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## CVVFA March 21, 2004 Booster Meeting

Enola, Pennsylvania

March 21, 2004

**President Wm. Dean Simpson** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Past Chaplain Ray W. Mowen gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

We were welcomed to Enola by Bobby Rudeck, Chief, Citizens Fire Company #1 of Enola, PA, and Jim Holtery, President, Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association. President Simpson presented Chief Rudeck with a check to help defray the cost of the lunch to be served after the meeting.

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

### OFFICERS

- President Wm. Dean Simpson (DE) - present
- First Vice President J. Allen Brennan (VA) - present
- Second Vice President Hugh M. Harris (MD) - present
- Third Vice President Marshall N. Younker (WV) - present
- Fourth Vice President Steven A. Flickinger (PA) - present
- Financial Secretary Stephen C. McBee - *excused*
- Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell - present
- Treasurer George J. Dove - present
- Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner - present
- Advertising Manager Robert C. Romig - present
- Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart - *excused*
- Assistant Chaplain James J. Wharry - *excused*
- Attorney Howard S. Cohen - *excused*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- John L. Mitchell (DE) - present
- Stephen P. Austin (DE) - 1 year
- Richard P. Jones (PA) - present
- Guy M. Flory (PA) - present
- Robert P. Cumberland (MD) - present
- Wayne A. Baker (MD) - **absent**



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### CVVFA Links

- Harry C. Alt (WV) - present
- Larry W. Smallwood (VA) - *excused*
- Charles "C. J." Bens (PP) - present

#### PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Charles "C.J." Bens (2002)
- Stephen E. Heefner (2000)
- Ray W. Mowen (1997)
- Robert P. Cumberland (1995)
- Stephen P. Austin (1993)
- Charles E. Myers (1988, 1992)
- Harry C. Alt (1983, 1991)
- George J. Dove (1965)

Roll call of the general membership was taken. 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 32 members and 19 guests for a total of 51 persons in attendance, representing 25 companies.

**Reading of Communications - Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell** - Received notices from the following explaining their absence from the meeting: Virginia Board Member Larry W. Smallwood, Assistant Chaplain James J. Wharry, and Attorney Howard C. Cohen.

**MOTION BY ROBERT ROMIG, SECOND BY GEORGE DOVE, TO ACCEPT THE READING OF CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### OFFICERS REPORTS

**President Wm. Dean Simpson** - I would like to thank you for coming out today for the Booster meeting. Thank you Enola Fire Company for hosting today's meeting.

Since our Directors meeting in Halfway, MD, in January, I have attended my company meetings and also my county meetings.

I want to thank everyone who worked on the preparation of a tentative budget for FY 1005. This is something that is way over due. It will be discussed and voted on later in this meeting.

Thank you to Steve Austin and Firehouse.com for bringing our web page up to date. Everyone be sure to check it out frequently for more updates.

I am looking forward to the Presidents Council meeting at Five Points Fire Company in Delaware next week, starting at 9 a.m.

Again, thank you for coming today and have a safe trip home.

**First Vice President J. Allen Brennan** - No report.

**Second Vice President Hugh M. Harris** - Has not been too active since the Board meeting in January. His health had taken a down turn. He will be moving into a retirement village near his son in Hampton, Virginia, in April. Announced that he will not be running for any office at Convention, due to his ill health but will finish out his term as Second Vice President if the Association so desires. He will still come to the meetings. If a Director's job in either Virginia or Maryland comes open, he will run for one of those.

Here are a list of helpful links!

- >> [Congressional Fire Services Institute](#)
- >> [Delaware Volunteer Firemens Assoc.](#)
- >> [Firehouse.Com](#)
- >> [Firemen's Association State of NY](#)
- >> [Maryland State Firemens Assoc.](#)
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**MOTION BY ROBERT CUMBERLAND, SECOND BY THOMAS DELL, THAT HUGH FINISHES HIS TERM AS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Third Vice President Marshall N. Younker** - No report.

**Fourth Vice President Steven A. Flickinger** - Since our last Booster meeting, I have attended the Board meeting in Halfway. Thanks to Chief Ringer and the members of Halfway for the invitation to their annual banquet. My wife and I really enjoyed the weekend.

Congratulations to President Simpson for his work in instituting an annual budget, and everyone else who attended that Board meeting and contributed to that item.

I have also attended my own company's meetings and trainings as well as county meetings. I have told Home Office Manager Steve Heefner that the March 2006 Booster meeting will be held someplace in Perry County. I am working to get someone other than Newport to host the meeting.

Anyone who missed yesterday's events missed a good time. Thanks to Steve Heefner for all his hard work in setting up all the entertainment. Thanks to Citizens of Enola for hosting today's Booster meeting, and I hope to see everyone in Delaware in May.

**Treasurer George J. Dove** - My report is as follows:

CVVFA Death Benefits Account \$1,539.67  
CVVFA General Account \$14,358.46  
CD #155274 \$66,930.94  
Savings Bonds \$ 6,000.00  
Total Assets \$88,829.07

I have attended several viewings of fallen firefighters. I attended the Board meeting at Halfway in January.

Our Financial Secretary has been sending money to me, including old checks from back in 2001. We got our heads together and decided to run these checks. Only five (5) checks came back for \$55.00 plus \$15.00 charge for bad checks.

I have had cataract surgery on my eyes and I see things that I have not seen before. I go back to the doctor on March 30.

I will be serving again this year as an evaluator for the Firefighters Grant Program on April 19-23 and May 3-7. It's a pleasure to serve this Association as well as the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI).

In closing, I want to say it feels good not to get up in the mornings to go to work. This gives me more time to do volunteer work. As you leave here today, take your time going home. May peace be with you and have a safe trip home.

**Financial Secretary Stephen C. McBee** - Excused. No report. (Steve fell, injured his right knee and broke his left ankle in Florida.)

**Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell** - Same old, same old.

**Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner** - Welcome to the Citizens Fire Company of Enola, PA. I would like to thank the following people and organizations for their fine

hospitality, both Saturday and Sunday: Gerald and Jim Holtry, PP Charlie Myers, Dale Myers, Bob Trace, Chief Derstin, the Pennsylvania National Fire Museum, and the Cumberland County Volunteer Fire Association of Pennsylvania.

I keep myself busy promoting the CVVFA at all the fire department functions I attend throughout the year, especially booking Booster and Convention meetings.

Reminder - The May Booster meeting will be at the Five Points Fire Company in Delaware. We will eat upon arrival, around noon, and the meeting will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. so that everyone can get home at a reasonable hour.

Today, due to the absence of Financial Secretary Steve McBee, I will be collecting dues and address changes.

Please continue to sell our bears. If you need more, see me. Enjoy your day and hope to see you in May.

**Advertising Manager Robert C. Romig** - The following shall constitute my report since our last Booster meeting.

Sorry that I was unable to attend the Board of Directors meeting in January, but I had a work commitment that was unavoidable.

I have attended most all of my company meetings, County Association meetings, Chiefs Association meetings, the DVFA Executive meeting, and the Delaware State Fire Chiefs meeting.

I have sent out over 125 letters to vendors, and to all member companies requesting ads for our Convention Book. As of this date, I have only received a little over \$665 in ad money. I do have a commitment for the inside front cover from Mill Creek Fire Company, and the outside back cover from Kimble EVS.

I sure hope that some of our Officers give me ads at this Booster meeting. Remember we are a "TEAM" and all need to work together to get these ads in. My goal is to make more than last year and hopefully enough money to cover the cost of getting Newport's Band to participate in our parade.

If anyone needs any letters for the ad book, please see me today and I will give you some.

I am planning on using the same printing company as last year. I do think we need to look at the quantity that we are printing as I seem to have many still left from last year.

Deadline to place ads is June 15, 2004.

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

**Assistant Chaplain James J. Wharry** - Excused. No report.

**Attorney Howard S. Cohen** - Excused. No report.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Archives/Historical Committee - Donald M. Ringer** - Guy M. Flory - No report.

**Auditing Committee - Gerald L. Holtry** - The audit will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night before Convention at the Hancock Town Hall Community Center.. All concerned individuals should have their books available for audit at that time.

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

**Constitution & Bylaws Committee - Robert P. Cumberland** - The Committee will be working with the attorney to make updates if necessary. If anyone has proposed changes please send them to him as soon as possible.

**Convention Committee Wayne A. Baker - Absent.** Greg Yost from the Hancock Fire Company, host to the 2004 Convention, gave a brief rundown on plans for the 2004 Convention. A more in-depth report, which will contain registration forms, etc., will be mailed out early in April. He raised the question as to whether lunch should be available after the Memorial Service.

Convention meetings will be held at the Hancock Town Hall Community Center.

He reported that they are planning to hold training classes on Friday, with Jack Sullivan being the instructor for the afternoon session. The question of a lunch being served was raised and Steve Heefner stated that the Halfway Fire Department would sponsor the lunch.

Hugh Harris offered to distribute flyers throughout the five state area when he distributes the "Dispatch."

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

**Fire Person of the Year - Stephen P. Austin** - No report.

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

**Legislative Committee - Stephen P. Austin** - Thanked the members who are going to be working on the fire grants. He is working on getting the Fire Act reauthorized, which has to be done every four or five years. It is looking pretty good. There are some things that we are going to try to change in the Fire Act; we are going to try to raise it from \$750,000 to over \$1 million for most of the departments in the country, and the 13 fire companies that protect over 1 million people, we are going to try to raise that to \$3 million.

There are going to be some changes in the Fire Act to help you get things that you want. The Act was designed to meet minimum needs of fire departments all over the Country.

**Membership Committee - Wm. Dean Simpson** - No report.

**Memorial Committee - Charles E. Barnhart** - Excused. No report.

**National Emergency Responder Institute - Charles "C.J." Bens** - About a week ago I was fortunate to represent this Organization in Tampa at the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation where Ron Siarnicki had a line of duty death summit. Over 200 people attended the summit, which broke out into five or six different categories-training, vehicles, structure, prevention and health and wellness.

Enclosed are two pages, which explain the reasons for the summit and a follow-up report on the summit. CJ reported that there will be a follow up meeting which Steve Austin will be taking part in.

He also referred to members of the departments being the most valuable asset, and that similar to taking inventory of the trucks and equipment, departments also do asset evaluations to determine how well things are performing and what needs to be replaced. Departments need to do asset evaluations of their members, which will help in catching health problems before they kill a member, or affect the lives of fellow members and the community they serve while responding.

Bob Cumberland stated that Carroll County requires physicals for their firefighters and have been very successful in catching several illnesses in time to take care of them. They have not lost any firefighters due to health problems.

**Parliamentarian - Howard S. Cohen** - Excused. No report.

**Pennsylvania Delegate - Charles E. Myers** - Noted upcoming meetings. A full report will be submitted with the minutes of the 2004 Convention.

**Publicity Committee - Alan Matheny** - Absent. No report.

**Public Relations Committee - Charles "C.J." Bens** - No report.

**Resolutions Committee - Charles "C.J." Bens** - No report.

**Scholarship Committee - Harry C. Alt** - The Scholarship Committee met today, missing one member who wanted to have input. The four members present reviewed the applications-we have one application for the Kenneth Butts Scholarship, which is the medical part of it, and two applications for the J. R. Haines Scholarship, which is the fire side of it. We want to give the fifth committee member a chance to have input. The Committee is recommending on the J. R. Haines side that we split the \$1,000 and give \$500 to each applicant. A further report will be made at the May meeting.

**Topics Committee - Stephen P. Austin** - Reported that Jack Sullivan will be in attendance for the Convention and will conduct a training session during the President's Council for firefighters.

**Web Page Committee - Stephen P. Austin** - Reminded everyone to check the web page for updates. If anyone has any memories, etc., they would like to share please get them in so they can be put on the page. These will be under "Backward Glances," a new section on the web page named for the book Phillip Bietsch (Past President 1924) wrote.

Also, all the information regarding meetings, directions, places to stay, etc., will be on the web page.

**Respondersafety.com** - Inquiries have been received from all over the world. 2,000 vides have been distributed. Ron Siarnicki has agreed to mail out videos now if we fund an intern @\$100 per week, to do the mailing. We will also have to pay the postage and supplies.

CVVFA and Oklahoma State University are producing an incident commander's guide, which can be carried in a pocket. After it is completed and an announcement made of its availability, the University will mail them out free.

More grant funding will be needed. Three (3) new computers will be needed-one each for Harry Carter, Firehouse.com and Joe Bukowski. Joe now lives in Florida but is still handling the books for the grant.

**Ray Mowen** reported on some objects and information that has come into his possession or to his attention.

A 1897 Virginia State Convention book about the Winchester, Virginia, Fire Department was presented to George Dove.

Steve also reported on an interview he and Guy Flory conducted this morning in Chambersburg with Robert Bietsch, age 94, believed to be the oldest living member of the Association. Look for excerpts from the interview on CVVFA.org.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

After discussion, **MOTION BY HUGH HARRIS, SECOND BY STEVE FLICKINGER, TO ACCEPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2005. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Budget Committee will keep an eye on the budget and, if necessary, call another meeting to make any changes necessary.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on lunch being served after the Memorial Service. **MOTION BY GUY FLORY, SECOND BY HARRY ALT, TO HAVE LUNCH SERVED AFTER THE MEMORIAL SERVICE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Joseph W. Bukowski** - (By mail) made the following suggestion:

To get new members - For \$10 you get a bear, fire or EMT, of your choice along with your first year of membership. You also can buy the other bear for \$10. This way we still make our target profit and get a new member, who hopefully will continue to pay yearly dues afterward. This suggestion will be taken under consideration.

**Guy Flory** suggested that names of new members be published in the minutes. He had two (2) membership cards for members whose addresses are unknown. Since we have no addresses for these members we cannot contact them re dues, etc.

A suggestion was made that we have a booth at the Pennsylvania Fire Expo on May 21-23. Someone will check to see if we can still get a booth at this late date. Also, volunteers will be needed to man the booth, someone who is knowledgeable and can answer questions..

**Robert Cumberland** reported he will be working with Operation Respond to get the OREIS program out to all the departments in West Virginia, and will be training volunteers to use the program.

**Guy Flory** reported that he needs sponsors for the following trophies:

- Second Place Trophy - Best Appearing Uniformed Company Marching Unit
- First Place Trophy - Best Appearing Hand Drawn Antique Pumper or Hose Reel
- First and Second Place Trophies - Best Appearing Special Unit, Air Wagon, Chief's Vehicle, or Utility Unit
- First Place - \$125.00
- Second Place - \$100.00

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell** - **PLEASE**, if you have e-mail check it frequently. I

have sent e-mails asking questions and received no answer. I don't know if they were received and the receiver just didn't answer, or if they were not received. At least acknowledge receipt. If I don't receive an acknowledgement within a reasonable amount of time I will contact you again. It is most important that we keep in contact. If you get a new e-mail address or change your address, please let me know so that I can keep current.

Also, when I send out the minutes, if there is anything of real importance, I put the information on a BRIGHT colored sheet on the top of the minutes. PLEASE read it.

**Former Chaplain Ray W. Mowen** gave benediction.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The Enola Fire Department served a delicious meal.

Respectfully submitted,

**Louise E. Dell** *Recording Secretary*

If anyone has any comments, suggestions, etc., re the 2004 Convention to be held in Hancock, MD, please contact:

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If anyone needs to contact any Board of Director or member of the CVVFA who does not have e-mail, in the State of Pennsylvania, Dale E. Myers has offered to contact him or her for you.

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**PLEASE, PLEASE** if at all possible have your reports in writing-hand written if necessary. There were several occasions during this March meeting where other people were talking when a report was being given and I was not able to understand all of the report. Also, **PLEASE** use the microphone when you are giving your reports. When you do not, it is extremely hard to understand what is being said.

Enclosed for the use of the Board of Directors are Resolution forms to honor someone in your State for their outstanding work. Remember, these forms are to be sent to the Resolutions Committee Chair C. J. Bens, who in turn will collect them all, make copies and send to the Chairman of the Fire Person of the Year Committee. The Chairman of that Committee will hold a meeting with the Committee members and a decision will be made on the person to be honored.

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