

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Nanty Glo Fire Company
October 26, 2023**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President John Gromley called the meeting to order at 1900 hours
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Gromley. Paul Sklodowski then gave the opening prayer.
- **Guest Speaker** – Marian Slebodnick “Buttons” from CCRFA Ladies Auxiliary presented the Association with a check for \$1,000.00 for the benefit of the Tuition Assistance Fund. She also stated that the Ladies Auxiliary will present \$450.00 per year to the fund in the future.
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of September 28, 2023 meeting were read.
 - Additions or corrections – Treasurer Paul Kundrod noted that the \$1,000.00 Tuition transfer was to the Washington Mutual Fund, not a CD.
 - With correction noted, President Gromley called for a motion to accept.
 - Tony Sestrich – Richland Twp
 - Micky Lutch – Spangler – 2nd
 - Motion passed.
- **Communications** – letter from Black Lick Volunteer Fire Company to join Association. Matter referred to Application Review.
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$3,522.01
 - **Motion:** Bob Nies – Cover Hill
 - **2nd:** Jim Bloom, Dauntless
 - **Question** - called
 - **Vote:** Passed

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

Total Funds in Certificates:

\$166,174.45

Total Funds in Checking Accounts:

\$71,796.30

TOTAL FUND BALANCES as of: 10/26/2023:

\$237,970.75

- **Motion:** Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
- **2nd:** Charles Woodley – Hope
- **Question:** called
- **Vote:** passed

- **Committee Reports:**

- **Law & Legislative** – Jim McCann – Johnstown

- Amendments to Fireworks legislation to resolve conflicts with NFPA standards
- Proposal to allow retired State employees to continue to work as Instructors
- Work underway to get all Departments regardless of size at least \$10,000.00 for Relief Association.

- **Fire School** – Jim McCann – Johnstown

- Fire School Weekends April 13-15, 19-21, 27 & 28.
- Class schedules set
- Essentials – 6 Classes. Registrations just about ready. Waiting on website issues to be resolved.
- Leadership Series planning underway.
- Saturday Oct 28 at 10:30 presentation at Fire School by Anheuser Busch. \$20,000.00 to the Association to allow Essentials programs to continue to be free for member Departments for the next 3 years.
- During Essentials, HMA, HMO, FA/CPR/AED are open to anyone from Association member Departments. You do not have to be enrolled in Essentials.

- **Fire School Site** – Tony Sestrich – Richland Twp.

- Cascade bottles donated by Richland Twp FD are at Kaza for Hydrostat.
- Trailer for cascade at the site.

- Site closing after the burn on November 18th.
Departments may use site over winter, but must bring their own water supplies.
 - Meeting November 1 at 6 PM.
- **Certification** – Annual meeting at PA State Fire Academy – Lewistown on Thursday November 2.
- **Application Review** – Black Lick application referred to Committee.
- **By-Laws** – No Report
- **Fire Prevention** – No report
- **Historical** – No Report
- **Recruitment & Retention** – No Report
- **Tuition Assistance** –
 - Motion by Nick Wuckovich – Conemaugh to place the \$1,000.00 from Ladies donation into Mutual Fund.
 - 2nd – Rich Brown, Jr. – Nanty Glo
 - Question called
 - Motion passed
- **Website** – Lianna Weir – East Taylor
 - Investigating other site hosts
- **9-1-1 EMA** – Box 11 report given by Jim McCann
 - 22 Responses so far
 - Putting another trailer in service
 - Cambria 9-1-1 now asking IC's at 30 minute mark if they need Box 11 for rehab.
 - No income and no expenses since last report
 - Acct Balance \$2,694.38
 - Radio system update
 - System generally working well
 - Radio distributions starting. JFD using – no major issues.
 - RIT SOG Committee appointed:

- Brant Green – Nanty Glo
 - Chris Meyers – Richland Twp
 - Scott Sherry – Ashville
 - Jim McCann – Johnstown
- **Fire Advisory** – No Report
- **County Convention** – No Report
- **Other Association** – Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Regional
 - Attended Board of Control meeting in Mahaffey. Minutes presented to Secretary for reference.
- **Fundraising** – Lianna Weir – East Taylor
 - Looking to partner with home departments to do joint fundraising for Association and the Department. 50/50 splits
 - Boot Drive – concerns with Safety & Liability
 - Window drive at locals stores. Pay \$1.00 get name hung in window.
 - Reaching out to businesses for sponsorships for Fire School.
- **Awards** – No Report
- **Credentials** – No Report
- **Insurance** – No Report
- **Rules & Convention Contests & Parades** – Ricky Price – Conemaugh
 - Looking for guidance from the body on marching in parade. The Fallen FF Award and Skip Cook Award have a 5-year limitation on winning that may keep Departments from marching in between the 5 years.
 - Motion by Rich Brown, Jr – Nanty Glo to eliminate the 5-year rule.
 - 2nd by Paul Sklodowski – Keystone Regional
 - Question called
 - Motion passed

- Training points – questions by members over Nick Wuckovich’s proposal to include training points. Clarification to allow points only for Association sponsored training classes.
 - Motion by Jim McCann – Johnstown to award up to 10 points for training with only Association sponsored classes being allowed for the points.
 - 2nd – Len Whiteford – Patton
 - Question called
 - Motion passed
- **Tower Planning** – Tony Sestrich – Richland Twp
 - 3 quotes received for refurb. Meeting after the Site Meeting Nov 1st, 6:30 PM
- **Membership Secretary** – Nick Wuckovich
 - Thanks to Departments for paying members’ dues
 - Working through hundreds of members who are in the system but who have not paid dues and have no record of address, phone, other contact info.
 - Motion by Len Whiteford – Patton to purge the membership list as of December 14 meeting for people who have not paid dues and have no contact information.
 - 2nd – RJ Wilson – Reade Twp.
 - Question called
 - Motion passed
- **Marathon** - President Gromley
 - Thanks to all who helped
 - Final figures aren’t in but expecting better than last year.
- **Resolutions** – Paul Sklodowski – Ass’t Chaplain
 - Mr. Sklodowski read the name of Jack Laing – Glendale-Coalport.
 - All members present stood in silence for 1 minute in memory of their departed brother.
- **Roll Call of Officers** – present: President Gromley, 1st VP Jay Jacobson, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Secretary Lehmann. Not

Present: 2nd VP Josh Petrisko (work), Ass't Sec't Jeff Gromley (work), Assistant Treasurer Dary Bodenschatz.

- **Roll Call of Companies** – 27 present
 - Beaverdale, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Commodore, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Ferndale, Hastings, Hope, Keystone Regional, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Patton, Pinecroft, Portage, Reade Twp., Richland Twp., South Fork, Spangler, St. Michael, Vintondale, West Taylor Twp.

- **Old and Unfinished Business** –
 - 2nd reading of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws to create the Membership Secretary, duties, stipend, and associated section changes.
 - February 24, 2024 12-2 PM Ladies get together at East Taylor FD.
 - Bring covered dish and non-alcoholic beverages.

- **New Business** – Jim McCann
 - St Francis has 25-30 people needed service credits. Anyone who has projects reach out.

- **Good of the Association** –

- **Standing Rise for Host Company** – President Gromley called for standing rise and thanked Nanty Glo for hosting the meeting and even providing snacks.

- **Next Meeting** – December 14th – St. Michael.
 - **Voting** – 6-7 PM

- **50/50 Drawing** – \$65.00

- **Adjournment** –
 - **Motion:** Nick Wuckovich
 - **2nd:** Bob Popson
 - **Vote:** Passed
 - **Time:** 2035 hours

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary