

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
Booster Meeting
October 28, 2001
West Lanham Hills, Maryland

The meeting was called to order by **President Stephen C. McBee** at 1:30 p.m. The Invocation was given by **Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen**, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

We were welcomed by West Lanham Hills member **Hugh M. Harris**, and later in the meeting by President Dave Rivett and First Vice President Ed Stone. President Rivett was presented with the check from the CVVFA to help cover the cost of the lunch to be served later.

President McBee introduced Gene Worthington, First Vice President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Roll call was taken by **Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell**

OFFICERS

President Stephen C. McBee - present
First Vice President Charles "C.J." Bens - **excused**
Second Vice President Wm. Dean Simpson - present
Third Vice President J. Allen Brennan - **absent**
Fourth Vice President Ronald L. Royer - **excused**
Financial Secretary James J. Wharry - present
Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell - present
Treasurer George J. Dove - present
Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner - present
Advertising Manager - Position vacant
Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart - **excused**
Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen - present
Attorney Howard S. Cohen - present

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Guy M. Flory (PA) - present	James M. Stokely (VA) - absent
Richard P. Jones (PA) - present	Larry W. Smallwood (VA) - present
Wayne M. Baker (MD) - absent	John L. Mitchell (DE) - present
Robert P. Cumberland (MD) - present	Claude Ray Johnson (DE) - present
Harry C. Alt (WV) - absent	Stephen E. Heefner - PP - present
Hugh M. Harris (WV) - present	

PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

George J. Dove (1965)
Larry W. Smallwood (1977)
Stephen P. Austin (1993)
Robert P. Cumberland (1995)

Ray W. Mowen (1997)
Joseph W. Bukowski (1998)
Stephen E. Heefner (2000)

Roll call of the general membership was taken. Once again, those members representing one or more companies were asked to respond to only one company with the number of delegates and guests present, and to respond “here” or “present” to the other companies they represent. There were 28 members and 19 guests present for a total of 47 persons in attendance, representing 21 companies.

Recording Secretary Dell read an e-mail from **Fourth Vice President Ronald Royer** stating that he could not be present at the meeting for health reasons. I received a note from the grandson of Harvey J. Barton, president in 1956, stating that Harvey has been deceased for two years.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President Stephen C. McBee - I attended the Delaware Firemen’s Convention and Delaware Fire Police banquet. I have been working with members of the Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Company, Great Cacapon Volunteer Fire Department, South Morgan Volunteer Fire Department, Hancock Fire Company and Hancock Rescue Company on the 2002 Convention which will be held in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. The 2000 Convention will be hosted by the above companies, not just one company. Ray Mowen turned in a contract for 2006 for the convention be held in Greencastle, PA.

First Vice President Charles “C.J.” Bens - Excused. No report.

Second Vice President Wm. Dean Simpson - Attended the Delaware State Conference in Dover, Delaware, September 12-15; attended funeral of Deputy Chief Steen from the Mill Creek Fire Company; attended the Memorial Service for Leon Wegman in Newark, DE; attended New Castle County Firemen’s meetings; and my own company and directors meetings. I traveled 320 miles and spent 32 hours in the service of the CVVFA.

I want to thank the West Lanham Hills Fire Company for hosting this Booster meeting.

God Bless the families of all the Brother and Sister Firefighters who made the Supreme Sacrifice on September 11, 2001, and **God Bless America.**

Third Vice President J. Allen Brennan - Absent. No report.

Fourth Vice President Ronald L. Royer - Excused. No report.

Treasurer George J. Dove - Took \$8,000 out of the Savings Account to pay Association bills.

General Account	\$6,241.24
Scholarship Fund	- 3,152.00
Flag Fund	- <u>200.00</u>
General Account Balance	<\$2,889.24>

Death Benefit	\$ 976.84
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I signed up a new fire company in Virginia, Millwood Station Co. 21 in Winchester.

I attended Fire Prevention Program, State Fire School, and funerals of fallen firefighters.

Financial Secretary James J. Wharry - I continue to receive dues payments and death claims. We currently have 1,136 members and 108 companies. I have turned over five death claims.

I would like to thank those who sent get well cards during my recent hospital stay. And, thanks to the West Lanham Hills Fire Department for hosting today's meeting.

Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell - The minutes of the August Convention were transcribed, reproduced and mailed. Information for the Web Page--list of Officers and Directors, Convention minutes, committee list, etc., were hand-carried to Firehouse.com.

I sent letters to be sure we had current and correct addresses for Past Presidents. I sent one to Harvey J. Barton, Jr., President in 1956. I received a reply from his grandson stating that Harvey had passed away two years ago.

I did not purchase the Microsoft Office Professional software for the computer. I received \$350 to purchase the program BUT when I went to make the purchase I found that it was the UPGRADE that cost that amount. The correct amounts are:

Microsoft Office XP Professional Full	\$579.00
Microsoft Office XP Professional Upgrade	<u>329.00</u>
Total cost	\$908.00

I really don't think I need that program especially since our bank balance is so low. I live close enough to Firehouse.com that I can take any necessary changes, etc., directly there.

Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner - I would like to thank the members of West Lanham Hills Fire Company #48 and Director Hugh Harris for hosting today's meeting.

I attended the Delaware Volunteer Fire Association Annual Conference in Dover, Delaware, and the Delaware State Fire Police Association Annual Banquet.

Sadly I attended the Memorial Service of Leon Wegman, Sergeant at Arms Emeritus of the CVVFA, in Newark, Delaware. He will be missed by all.

I mailed approximately 1,200 post cards notifying everyone of today's Booster meeting. Watch for future correspondence from your Home Office Manager. Some will be in the format of a newsletter and others will be in post card format.

I am still in the process of changing accounts and postal services. I would appreciate any suggestions or comments.

Advertising Manager - Position vacant.

Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - Excused. No report.

Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen - Was proud to participate in the Memorial Service for Leon Wegman. I also sent cards as necessary.

Attorney Howard S. Cohen - No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives/Historical Committee - Don M. Ringer - Guy M. Flory - The jail cell that we paid \$1,000 for several years was overrun with books and our stuff was piled on top of them. I took everything of our out and is it stored in my garage. The Historical Society has taken over all the jail cells and I have asked them to give us a cell in the new block. Their Board of Directors meeting is next month. I plan to attend if at all possible to try to get our cell back and get the stuff out of my garage.

I attended the dedication of Marion's new fire station, which cost \$1.96 million on Saturday, October 28.

Auditing Committee - Gerald L. Holtry - Absent. No report.

Budget & Finance Committee - George J. Dove - Everything is in order.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee - Wm. Dean Simpson - No report.

Convention Committee - Marshall N. Younker - Absent. No report.

Credential Committee - Marshall E. Bricker - Absent. No report.

Fire Person of the Year - Guy M. Flory - No report.

Fire Prevention Committee - Charles E. Myers - Absent. No report.

Legislative Committee - Stephen P. Austin - Reviewed “Protecting Our Nation” White Paper; commented on Public Safety Officers Benefit Program; Announced Sunday, November 18 Memorial Service in New York; and requested \$100 donation to Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association New York Heroes Fund.

Membership Committee - Stephen C. McBee - Hopes Board of Directors members are working on recruiting new companies.

Memorial Committee - Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - Excused. No report.

National Emergency Responder Institute - Stephen C. McBee - Stephen P. Austin reported that the CVVFA Web Page is up and running after a delay due to September 11, 2001. The workshop and boot in New Orleans were a success; bills are in order and requests for payments have been submitted to the Financial Officer; lap top computers are on order; Federal Reports have been filed; Starting to consider ideas to renew the grant to include a “train the trainer” workshop for safety officers, also increased travel for next year; and need ideas for content for the page.

Parliamentarian - Howard S. Cohen - No report.

Pennsylvania Delegate - Charles E. Myers - Absent. No report.

Publicity Committee - Alan Matheny - Absent. No report.

Public Relations Committee - Stephen C. McBee - Working with Publicity Committee Chair Alan Matheny.

Resolutions Committee - Joseph W. Bukowski - No report.

Scholarship Committee - Joseph W. Bukowski - No report.

Topics Committee - Stephen P. Austin - No report.

Web Page Committee - Stephen P. Austin - The address **CVVFA.org** is working and items have been updated. There is more work to do and we need more articles. Send them to me via e-mail on current Word or WordPerfect format.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner expressed some concerns regarding the proposed change in the By-Laws regarding Booster meeting dates. Since the amendment states that “Three (3) Booster Meetings shall be held each year, **on a Sunday in** October, March, and May,” how does the Home Office Manager arrive at appropriate meeting dates. He will work with the President on coming to a conclusion on his question. He has several verbal commitments for possible future meeting places. He will notify the membership regarding meeting dates.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Steve Flickinger from Newport, Pennsylvania, brought a supply of mugs left over from the Convention held there. He requested that everyone pick one up if they so desired.

He also brought four of the surplus crocks which will be held for a later meeting where they will be raffled off with the receipts going to the Scholarship Fund.

Francis Calhoun from Delaware, a Resolution recipient at the August Convention, thanked everyone and said that he was sorry he was able to be present to accept the honor.

There will be a meeting of the Officers and Board members at Halfway Fire Department in January, date to be announced. Everyone concerned will be notified.

**MOTION BY GEORGE J. DOVE, SECOND BY HUGH M. HARRIS TO ADJOURN.
MOTION CARRIED.**

The Benediction was given by **Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise E. Dell
Recording Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting
October 28, 2001
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The Officers and Board of Directors held a brief meeting prior to the Booster meeting to discuss the problem with the Advertising Manager position. That position was being held by the individual who had previously served as Home Office Manager, namely, Robin G. Hinchey, and there had been some problems during her term in office.

Robin was suspended from the Advertising Manager position when it became apparent that there had been falsification of documents, i.e., letters from the Post Office regarding mailings which were never received by CVVFA members. The Association Attorney, Howard S. Cohen, spoke with a representative of the Post Office in Westminster, where the letters were to have been written, who requested copies of the letters and stated that the letters had not come from that facility.

After discussion, **MOTION BY JOHN L. MITCHELL, SECOND BY RICHARD P. JONES, TO EXPEL ROBIN G. HINCHEY FROM THE ASSOCIATION PERMANENTLY. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.** A letter will be prepared notifying Robin of this action and stating that all property belonging to the CVVFA must be returned. The letter will be sent by registered, return receipt requested, mail. Attorney Howard C. Cohen and President Stephen C. McBee will prepare the letter which will be signed by the President.

NOTE: The Board of Directors meeting minutes are only attached to the Booster meeting minutes of the Officers and the Board of Directors. They are not being attached to the minutes going to the committee members, etc.