
- **Resolutions** – None
- **Roll Call of Officers** – All present
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 26 Companies present
 - Altoona, Ashville, Beaverdale, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Creekside, Dauntless, East Taylor, Ferndale, Franklin, Gallitzin, Hope, Jackson Twp., Keystone Regional, Nanty Glo, Newburg, Nicktown, Patton, Portage, Richland Twp., South Fork, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough
- **Old and Unfinished Business** – 3 amendments appropriately introduced with proper signatories were read – 2st 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.

- **New Business** – None

- **Nominations** –
 - **2nd Vice President:**
 - Josh Petrisko – St. Michael
 - Tony Sestrich – Richland Twp.
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **Secretary:**
 - Bill Lehmann – Richland Twp.
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **Ass’t Secretary:**
 - Jeff Gromley – Altoona
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **Treasurer:**
 - Paul Kundrod – St. Michael
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **Ass’t Treasurer:**
 - Daryl Bodenschatz – Summerhill Borough
 - Eric Miller – Johnstown
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **Site Director:**
 - Roger Bock – Ferndale
 - Frank Hribar – St. Michael

- Joe Bock – Ferndale
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **Fire Advisory:**
 - Jeff Weir – East Taylor
 - Charles Woodley – Hope
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **Alternate Delegate to State:**
 - Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Regional
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **Alternate Delegate to Central PA FA:**
 - Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Regional
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **Alternate Delegate to Western PA FA:**
 - Charles Woodley – Hope FC
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
 - **2025 Convention Town:**
 - Nanty Glo
 - Called 3 times by President Petrisko. Nomination closed
- **Good of the Association** – President Petrisko
 - Read a letter from William G. Cornell – West Hills Regional – resigning from all committees and responsibilities effective the swearing in of the new Association President in August 2023. He is resigning to spend more time with family and reduce stresses in his life. Full letter retained for records.
 - **Standing Rise for Host Company** – President Petrisko called for a standing rise of thanks for Cresson FC hosting the meeting and providing the meal.
 - **Next Meeting** – Convention at Hope FC, August 4th, 11 AM.

- **50/50 Drawing** – \$90.00 winner, \$89.00 Association
- **Adjournment** –
 - **Motion:** Rich Brown, Jr – Nanty Glo
 - **2nd:** Tony Sestrich – Richland Twp.
 - **Vote:** Passed
 - **Time:** 20:25 hours

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary