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CVVFA May 20, 2001 Booster Meeting

Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

May 20, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Stephen E. Heefner. Prayer was given by Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

We were welcomed by Dan Byers, President of the Vigilant Hose Company #1.

President Heefner recognized Past President James Kniceley who had not been able to attend a meeting for quite a while, and Richard Hershey, Convention Chairman from Chambersburg, PA.

Roll call of the general membership was taken. Once again, those members representing one (1) or more companies were asked to respond to only one (1) company with the number of delegates and guests present, and to respond "here" or "present" to the other companies they represent. There were 39 members and 7 guests present for a total of 46 persons in attendance representing 32 companies.

Reading of Communications: An e-mail was received from First Vice President Stephen E. McBee as follows:

"I will be unable to attend the May 20th Booster meeting in Shippensburg. Since the Keyser Booster meeting, I have attended the CFSI Banquet in Washington, encouraged local departments to apply for grant money, and searched for a possible host for a future convention. I will be attending the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention in June. I hope the meeting is productive and I hope to see everyone soon."

E-mail from Second Vice President Charles "C.J." Bens as follows:

"Regrettably I will not be able to attend the Booster meeting in Shippensburg, PA, on Sunday as I will be

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

OFFICERS

- President Stephen E. Heefner - present
- First Vice President Stephen C. McBee - excused
- Second Vice President Charles "C.J." Bens, Jr. - excused
- Third Vice President Wm. Dean Simpson - present
- Fourth Vice President J. Allen Brennan - present
- Financial Secretary - James J. Wharry - present
- Recording Secretary - Louise E. Dell - present
- Treasurer George J. Dove - present
- Home Office Manager Robin G. Hinchey - present



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traveling for work.

"Please give my best to all the officers, members and guests. I trust Shippensburg will be a wonderful host to our Association.

"Oh. . . by the way, I have some news to share with everyone. My lovely wife Holly and I are expecting a new addition to the family in November. We have indeed been richly blessed. Please keep her in your prayers during the coming months.

I hope you have a successful meeting. I look forward to seeing you all again real soon."

Note from Delaware Board Member Claude Ray Johnson as follows:

"I am asking to be excused from Sunday, May 20th's meeting. There has been a family emergency. Have a successful meeting and I'll see everyone at Convention."

OFFICERS REPORTS

President Stephen E. Heefner - I would like to thank the officers and members of the Vigilant Hose Company for hosting today's Booster meeting.

I met with Steve Austin in Emmitsburg on April 7 to sign and complete the necessary forms for our grant. On May 15 I received signed copies from FEMA.

I attended a Delaware State Chiefs' Association meeting in April and I attended the 13th CFSI annual dinner in Washington, D.C. Along with Steve Austin and Chief Joe Kroboth, I met with Lt. Governor Corrine Wood of Illinois. Lt. Governor Wood has been named the Honorary Chairman of Protecting Emergency Responders on the Highways. They had a similar incident in Illinois, as we have experienced in all of our states, of emergency responders being killed on our highways, and she has taken a personal interest in this endeavor. Through her efforts and in combination with the Cumberland Valley she found us and we found her, kind of a mutual thing. We are working together to make a difference. That was a very productive meeting with her.

I am looking forward to a successful Convention in August. I hope to see everyone there.

First Vice President Stephen E. McBee - Excused. See Communications for written report.

Second Vice President Charles "C.J." Bens - Excused. No report. See Communications.

Third Vice Present Wm. Dean Simpson - Thanks to the Vigilant Hose Company and

- Advertising Manager Ronald L. Royer - present
- Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - excused
- Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen - present
- Attorney Howard S. Cohen - absent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Guy M. Flory (PA) - present
- Richard P. Jones (PA) - present
- Wilbur F. Miller (MD) - present
- Wayne A. Baker (MC) - present
- Hugh M. Harris (WV) - present
- Timothy L. Harper (WV) - absent
- James M. Stokely (VA) - absent
- Larry W. Smallwood (VA) - present
- Claude Ray Johnson (DE) - excused
- John L. Mitchell, Sr. (DE) - present
- Lee C. Holler - PP - present

PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Wilbur Miller (1962)
- Harry C. Alt (1983, 1991)
- George J. Dove (1965)
- Charles E. Myers (1988, 1992)
- James W. Kniceley (1969, 1989, 1994)
- Ray W. Mowen (1997)
- Larry W. Smallwood (1977)
- Joseph W. Bukowski (1998)
- Wayne A. Baker (1982, 1990)
- Lee C. Holler (1999)

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Charlie and Vivian Myers for hosting the Booster meeting today.

Since the last time we were together, my health has improved 85%. This time last year I was recovering from back surgery.

I attended the Five States Presidents meeting in Taneytown, MD; attended the State of Delaware Firemen's Association meeting; County Chief and Firemen's Association meeting; my home company Directors and company meetings; and attended the 3-day Convention of the Delmarva Firemen's Association in Chincoteague, VA.

Fourth Vice President J. Allen Brennan - Thanks to Shippensburg for hosting our meeting. Since our last meeting, I have attended the following: Five States Presidents meeting; CFSI dinner in Washington, DC; NFPA Technical Committee meeting in Anaheim, CA; and NVFC Spring meeting in Wenatchee, WA.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention and invite all of you to the Virginia State Firefighters Convention in Hampton, VA, at the Holiday Inn on August 16, 17, and 18, 2001.

Treasurer George J. Dove - Copy of report is enclosed.

Financial Secretary James J. Wharry - I continue to post dues as received and do research. I am working on the dues notices as time permits. We have 1,198 members and 106 company members. Thanks to the Vigilant Hose Company for hosting this meeting.

Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell - The minutes of the March Board meeting were transcribed and mailed to appropriate individuals. I prepared and mailed reminders regarding the May Booster meeting. While paging through the Pennsylvania Fireman I noticed that the incorrect dates for our upcoming Convention were listed. I wrote a letter to the Editor giving him the new dates and requested that the listing being updated.

Home Office Manager Robin G. Hinchey - I would like to thank the Vigilant Hose Co. #1 for hosting today's meeting.

Since the March Booster meeting I attended the Five States Presidents meeting on March 31 in Taneytown, MD.

I have made hotel reservations for the Convention. We will be staying at the Quality Inn, 1095 Wayne Avenue, Chambersburg, PA, phone number 717-263-3400. (Take exit 5 off of Route 81 to get to the Quality Inn). The cost will be \$55 per night. I need reservation forms from the Officers and Directors today. We have a block of 50 rooms reserved in the CVVFA name. Some of these rooms are on the first floor. When calling to make room reservations, please let them know that you are with the CVVFA to get the reduced room rate.

Today is the deadline date for information for the Convention Newsletter. Please see me today if you want anything put in the Newsletter. The pre-registration form will be in the letter.

We still need a place to hold the Fall Booster meeting. If you are interested please see me today for an application form.

Reminder - Names of all deceased members must be in by May 31.

Advertising Manager Ronald L. Royer - I would like to thank Shippensburg for hosting today's Booster meeting. The book is in progress. I need all material for the book by June

1. If your home company has not submitted an ad please get them to do so--there are quite a few that I have not heard from. The ads are not coming in too fast. Also, I have Booster applications today if anyone would like to sign up--it is \$1.00 a name.

I have been attending almost all of the Convention Committee meetings in Chambersburg. I think they are getting most of the information in for the book that I asked for.

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

Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen - I attended the Five States Presidents meeting on March 31 in Taneytown, MD. I now have Get Well and Sympathy cards so please notify me if you know of someone who is ill or of a death. Guy Flory, George Dove, and I will be traveling to Emmitsburg to help evaluate the grant applications received.

Attorney Howard S. Cohen - Absent. No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives/Historical Committee - Don M. Ringer - Guy M. Flory - I had the privilege of getting a copy of a picture of General Boyd and had it preserved by putting it in a glass frame. This belongs to the Chambersburg Fireman's Museum. I had two (2) 9 x 11 prints made for the CVVFA along with a disk. The picture can be printed from the disk at any time.

An article from a Sunday paper was shown that stated "A fire started in a dry goods ware house on Hopkins place in Baltimore on Sunday, February 7, 1904." The article goes on to report that the hose coupling from the fire companies responding were not compatible. We had the same problem in 1901 and we solved ours. (A copy of the article is enclosed)

I would like to be reimbursed in the amount of \$35 for the two (2) pictures and the disk. MOTION BY GUY FLORY, SECOND BY THOMAS DELL, FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF \$35. MOTION CARRIED.

Auditing Committee - Gerald L. Holtry - The audit will be held on August 1, at 7 p.m., in the Convention meeting room in Chambersburg, PA.,

Budget & Finance Committee - George J. Dove - No report

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

Convention Committee - Richard L. Hershey - Gave an update on plans for the Convention. The upcoming Newsletter will have more in-depth information.

Credential Committee - Marshall E. Bricker - No report.

Cumberland Valley 2001 - Howard S. Cohen - Absent. No report.

Fire Police Summit (Name to be changed to Emergency Responders Safety Institute) - Stephen P. Austin - Excused. Sent the following written report.

Please excuse my absence from the Booster meeting. I am in Atlantic City, NJ, all this week for an arson conference. Here is the latest on our project.

President Heefner, Chief Kroboth and myself met with Lt. Governor Corrine Wood

(Illinois) in Washington during the CFSI Dinner. This was a productive meeting in terms of getting the Lt. Governor familiar with our Association. Earlier in the day the Lt. Governor and I met with FEMA Director Joe Allbaugh and his staff, and with the Secretary of Transportation Norm Mineta and his staff, to discuss the future of our efforts and possible funding. These meetings too were very positive.

I met with President Heefner to discuss the establishment of an Emergency Responders Safety Institute as a Committee of the CVVFA. President Heffner approved this concept and the Committee is being formed from fire service and police leadership across the country. All of these individuals will be asked to join the Association. I have contacted these folks and they are all very committed to using their considerable influence to reduce these needless highway incidents. The members of the Institute are as follows:

- Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
- Protecting Emergency Responders on the Highway Project
- Emergency Responder Safety Institute
- Illinois Lt. Governor Corinne Wood - Honorary Chairman and National Advocate
- Stephen E. Heefner - President, Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
- Stephen P. Austin - Project Manager
- Joseph W. Bukowski - Financial Officer
- Howard S. Cohen - Counsel
- Dr. Harry R. Carter - Editor-in-Chief
- Jack Sullivan - Director of Training
- Gary Tokle - Assistant Vice President, National Fire Protection Association
- Chief William Peterson - Chairman, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Health and Safety Committee
- Dr. Robert Fleming - Professor, Rowan University
- Richard Jaehne - Director, University of Illinois Fire Service Institute
- Chief Donald Oliver - President, National Society of Executive Fire Officers
- Chief Dennis Compton - Chairman, Congressional Fire Services Institute
- National Advisory Committee
- Jeffrey Dyar - United States Fire Administration
- Brian Yoder - General Manager, Mifflin Valley Reflective Apparel Company
- Chief Steven B. Edwards - President, North American Fire Training Directors
- Chief Robert Cumberland - Second Vice Chairman, National Volunteer Fire Council
- Kevin O'Connor - Special Assistant to the General President, International Association of Fire Fighters
- Jeff Allison - US Department of Justice
- Chief Joseph Kroboth Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway, MD, Surviving Family Member
- Louis J. Amabli - Panel Member, America Burning
- James O. Page - Publisher/Editor-in-Chief, Journal Emergency Medical Services (JEMS)
- Chief Bruce Glasscock - President, International Association of Chiefs of Police
- John Brenner - Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute
- Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki - Executive Director, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Inc.
- Craig Floyd - Chairman, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc.
- Assistant Chief Gary Morris - Phoenix Fire Department
- (Not Yet Named) - US Department of Transportation

I have also signed all the necessary financial documents. No money has been spent or received to date.

The trade show booth has been ordered and is under construction. The Web Page is under design. A launch date for the page and a formal announcement of the creation of the Institute is scheduled for June 13 in Chicago. Our President (Stephen Heefner) will be in attendance.

This is an exciting project. Most of the speakers and educational program at the 100th

Anniversary Convention will be devoted to Protecting Emergency Responders on the Highways.

Again, I am sorry that I cannot be with you. Please call me if I can provide further information or answer any questions.

Fire Prevention Committee - Thomas W. Dell - Charles E. Myers - No report.

Legislative Committee - Stephen P. Austin - Excused. No report.

Membership Committee - Stephen E. Heefner - No report.

Memorial Committee - Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart - Excused. No report. Guy Flory reported that the Memorial Service will be held at the Church of the Falling Spring which is in front of General Boyd's grave. He requested that a wreath be purchased for the General's grave. After discussion, MOTION BY LARRY W. SMALLWOOD, SECOND BY JOHN L. MITCHELL, TO PURCHASE A WREATH. MOTION CARRIED.

Parliamentarian Howard S. Cohen - Absent. No report.

Pennsylvania Delegate - Charles E. Myers - Gave a report on his activities. A complete report will be given at Convention and included in the Convention minutes..

Publicity Committee - Robin G. Hinchey - No report.

Public Relations Committee - Stephen E. Heefner - No report.

Resolutions Committee - Joseph W. Bukowski - A meeting of the 10 State Directors will be held immediately following the Booster meeting.

The Resolutions Committee would like to make the following recommendation. We recommend that a new committee be formed next year made up of just three (3) individuals. Suggested name of the committee is CVVFA Fire Person of the Year Selection Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to take the selection of the CVVFA Fire Person of the Year out of the hands of the State Directors. The State Directors will still submit recommendations for the Resolutions to the new committee.

Next year's committee will be made up of Guy Flory, Chair; Louise Dell, and whoever is selected for the Fire Person of the Year for this year. The three (3) individuals on this committee will sort through the recommendations of the State Directors and choose the individual they feel will be the best qualified for the award.

The following year, Guy Flory will be dropped off of that Committee, and Louise Dell will become the Chair person. Then this year's recipient and next year's recipient will become members. Each year there will be a new chair person and the old chair person will be dropped from the committee.

Scholarship Committee - Joseph W. Bukowski - At our last meeting it was decided that we would be selling 50-50 raffle tickets. Guy Flory took care of getting the tickets printed. The tickets, banded together in books of 24, will be distributed to all Officers at the end of the meeting. Tickets will sell for six (6) for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Each officer will be responsible for two (2) books in the amount of \$40.00. Hopefully this will help us put a little more money in the Scholarship Fund.

In addition, any member wanting to help us out in selling these tickets should see me after the meeting and I will be glad to give you as many books as you would like to have.

You will be asked to sign that you are responsible for turning in the money and ticket stubs, or unsold tickets. The drawing date is August 3, 2001, at Chambersburg.

Topics Committee - Stephen P. Austin - Excused. See Fire Police Summit report.

Web Page Committee - Thomas W. Dell - Stephen P. Austin - See Fire Police Summit report.

President Heefner - I know the Web Page has been a major concern for a lot of folks in this room. I want to express my willingness to let it continue. I have been convinced that when we are asking for free help, we don't want to push too far. I have been given a new scheduled date of June 13. We plan to have our web page up and running and will most definitely have something on the air for our 100th Anniversary. If the delay has inconvenienced anyone, I apologize for that. I have personally been following the progress of the web page.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wayne Baker reported that the sign and trailer are all finished, put back together and participated in the Apple Blossom parade in Winchester.

Question was raised as to the whereabouts of the flags of the five states. Joseph Bukowski reported that the flags are safe in Delaware and will be brought to Convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Joseph Bukowski - You heard the recommendation from the Resolutions Committee. At this time I will make a MOTION, SECOND BY GEORGE DOVE, THAT A NEW COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED NEXT YEAR, THE FIRE PERSON OF THE YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE, MADE UP OF THREE (3) INDIVIDUALS--THE PAST TWO (2) RECIPIENTS AND THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT WILL BE THE MAKEUP OF THE COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

Joseph Bukowski - I know how hard it is to put together a Convention Book as I have done it before, however, I have a couple of suggestions that I would like to make public right now.

One of the pages that cause a little of confusion is the 50-year life member list. I certainly agree that list should be in there.

But on the bottom of that page we have a Past President's Life Members List. There is one individual in that list that I don't recognize and cannot find the name listed as a Past President. My personal feeling is that I would like to see that Past President's Life Member list deleted.

The next thing I have a problem with is the list of Past Presidents which includes where they were elected and the date. I know that years ago there was a little asterisk (*) to represent that they were deceased, there was an "L" that represented life membership, and then we had a pound (#) symbol that was supposed to denote that they were deleted from this Association. There is no mention of what these symbols represent. I personally think that these symbols should be eliminated so that we will have a clean list of the Past Presidents, where elected, and year.

In addition to that, there needs to be a correction in the election year of Ray W. Mowen, who was elected in 1997, myself in 1998, Lee Holler in 1999 and Steve Heefner 2000.

Those are just some of the things that I would like to see either added or deleted. In addition, we could also create another page where we could start listing all of our CVVFA

Fire Persons of the Year so their names could be put in the Convention Book--their primary company could be listed and the year that they were the recipient.

Robin Hinchey suggested that General Boyd's picture be included in this year's Convention Book. Ron Royer reported that the picture will be a part of the book.

There was discussion on the above and the Advertising Manager will take care of the changes.

- Steve Heefner - Dates of the State Conventions.
- Maryland Convention - June 17-20, Ocean City, MD
- CVVFA - August 2-4, Chambersburg, PA
- West Virginia - August 9-11, Weston, WV
- Virginia - August 16-18, Hampton, VA
- Delaware - September 14-16, Dover, DE.
- Pennsylvania - September 26-29, Somerset, PA

Much discussion was held on whether we would be able to meet any of the members of the CVVFA Protecting Emergency Responders on the Highway Project Emergency Responder Safety Institute, whether they would become members of the CVVFA, etc. It was the general consensus of those present that the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association name should always appear in connection with this project since this is where it got started under the auspices of the Fire Police Seminar. President Heefner will discuss all concerns with Steve Austin.

Suggestions for the Good of the Association - None

Benediction was given by Assistant Chaplain Ray Mowen.

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS UNANIMOUS.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise E. Dell
Recording Secretary
Enclosures
Delicious refreshments were served after the meeting.

REMINDER

Our next meeting will be our Convention in Chambersburg, PA, on August 2-4. The audit will be held on Wednesday evening, August 1 at 7 p.m. in the Convention meeting room. An Officers and Board of Directors meeting will also be held at 9 p.m. that evening.

More information will be forthcoming from Home Office Manager Robin Hinchey in the Newsletter, including a pre-registration form.

Please submit all reports in writing if at all possible.

ADDENDUM

The following was sent by e-mail to each of the Emergency Responder Safety Institute members by Stephen P. Austin.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce deaths and injuries on the highways of all fire, police and ems personnel, the CVVFA has established the EMERGENCY RESPONDER SAFETY INSTITUTE. We are pleased to invite you as a member of this group of opinion leaders and content experts.

The Institute is a Committee of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association and appointed by our President. We are the only national multi-disciplined public safety group dedicated to reducing deaths and injuries to emergency responders while at the highway incidents. The Institute will be featured prominently on our coming web page respondersafety.com, at our trade show booth, and coming educational seminars. Each of you are invited to fully participate in our activities. Your column or news article with your by-line is always welcome.

We will launch our web page in Chicago on the afternoon of June 13. More information is forthcoming. The launch includes press conference for the mainstream and public safety trade press with Illinois Lt. Governor Wood who will officially launch the page and announce the formation of the Emergency Responder Safety Institute. Each of you are invited to attend and be a part of this the first truly national event to reduce these needless deaths and injuries.

The CVVFA Board invites each of you who are not a member to join the Association. A membership application is attached. Annual dues are \$5 per year. If the dues or the membership proves to be a problem for anyone please contact me directly.

We are pleased that you have joined with your colleagues in the public safety world to make the CVVFA Protecting Emergency Responders on the Highway Project and the Emergency Responder Safety Institute a success.

Please call or e-mail should there be any questions or concerns.

Fraternally, Steve

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