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CVVFA March 20, 2005 Booster Meeting

Keyser, West Virginia

March 20, 2005

President J. Allen Brennan called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Allen stated that the May booster meeting would also start at 1pm with lunch at noon. The Invocation was given remembering those who have passed and those who need our prayers by Ray Mowen followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Guests introduced were Mr. Bobby Jacobs, President MSFA and Alan Steele, Chairman of the Board Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania. President Brennan thanked all for their attendance and also thanked Keyser VFC for hosting the meeting.

Roll call was taken by **VP Gene Worthington**. Gene read from guidance given by Louise reference the roll call.

OFFICERS

President J. Allen Brennan (VA) - present
First Vice President Gene Worthington (MD) - present
Second Vice President Marshall N. Younker (WV) - *absent*
Third Vice President Steven A. Flickinger (PA) - present
Fourth Vice President Marvin C. Sharp (DE) - *absent*
Financial Secretary Stephen C. McBee - *absent*
Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell - *excused*
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

Gerald L. Holtry (PA) - present
James W. Kniceley (VA) - present
Richard P. Jones (PA) - present
Larry W. Smallwood (VA) - *excused*
Robert C. Cumberland (MD) - present



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CVVFA Links

Stephen P. Austin (DE) - present
Wayne A. Baker (MD) - present
John L. Mitchell (DE) - *absent*
John R. Ashcraft (WV) - present
Wm. Dean Simpson - PP - *absent*
Harry C. Alt (WV) - present

PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

George J. Dove (1965)
Steve Austin (1993)
Robert Diehl (1971)
James Kniceley, Jr. (1969,89,94)
Wayne A. Baker (1982, 1990)
Robert Cumberland (1995)
Harry C. Alt (1983, 1991)
Ray Mowen (1997)
Charles E. Myers (1988, 1992)
Stephen Heefner (2000)

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 37 members and 17 guests for a total of 54 persons in attendance, representing 20 companies.

Reading of Communications - A letter was read reference a change of address for John Beatty of WVA. New address 296 North St. Rt. 2 Box 59-W New Martinsville, WV 25155, phone number 304-455-3038. Allen requested all to sign the cards at the front table.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President J. Allen Brennan - President Brennan presented a written report. He made comments from the report.

First Vice President Gene Worthington - VP Worthington presented his written report and commented on some highlights. He also included a copy of the testimony given in Annapolis at the bill hearing on highway safety along with his itinerary.

Gene concluded his remarks on the business and operations plan. It was passed around the room for review and comments.

Second Vice President Marshall N. Younker - Excused. No report

Third Vice President Steven A. Flickinger - Steve presented his written report and commented from it.

Fourth Vice President Marvin C. Sharp - Excused. No report.

Treasurer George J. Dove - George presented his written report and spoke from it.

Financial Secretary Stephen C. McBee - Steve was not present.

Recording Secretary - Louise E. Dell - A written report from Louise was presented and read.

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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Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner - Steve presented a written report and spoke from the report.

Steve further spoke about reservations for convention. Everyone is on their own to make a personal reservation. Fifty rooms have been blocked. Rooms will be provided for guest speakers.

Advertising Manager - Robert C. Romig - Bob presented his written report and talked about some of its content. Bob further reported on money received at the meeting \$175. He encouraged all to sell ads. Bob will not be at convention.

Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart - Excused. No report.

Assistant Chaplain James E. Wharry - No report.

Attorney Howard S. Cohen - Excused, a written report was filed and read at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives/Historical Committee - Donald M. Ringer - Guy M. Flory - Nothing to report except that he has not received the rental check. Treasurer Dove will take care of the matter.

Auditing Committee - Gerald L. Holtry - No report except for the treasurer's report.

Budget & Finance Committee - George J. Dove - Everything in order and presented a draft copy of the budget for next fiscal year. He is still waiting on the forms from the committees requesting money.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee - Robert P. Cumberland - Progress, here to serve the association. Any changes, please present in writing. Bob Romig requested a change to the by-laws from the auditor. The word "advertising" possibly could result in having to pay taxes on the revenue. They suggested using wording such as "publicity." PP Steve Austin further elaborated on the auditor's recommendation. We need to be selling sponsorships and not advertisements for the convention book. Bob Cumberland will review the necessary changes.

Convention Committee - Steven A. Flickinger - Steve read from his report on the activities of the committee since November 7. He laid out assignments for the members and spoke of those. They have met with the McConnellsburg committee to discuss the outline for convention. Steve spoke with Guy Flory reference the trophy issue discussed at the last Board of Directors meeting. CVVFA provides 26 trophies for parade prizes, 23 have sponsors. Steve further spoke on the last meeting held on March 6. He introduced David Hooper, chairman of the McConnellsburg convention committee for some comments. David stated that his committee has been meeting monthly for a year in planning the convention. They will be celebrating their 75th anniversary along with the convention. At the next CVVFA booster meeting, they will have their sales items. Planning continues on schedule and they look forward to hosting the convention. Thanks to everyone for their support. The fire station is located at 112 East Maple Street. David further talked about the logistics of the activities.

Credentials Committee - Marshall Bricker - No report.

Fire Person of the Year Committee - Louise E. Dell - Louise submitted the following report. The decision as to the Fire Person of the Year will be made at the May booster meeting. I hope we have at least one nomination from each of the Board members.

Fire Prevention Committee - Thomas W. Dell - Tom submitted a report. It read as follows: I am staying with Mom 24/7 to help her with meals, medication, keeping doctor's appointments, doing the grocery shopping, being with her at night, etc. I am also going to school. It really keeps me busy. I am respectfully asking to be relieved of my duties as Fire Prevention Committee chairman. With all of the activities described above and studying for my classes, I am just not able to devote the time I feel is necessary to fulfill this most important obligation. Please also remove Brenda Grape from the committee as she will not travel without Mom and me. Brenda and I will still remain members of the CVVFA. I am sorry to give up the chair, but I feel that my obligation is to Mom at this time. I hope you have a successful training session and meeting.

President Brennan spoke of the report, asked if anyone wished to chair the Fire Prevention committee. Steve suggested that each state Director report back in May with a possible replacement.

Legislative Committee - Robert P. Cumberland - Bernard J. Smith - Bob reported on the distribution of the 50-year resolutions. He thanked all for the cards received during his knee operation and the loss of his mother. He then spoke from his written report.

Bob further reported on the Fire Corps program and asked all to support. Question was asked about grant funding for firehouse security. PP Austin responded that if the state homeland security director approves, then it could be funded via the UASI program.

Membership Committee - Wm. Dean Simpson - Absent, no report.

Memorial Committee - Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - Absent, no report.

National Emergency Responder Institute - Stephen P. Austin - Steve gave a verbal report and reported that the CVVFA federal grant for highway safety was not renewed. He has repealed that with the US Fire Administrator. He has also talked with others about funding the program. If not funded, we will submit a grant request this fall under the fire prevention which includes health and safety. We presently have enough money to allow us to continue to function for about a year. 5,000 of our DVD's have been received and are at the Fallen Firefighters office for distribution. We also ordered 2,000 new DVD's in partnership with the Virginia DOT. Steve showed some new material from the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition which we are a charter member. We have finally national recognition on being on the leadership team of this new traffic coalition. Steve then spoke on new ANSI standard for vests to be worn by our public safety providers. Our monthly expense is approximately \$1200. We will be at the FDIC booth in Indianapolis and the Fire Rescue International. Alan Baldwin will be teaching a seminar at the MSFA convention, however need folks to man the booth. Steve then talked about the web page. He demonstrated via projection, a copy of the CVVFA 50th anniversary meeting. A mapping program will be added to the web site.

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

Pennsylvania Delegate - Charles E. Myers - Charlie gave a verbal report stating

that he attended the Fire Emergency Services dinner. Due to inclement weather, some meetings had to be cancelled. The PA convention will be at Greensburg on September 21-24. Charlie then spoke on his surgery and medical condition. He thanked the CVVFA folks for their acts of kindness and prayers during his illness.

Public Relations Committee - Charles "C.J." Bens - Absent, no report.

Resolutions Committee - Joseph W. Bukowski - Joe was excused, however he submitted a written report. It stated that only one Director has submitted the name of an individual from his state requesting a resolution to be forwarded to the CVVFA Fire Person of the Year selection committee from this committee. A letter was sent to the State Directors, and the immediate PP of the CVVFA who also sits on the Board of Directors, reminding them of one of their responsibilities to the CVVFA. While the requests for resolutions are not due until May, it is hoped that the remaining Directors and Past President Simpson will take care of this matter ASAP so copies can be made and forwarded to the selection committee. All requests for resolutions are to be sent to the resolution committee chairperson Joe Bukowski.

Scholarship Committee - Harry C. Alt - Harry provided a verbal report stating that they have received three applications, two of which are not valid due to not meeting the guidelines. They are requesting an updated transcript on the other application. Harry also spoke on the WVA safety seminar statewide.

Topics Committee - Stephen P. Austin - No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Steve Heefner reported we have bears for sale. He also spoke about the stickers and decals, recommended to wait at this time when the pricing reduces during a special. Discussion ensued about the design of the sticker. Steve reported on receiving two new applications today, 16 received from the Presidents Council in New York. The Fredericksburg Hampton Inn street address is 2310 William Street, local phone number 540-371-0330. Twenty rooms have been blocked, need to call for special rate of \$72 by April 30. Steve then spoke about a possible fundraiser bus trip to a place of interest. President Brennan asked if the Business and Operations Plan could be placed on the web page, Steve responded yes. VP Worthington has sent the plan electronically. Guy Flory spoke about an accidental fire death from his community. Due to being self-insured, financial problems have risen.

President Brennan asked for discussion about assistant Officer positions, will be taken under consideration. Bob Cumberland further reported on the Advertisement Manager position reference to the by-laws. After discussion, MOTION to change the wording from advertisement to publicity manager, seconded, verbal vote taken, motion carried.

President Brennan presented Harry Alt a check to Keyser VFC for hosting the meeting and thanked them for their hospitality, followed by applause.

Alan Steele reported on various topics included in HR60.

MSFA President Robert Jacobs extended greetings. He spoke about the outstanding meeting at the Presidents Council. Bob then spoke about some legislative issues of interest to CVVFA. Bob invited all to visit the new web site of MSFA. All are welcome to attend the convention in June at Ocean City.

Question was asked about signage for the parade, Wayne Baker reported that the signs are on hand.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

No further business was conducted. MOTION was made to adjourn, seconded, verbal vote taken, motion carried. Benediction was given and the meeting adjourned at 3:10pm. Allen thanked all for attendance and wished all a safe trip home.

**Respectfully submitted,
Gene Worthington
*Acting Recording Secretary***

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